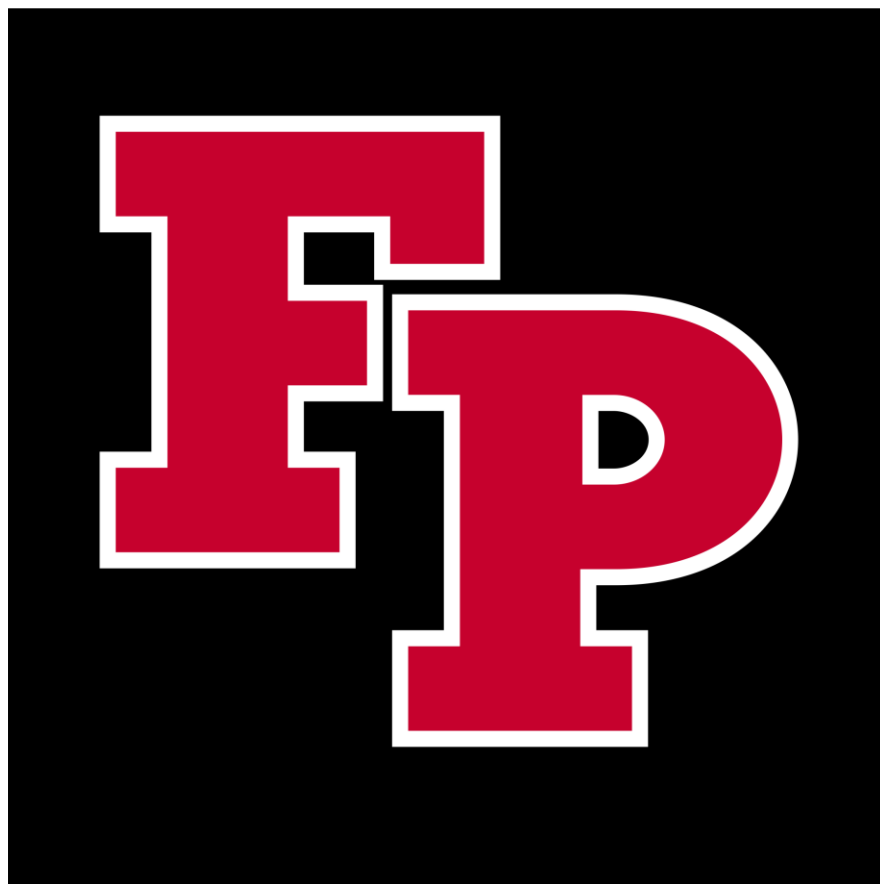


Senior Planner



Class of 2025

Congratulations to the Cardinal Class of 2025! 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 15th will be delivered to the school on our Jostens Delivery Day — generally sometime in April. 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 have payments due on your order, Jostens will keep the items until final payment is made and then mail the order to your home. Remember, the later you order, the less likely some items such as announcements will be available, and costs will be higher.

Our Josten's representative is Rick Morton (253-210-0575), and orders can be placed at 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 find out about other graduation requirements, 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 through Family Access in Qmlativ. A link to Family Access is available on the district website at www.fpschools.org under the "Families" dropdown menu. *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; 253-298-3977) and entered in Skyward Qmlativ in order to receive initial log-in instructions.

Diplomas

After the end of first semester, 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 2025 Graduation page (on the FPHS website 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 17). 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 form before the end of July.*** A link to the transcript request form is available on the FPHS website (Student Services/Counseling Career Center). **All transcript requests must go to the registrar via this form and not through individual counselors or other forms of communication (phone, email, etc).**

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 2025-26 school year will be available for completion beginning December 1, 2024. Our counseling department will be offering 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. *NOTE: if your scholarship or financial aid application(s) require proof of your free or reduced lunch status, you may contact our district Nutrition Services department at 253-298-4618, and they can both confirm your status and provide a letter for your application.*

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 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 at midnight on November 1, 2024, with a final submission deadline of midnight on January 31, 2025. *Please note: incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered for awards.* Any questions you have should be directed to our College & Career Specialist, Aimee Bruinsma (abruinsma@fpschools.org).

Grad Parade

Seniors who have signed up to participate and are on track to graduate will travel to one of 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 5th, from 10:45 – 12:15. Toward the end of the year, you will be asked to sign up for which of the four elementary schools you would like to visit.

Graduation Ceremony

Our 2025 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th, at the Washington State Fairgrounds. The time of our ceremony is still to be determined and will be posted on our website once it is known. The 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. Seniors should dress formally and comfortably. Students will enter the venue carrying their caps and gowns, and no ancillary materials (purse, phone, wallet, keys, etc.) are to accompany the graduates. No messages are allowed on the mortar boards, unless pre-approved by school administrators.

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 students.

