

2025 Clayton High School Graduation, Chaifetz Arena, St. Louis University,

1 S. Compton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103

Hello 2025 Graduates and Parents!

Graduation is **Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00pm** - **please read through this entire document regarding information related to graduation.**

CLEARING FINES & RETURNING DISTRICT OWNED ITEMS

- Prior to cap and gown pick up, beginning **Friday, May 16, 2025**, seniors should go to **room 8**, to receive their “Fast Pass” indicating that all district issued items have been returned, and all fines have been paid.

CAP AND GOWN PICK UP

- Seniors can pick up their cap and gown on **Friday, May 16, 2025 from 11:00-3:00 pm in the CHS Auditorium**. After the pick up day, please see Mrs. Tanya Brooks in the main office to get your cap and gown.

CAP & GOWN IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- In the spirit of school unity and solidarity, we ask that students refrain from wearing cords, sashes, leis or any other items on their gowns.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

- **Graduation Rehearsal is Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 10:00 am at Chaifetz Arena**
 - Seniors should park in the Olive/Compton St. Garage, and take the path to enter through **the VIP doors**. (Map is attached). Upon entry, Chaifetz staff will direct students to the rehearsal area (Practice Gym). Parking in this garage is **FREE**.
 - **Attending rehearsal is mandatory for students to participate in the Graduation ceremony.**

GRADUATION CEREMONY

- **Chaifetz Arena - Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**
 - **Graduates need to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m.**, and park in the Olive/Compton St. Garage, and take the path to enter through **the VIP doors**. Upon entry, Chaifetz staff will direct students to the staging area (Practice Gym), where they will prepare to line up for the processional. Parking in this garage is FREE to graduates and guests the night of graduation.
 - Tickets are **NOT** required for graduation. There is no limit on the number of guests who may attend.
 - Please note that **guests are not allowed** to accompany graduates to the staging area.

***Graduates MUST** turn in their rental gowns at the end of the ceremony to Jostens, who will have tables set up in the back of the arena. Students who do **NOT** return their gowns will be charged a **\$125.00 non return fee by Jostens**. After returning their gowns, graduates will exit the building through **the Loading Dock**. Graduates will then walk around to the **Gates** to meet with their families outside the arena.

IMPORTANT: Parents, if you want to capture a picture of your graduate in their cap and gown, please make sure to do so **PRIOR** to the ceremony. Per Chaifetz guidelines, parents will **not** have access to the main floor after the ceremony and students will be required to return their gowns **before** exiting the arena at **the Loading Dock**.

ACCESSIBILITY / PARENT PARKING

1. **Both Gate A and Gate C** are accessible and **have no steps**. **We recommend that ADA guests use these gates**. Depending on the exit taken out of the garage will determine whether Gate A or Gate C is closer. Gate B is also accessible, however there are a few steps. (**Please reference the attached maps for guidance**).
2. Accessible seating is available throughout the arena. Please follow signage or ask any Guest Service Staff for assistance.
3. Chaifetz will offer golf cart shuttles to and from the garage to **Gate A**. There is also a **drop off area** on Compton Ave, outside of Gate C. Parking is **not** permitted in this area.
4. Guest Services Staff will be at all entrances, and can call a supervisor to bring a wheelchair if needed.
5. The parking garage will be free to parents, graduates, and guests the night of the ceremony.
6. Any further questions regarding parking should be directed to Chaifetz Arena at: **314-977-5000**.

*Attached are links to the maps for the graduate entrance, and ADA gate locations, and the Chaifetz Digital Tour.

[2025 Chaifetz Arena Graduation Information](#)

[Chaifetz Graduate Entrance](#)

[Gate A & C \(ADA Location\)](#)

[Chaifetz Arena Digital Tour](#)