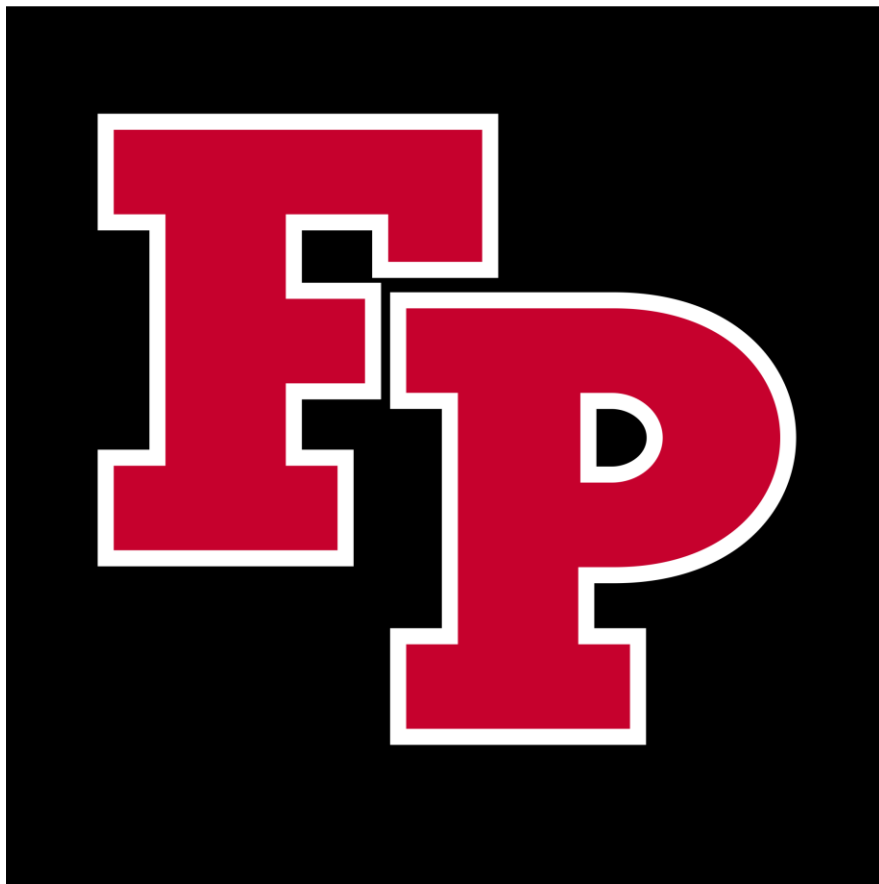


# Senior Planner



## Class of 2023

*Congratulations to the Cardinal Class of 2023! Throughout this planner you will find information and resources regarding all things Senior Year and Graduation. Please take some time to look through these materials (topics are arranged alphabetically) and contact us at FPHS (253- 298-3800) if you have any questions.*

## **Caps & Gowns**

To receive the best pricing on caps and gowns, orders should be placed before December 10. After December 10, costs will increase. Orders placed before March 15<sup>th</sup> will be delivered to the school on our Jostens Delivery Day — Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> during lunches. If you are unable to pick up your items on delivery day but have paid in full, you will be able to pick up your order from Ms. Cawthra in the main office. If you still owe on your order, Jostens will keep the items until final payment is made and then mail the order to your home.

Caps and gowns may be ordered quite late, when necessary, but other items, such as announcements may not be available. Depending on the timing of the late order, it may be sent directly to the school, where it can be picked up from Ms. Cawthra in the main office, or it may be mailed directly to your home. Jostens will inform you of the delivery method being used.

Our Josten's representative is Rick Morton (253-210-0575), and orders can be placed at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Rick and his staff are always very happy to help you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your orders with them.

## **Credit Checks**

To check on your student's credits, or to turn in other forms, email your student's school counselor or call (253) 298-3834 to schedule an appointment.

