

**Alexis I. duPont High School – Class of 2019**  
**Important Graduation Information (parent)**



This information was shared at a graduation meeting on Thursday, May 16th during school.

**Date/time:** Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 p.m. **Graduates must arrive NO LATER than 11:45 a.m.**  
***Students who arrive after 11:45 will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.***

**Location:** The 76ers Fieldhouse, Wilmington, DE (401 Garasches Lane, Wilmington, DE 19801).  
**Doors will open at 11:45 a.m.** *Guests should plan to arrive before 12:30 p.m. to avoid disrupting the ceremony.*  
Handicap parking and seating are available. Handicap seating is limited and will be provided on the floor level for the handicapped guest and one companion.

**Rehearsal:** A **MANDATORY** graduation rehearsal will take place on **Thurs., May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** in the A.I. gym. Students **MUST** be on time; we will start at 9:00 a.m. *If your student is not planning to walk in the ceremony please contact the school as soon as possible. If a graduate does not attend rehearsal they WILL NOT walk in the graduation ceremony.*

**Tickets:** Admission is by ticket only. Each graduate will receive 8 tickets. Tickets will be distributed at the end of graduation rehearsal on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Students who do not need all of their tickets are encouraged to share with others who may be in need of more as no additional tickets will be sold. A “will call” table will be available at the Fieldhouse where you may leave tickets already in your possession for family or friends. NO TICKETS are available for purchase at the Fieldhouse. Envelopes will be available at the will call. Look for “will call” signs. **Fieldhouse ticketing policy - all guests over the age of 3 require a ticket for entry.**

**Eligibility:** Graduates must have completed all graduation requirements, including ed options courses and incomplete grades by 6:00 p.m. **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** (this is Memorial Day – there is no school). In addition, students must have taken care of all obligations and paid all dues in order to receive their diploma at the graduation ceremony. Class dues are payable in room 202 and school/book obligations are handled by Ms. Wirt in the main office. **All obligations/dues must be taken care of by 3:00 p.m. on Wed., May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dress:** Graduates are expected to dress appropriately for the occasion. This is a dressy event and a dress code is in place but students are not required to wear a specific color. For females: dresses, skirts or dressy pants are suggested. Low heels or wedges are encouraged since grads will be going up and down a flight of steps and across a stage. For males: dress pants that are belted at the waist, long sleeve dress shirts with a tie and dress shoes. **NO CARGO PANTS, SHORTS, FLIP FLOPS, BOOTS, SNEAKERS, BOAT SHOES or JEANS.** All graduates must be dressed in 2019 cap and gown. **No decorations are to be added to cap or gown.** Students in National Honor Society may wear honor cords/sashes. **Students who do not follow these guidelines will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.** Gowns have already been delivered to students and tassels will be given out before the ceremony. Please hang the gown to get the wrinkles out prior to the event.

**Grad arrival:** All graduates will enter the Fieldhouse through doors on the right side of the building (side away from the road) into the turf field area. They do not enter through the main doors. Graduates will park in the main lot and should be dressed for the ceremony and have their cap and gown when they arrive. **Students should arrive no later than 11:45 a.m.** Bathrooms are available. Students should NOT bring anything with them as there is no secure storage available during the ceremony and they will not be returning to the same area afterwards. Cell phones may NOT be used during the ceremony. **Student use of a cell phone during the ceremony will result in diploma being held.**

**Guest arrival:** The Fieldhouse has a BAG CHECK POLICY. All bags will be searched by event security upon entry to the building. Please allow approximately 5 additional minutes for this security procedure. Prohibited items include food and drink, noisemakers, balloons, signs, tripods, horns, posters, and confetti. Confiscated items will be held until after the ceremony. One unopened bottle of water per guest is permitted. There will be lines available for guests who do not have bags to be checked. Tickets are provided by the Fieldhouse and contain a scan code. **Fieldhouse ticketing policy - all guests over the age of 3 require a ticket for entry.**

**Behavior:** **There should be no yelling, cheering, fog horns or whistles of any kind during the ceremony. In addition, no confetti, horns or balloons of any type are allowed at the Fieldhouse.** These items will be confiscated by security. Save all cheers for the end. Please help to make this an enjoyable and pleasant experience for your child and others to cherish. Students who display inappropriate behavior will have their diploma pulled.

**Grad Photos:** Professional photographers from Lifetouch Studios will be photographing each graduate. Information on ordering will be included in diploma envelopes and mailed home to graduates and their families. Please check diploma envelope for more information. Parents MAY NOT walk down to the floor level during the ceremony to take photos.

**Flowers:** Flower bouquets will be available at the Fieldhouse through a company called The Commencement Group. Flowers can be bought in advance online or in person at the Fieldhouse until they run out. Advance orders cost between \$20-\$30. Please visit the website to see options. Cash and credit are accepted onsite. Pre-ordered flowers can be picked up the day of graduation.

[www.thecommencementgroup.com/aidupont/](http://www.thecommencementgroup.com/aidupont/)

**Departure:** Once graduates exit the floor of the Fieldhouse they will not be returning inside. Grads will exit through the turf field area where they will receive their diploma if all obligations have been met and then be directed outside through the same doors they entered. Speak to your child about a meeting spot outside after the ceremony for congratulations, photos, etc. All parents will be directed by staff to the doors at the stage end of the building at the conclusion of the ceremony. The ceremony should last about 90 minutes. Due to all Red Clay schools graduating on this day, students and guests will not be permitted back inside. Guests for the next graduation ceremony are allowed to enter the building starting at 2:30 p.m. so we will need to make sure parking is available for the arriving guests.

**Directions:** The 76ers Field House, 401 Garasches Lane, Wilmington, DE 19801

It is tricky to locate & gain entry to the parking areas of the Fieldhouse due to road construction in the area.

**Please map out your route prior to the event and leave plenty of travel time.**

**Picnic:** There will be a senior picnic following graduation rehearsal on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We need parent volunteers to help run the event, please contact Tanya Standarowski if available. See the enclosed paper for more information about the picnic and making a donation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns  
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