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 Ms. Bruinsma in the CCC. Due to production deadlines, information must be received thirty days prior to the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Rehearsal

Students will do a walk-through rehearsal for graduation on Friday, June 6th — again, the time is still to be determined. At rehearsal, students will be able to choose their walking partners, practice processing and walking across the stage, and make sure their names are pronounced correctly. Rehearsal attendance is *mandatory* for all students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony. 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 — Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

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, as well as graduation. Members of the National Honor Society may also wear the Honor Society honor regalia, and other academic and club honor cords and stoles may also be worn.

Pictures*

B&B Perler (<https://perlerphotography.com/>) is the official 2025 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 will take place on May 12th & 13th and May 19th & 20th. Students who wish to have their work considered for distinguished status and be eligible for the Distinguished Foundation Scholarship will be required to interview on April 21st. 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. Bruinsma (mbruinsma@fpschools.org) in the CCC immediately if any conflicts exist. An interview cannot be scheduled until your advisor has cleared you as having completed all related Connections assignments, 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) and a meeting with the principal.

Senior Recognition Night

A formal ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 4th, at 6:30 pm, to recognize 2025 scholarship recipients, Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 or higher) academic scholars, and our Valedictorian and Salutatorian. 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 2025.

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 Cardinal Connections and senior interview requirements; and (3) met all Washington State graduation credit and testing requirements on time. *NOTE: beginning the week of April 14th, a list of students eligible to walk at graduation will be posted weekly in the main office. Whether or not your name appears on this list will indicate whether you are currently on track to meet these three requirements. If your name does not appear on the list, be sure to check with your counselor about where you are falling short, if you don't already know.*

Your final stop in this process 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 2024-2025

Aug. 27	First Day of School	Jan. 17	MLK Assembly
Aug. 29	Welcome Back Assembly	Jan. 20	MLK Day, No School
Aug. 30	Labor Day Holiday, No School	Jan. 22-24	1 st Semester Finals
Sept. 2	Labor Day Holiday, No School	Jan. 24	Semester 1 Ends
Sept. 18	Back to School Night	Jan. 27	Teacher Inservice, No School
Sept. 20	Picture Day	Jan. 31	FP Scholarship application window closes
Sept. 26	Senior meeting with counselors (during Connections)	Feb. 1	Tolo
Oct. 3	Homecoming Assembly Homecoming Football Game	Feb. 7-8	Drama Production
Oct. 4	Senior graduation meeting with Jostens (during CC)	Feb. 14	Black History Month Assembly
Oct. 5	Homecoming Dance	Feb. 14-15	Drama Production
Oct. 7	Teacher Inservice, No School	Feb. 17-21	Mid-Winter Break, No School
Oct. 8-11	3.5-hr Early Release for Student Conferences	Feb. 24	Spring Sports begin
Oct. 9-10	Student Conferences, 12 – 7:25 pm	Feb. 28	Springs Sports Assembly
Nov. 1	1st Quarter ends Pep Assembly Helmet Bowl (FP v WHS) FP Scholarship Application opens	Mar. 13	Band Concert
Nov. 6	Daffodil Selection	Mar. 21	Multi-Cultural Assembly Multi-Cultural Night
Nov. 8	Veteran's Day Assembly	Mar. 27	Choir Concert
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Holiday, No School	Apr. 1	3 rd Quarter ends
Nov. 18	Winter Sports begin	Apr. 1-4	Student Conferences
Nov. 27	Career Day	Apr. 3	Distinguished Packets due
Nov. 28/29	Thanksgiving/Native American Heritage Holiday, No School	Apr. 7-11	Spring Break, No School
Dec. 1	FAFSA & WASFA Opens	Apr. 21	Distinguished Senior Interviews
Dec. 5	Band & Choir Concert	Apr. 25	Snow Makeup Day #1 (<i>No School</i>)
Dec. 10	Jostens priority order deadline	May 2	All Advisory assignments due
Dec. 12-13	Cocoa with the Counselors (before school)	May 6	AP Test: Human Geography (am)
Dec. 13-14	Drama production	May 8	AP Test: World History (pm)
Dec. 20	Winter Wishes Assembly	May 9-10	Drama production
Dec. 20-21	Drama Production	May 12-13	Senior Exit Interviews
Dec. 23-Jan 3	Winter Break, No school	May 16-17	Drama production
		May 19-20	Senior Exit Interviews
		May 23-26	Memorial Day Holiday, No School
		May 27	Graduation tickets available for sale; handicapped seating may be reserved
		May 29	Choir Concert
		May 30	Band Concert
		May 30	Last Day for On-Track Seniors

May 30 Moving Up Assembly
June 4 Senior Recognition Night
June 5 Grad Parade
June 6 Grad rehearsal, time TBD
June 7 Graduation @ the Washington
State Fair Events Center, time TBD

June 17 Last Day of School
June 18 Snow Day #2
June 19 Juneteenth; district closed
June 20 Snow Day #3