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Parents and students can also keep track of student grades by frequently checking their grades in TeacherEase. Parents and students can access TeacherEase from the district website at [www.fpschools.org](http://www.fpschools.org), by selecting "Student Grades" from the "For Parents" or "For Students" dropdown menus. *Please note: if parent's or student's email is not on file in our system, that*

email must be provided to our registrar, Ms. Thomas ([lthomas@fpschools.org](mailto:lthomas@fpschools.org); 253-298-3977) and entered in Skyward in order to receive initial log-in instructions.

## Diplomas

After first semester ends, Ms. Cawthra will be asking seniors to check the spelling and presentation of their names for their diplomas. This is your chance to make sure that we have your full legal name — including middle names and suffixes — listed and spelled correctly for your diplomas. Reminder announcements are made in the Daily Bulletin, and this information also appears on the Class of 2023 Graduation page (under Student Services).

At the graduation ceremony, students receive a red diploma cover as they cross the stage. The actual diploma (the insert with the student's name on it) will be available from the bookkeeper beginning at 11 a.m. the Monday after graduation. Students must pick up their diplomas; we do not mail them out. *Please note: Diplomas will be held if students owe the school fines or fees. They will be released once all fines owed have been paid or cleared.*

## Final Grades and Transcripts

Final grades and transcripts are generally available 2-3 weeks after the last day of the school year (June 22). Report cards and final transcripts will be mailed at the end of June or beginning of July. Students who have applied to and been accepted by a post-secondary program that requires a final transcript will need to complete a final transcript request before the end of July. Final transcript request forms are available through the FPHS website (Student Services/Counseling Career Center) — paper transcript request forms will be available in the CCC upon request. All transcript requests must go through the registrar and not individual counselors. *PLEASE NOTE: the Franklin Pierce School District will be migrating to a new computer software system called Qmlativ this summer, which could delay our response to requests for transcripts.*

## Financial Aid/Scholarships

In order for students to be eligible to apply for financial assistance from their post-secondary institutions, an application for financial aid must be completed via <https://www.wsac.wa.gov/apply>. Financial aid applications for the next school year become available for completion every October 1. Our counseling department offers multiple opportunities for families to receive assistance in completing these forms. Specific dates will be communicated via email, counselor canvas pages and voicemails. Information available at <https://wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig> will help you understand which application to complete if you are unsure.

Every year, Franklin Pierce students receive thousands of dollars in scholarships. Many of these scholarships require that specific applications and other information be submitted directly to the chosen college or program, and application deadlines vary. It is important to be aware of all deadlines involved in the scholarship application process.

## **Fines and Fees**

All fines and fees for lost textbooks, supplies, materials, technology (including laptops), etc., must be paid before you can pick up your diploma. The bookkeeper will take payments from parents between 8:00 am and 3 pm (closed for lunch from 1:30-2:30). Checks should be made payable to Franklin Pierce High School. Credit/Debit cards are also accepted.

## **FPHS Scholarship Application**

Seniors at FP are offered the opportunity to complete an FPHS Scholarship Application, which highlights their academic and extracurricular achievements. This application is used by some local organizations, including the Franklin Pierce Foundation and Franklin Pierce High School, to determine scholarship recipients.

This application may be found on our FPHS website under Student Services / Scholarships. Once on the Scholarship page scroll down to the set of tabs and choose the one labeled FPHS Scholarship. This year, FPHS Scholarship applications will be accepted beginning on March 1, 2023, with a final submission deadline of 3:00 pm on March 31, 2023. *Please note: incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered for awards.* Any questions you have should be directed to our College & Career Specialist, Bre Brown ([brbrown@fpschools.org](mailto:brbrown@fpschools.org)).

## **Grad Parade**

Seniors who have signed up to participate and are on track to graduate will travel to our four feeder elementary schools, as well as Ford Middle School, wearing their full graduation regalia to provide encouragement and inspiration to our elementary and middle school students. The grad parade this year is scheduled for Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:45 – 12:15. Toward the end of the year, you will be asked to sign up for which of the four elementaries you would like to visit.

## **Graduation Ceremony**

Our 2023 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for 11 am on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Washington State Fairgrounds. This formal ceremony lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes. Programs will be

available that day which list the order of events, as well as all members of the senior class and their awards. Students are required to wear cap, gown and shoes. No ancillary materials (purse, phone, wallet, keys, etc.) are to accompany the graduate. No messages are allowed on the mortar boards, unless pre-approved by administration.

## **Graduation Programs**

Graduation programs are distributed to graduates and their families at the graduation ceremony. The program is a nice keepsake that includes the order of the ceremony, all members of the senior class, and a list of awards received by the student.

*PLEASE NOTE: Awards received through the Franklin Pierce Scholarship Application, as well as honor cords and other awards given through FPHS, will automatically be listed in the Graduation Program. Students who have received scholarships outside those awarded through the Franklin Pierce Scholarship Application and wish to have that information included in the program must provide evidence of the award to the CCC. Due to production deadlines, information must be received thirty days prior to the graduation ceremony.*

## **Graduation Rehearsal**

Student will do a walk-through rehearsal for graduation on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm. At rehearsal, students will be able to choose their walking partners, practice processing, walk across the stage, and make sure their names are pronounced correctly. Rehearsal attendance is *mandatory* for all students who wish to participate in the commencement exercise. The rehearsal lasts about one hour. Caps & gowns are not required for rehearsal.

## **Graduation Tickets**

Each graduating senior receives six (6) free tickets from Franklin Pierce High School. To receive their six complimentary tickets, seniors must have completed the senior checkout process and have been approved to walk in the graduation ceremony. Students will be required to sign for these tickets, and if they are lost, they cannot be replaced.

Additional graduation tickets will be available for sale at a cost of \$7 each. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning the day after Memorial Day — May 30, 2023.

Please help us by reminding friends and family in the audience that respectful behavior is an integral part of a successful ceremony, and that we request all friends and family remain seated during the ceremony.

## Handicapped Seating Accommodations

Handicapped seating accommodations are generally handled by the venue; however, you may request handicapped seating accommodations in advance by contacting Ms. Cawthra at 253-298-3805 after Memorial Day. She will add you to the list we provide to the ushers.

## Honor Cords

Honor cords are awarded to graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.30 and higher. These may be worn at other awards ceremonies and graduation. Please note that students must be passing all their current semester classes in order to receive their honor cords. Members of the National Honor Society may also wear the Honor Society honor regalia, and other academic honor cords and stoles may also be worn.

## Pictures\*

B&B Perler (<https://perlerphotography.com/>) is the official 2023 commencement photographer. They will have two photographers set up below the stage to take a picture of each student as they shake hands with the school board member who awards the diploma. Information about how to view and order these photos will be available when you pick up your diplomas from the bookkeeper after graduation.

Families will be able to take pictures before and after graduation. During the ceremony, all spectators need to stay seated. Please be considerate of the people behind you who also want to see their own students' special moments.

***\*For reasons of safety, security and equity, privately hired photographers will not be permitted on the tarmac or allowed to move about in the grandstand.***

## Senior Exit Interviews

The senior exit interview is a graduation requirement. This year, regular senior exit interviews (formerly called portfolio presentations) will take place May 22-24. Students who wish to have their work considered for distinguished status and be eligible for the Distinguished Navigation Scholarship will be required to interview on April 18th. Students will be notified of their interview times in advance. Please schedule other obligations/work schedules accordingly. Once students receive their assigned interview times, they should notify Ms. Brown (brbrown@fpschools.org) in the CCC immediately if any conflicts exist. An interview cannot be scheduled until your advisor has cleared you as being prepared for the interview, so be sure to take care of this before the deadline (see attached calendar for due date

deadlines). Students should also be aware that if they do not show up for their assigned interview times, or if they reschedule their interview times during presentation week, they will be ineligible to receive a distinguished rating and may be ineligible to walk in the commencement ceremony. Failure to meet deadlines will result in additional reflection assignment(s).

## Senior Recognition Night

A formal ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 7, at 6:30 pm, to recognize 2023 scholarship recipients and Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 or higher) academic scholars. Students who qualify for this recognition will receive invitations from their counselors and are encouraged to invite their immediate family members to join them at the event. Space is limited, so we do ask that you RSVP to your counselor. Representatives from the Franklin Pierce School Board and Community Stakeholders will be in attendance to help celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2023.

## Senior Checkout

Seniors must complete a checkout process to be eligible to graduate and walk in the commencement ceremony. To complete a successful checkout, you must (1) be passing all classes required per your graduation plan; (2) have successfully completed all Navigation and senior interview requirements; and (3) met all Washington State graduation credit and testing requirements on time.

Your last stop will be with your counselor to approve your check-out card and verify your graduation status. You will receive your check-out form in Cardinal Connections.



\*The attached calendar contains additional information regarding other activities, as well as some pertinent senior reminders.

**Please note:** The dates & times listed in this planner and on the included calendar may be subject to change. Additional events may be added over the course of the year as well. Keep an eye on our website for updates.

# Dates to Remember 2022-2023

Aug. 30	First Day of School	Mar. 31	Franklin Pierce Scholarship application window closes
Sept. 1	Back to School Assembly (stadium)	Apr. 4	Jostens Delivery Day
Sept. 2-5	Labor Day Holiday, No School	Apr. 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter ends Pep Assembly
Sept. 12	Picture Day	Apr. 10-14	Spring Break, No School
Sept. 21	Back to School Night	Apr. 15	3rd Quarter Ends
Sept. 29	Jostens Senior Meeting (during CC)	Apr. 18	Distinguished Senior Exit Interviews
Oct. 1	FAFSA & WASFA Open	Apr. 21	Junior/Senior Prom
Oct. 3	Teacher Inservice, No School	Apr. 27-28	State Testing
Oct. 4-7	3.5-hr Early Release for Student Conferences	May 1	AP Tests: US Govt & Politics (am); Chemistry (pm)
Oct. 4-5	Financial Aid Assistance	May 2	AP Tests: Psychology (pm)
Oct. 21	Homecoming Game vs White River	May 3	AP Test: English Literature & Composition (am)
Oct. 22	Homecoming Dance	May 4	AP Tests: Human Geography (am); Statistics (pm)
Nov. 2	Bowling begins	May 6	AP Test: US History (am)
Nov. 4	1st Quarter ends	May 8	AP Test: Calculus (am)
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day, No School	May 9	AP Test: English Language & Composition (am)
Nov. 14	Winter Sports begin Daffodil Selection	May 10	AP Test: Spanish (am); Biology (pm)
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving/Native American Heritage Holiday, No School	May 11	AP Test: World History (am) Senior Essays due
Dec. 9	Winter Wishes @ Midland	May 12	MultiCultural Night
Dec. 10	Jostens priority order deadline	May 22-24	Senior Exit Interviews
Dec. 19-Jan 2	Winter Break, No school	May 26-29	Memorial Day Holiday, No School
Jan. 16	MLK Day, No School	May 30	Graduation tickets available for sale Handicapped seating may be reserved
Jan. 26	Semester 1 Ends	June 1	Last chance Senior Essays due
Jan. 17-18	Cocoa & Crammin'	June 2	Last Day for On-Track Seniors
Jan. 23-26	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Finals	June 7	Senior Recognition Night
Jan. 27	Teacher Inservice, No School	June 8	Last chance Senior Interviews Grad Parade
Feb. 3	Black History Month Assembly	June 9	Graduation rehearsal (3 pm)
Feb. 10	Pep Assembly	June 10	Graduation (11 am) @ the Washington State Fair Events Center
Feb. 10-11	Drama Production	June 22	Last Day of School
Feb. 17-18	Drama Production		
Feb. 20-24	Mid-Winter Break, No School		
Feb. 27	Spring Sports begin		
Mar. 1	Franklin Pierce Scholarship application opens		
Mar. 10	Pep Assembly		
Mar. 20-23	3.5-hr release for student conferences		
Mar. 30	Distinguished Senior Essays due		