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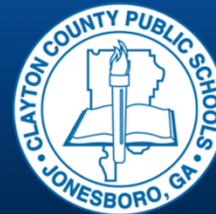
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Superintendent Calls for Safety as End of School Year Approaches

Commencement Exercises are May 25-26-27, 2022 - Each Graduate to Receive 15 Tickets

JONESBORO - As we come to the end of the 2021-2022 school year, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is placing an emphasis on the safety of our students, staff, visitors, and the security of our schools and offices. We will continue to have a visible presence of security and administrators throughout our campuses and facilities as we prepare for the final days of school. Parents, guardians and visitors that enter our school buildings are reminded to refrain from bringing any harmful objects to our facilities that would present a threat or danger to our students, staff or volunteers.

“As it relates to our upcoming graduation exercises at the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC), we will have a visible security presence,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “We ask that individuals planning to attend any ceremony arrive early to allow for an on-time start for each exercise.”

“While this is a time of celebration, we expect our audience members to conduct themselves in accordance with the special nature of this event that recognizes the amazing accomplishments of all Clayton County’s graduating seniors” he added.

A series of community meetings focused on safety at our schools and facilities has been scheduled. The meetings have been set for **Jonesboro High School on Tuesday, May 10** and **Michelle Obama STEM Elementary Academy on Tuesday, May 17**. Each session is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

The 2021-2022 academic year for students enrolled in Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) will come to an end on Tuesday, May 24.

Early Dismissal for High School Students

Beginning Monday, May 23 and continuing through the final day of school on Tuesday, May 24, high school students will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. All other grade levels will remain on their regular dismissal schedule.

We ask students to remain safe as we approach the end of school. We understand that the excitement of the approaching summer vacation may affect behavior during and around the school day. We hope all students will exercise good judgment in and out of school. Please know that the Clayton County School Police will be on heightened alert to keep this time incident free.

CCPS reminds everyone that they should anticipate a higher than normal level of traffic in and around our campuses as schools host end of the year award and promotion programs for students and their families. It is important to remember that Tuesday, May 24 is the date of Georgia's General Primary Election. Forty-six (46) of our campuses/properties will serve as in-person polling locations for this election. This means that there may be additional traffic on these locations on the last day of school.

Visitors to our campuses should be patient and should add a few minutes for any travel to and from our schools. Be aware that parking may be limited at various school locations during these special events. We ask visitors to our campuses to exercise best/appropriate judgment while navigating our parking lots/school grounds and adhere to any instructions issued by a School Resource Officer (SRO), Campus Security Officer (CSO) or a member of Clayton County School Police.

We understand this is an exciting time for graduating seniors and their families, however, we encourage them to think critically and exercise proper judgment as they await their respective commencement ceremonies.

CCPS Operation Graduation 2022 Updates

Ceremonies for the CCPS Class of 2022 will be streamed live from the GICC and can be viewed on the school district's YouTube platform and Facebook page via www.clayton.k12.ga.us.

Graduation ceremonies for members of Clayton County Public Schools' (CCPS) Class of 2022 will return to the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC) in College Park. Commencement exercises for the district's 12 high schools will take place Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 25-27 (see schedule below). This will be the fourth year that CCPS graduation ceremonies will be held at the GICC which is located at 2000 Convention Center Concourse in College Park, Georgia.

High School	Date	Starting Time	Seating Time	Ending Time
Day 1 – Wednesday, May 25, 2022				
MORROW	Day 1	9:00 AM	8:15 AM	10:30 AM
NORTH CLAYTON	Day 1	12:30 PM	11:45 AM	2:00 PM
STILWELL	Day 1	4:00 PM	3:15 PM	5:30 PM
FOREST PARK	Day 1	7:30 PM	6:15 PM	9:00 PM
Day 2 – Thursday, May 26, 2022				
MUNDY'S MILL	Day 2	9:00 AM	8:15 AM	10:30 AM
CHARLES DREW	Day 2	12:30 PM	11:45 AM	2:00 PM
JONESBORO	Day 2	4:00 PM	3:15 PM	5:30 PM
MT. ZION	Day 2	7:30 PM	6:15 PM	9:00 PM
Day 3 – Friday, May 27, 2022				
PERRY CENTER	Day 3	9:00 AM	8:15 AM	10:30 AM
RIVERDALE	Day 3	12:30 PM	11:45 AM	2:00 PM
ELITE	Day 3	4:00 PM	3:15 PM	5:30 PM
LOVEJOY	Day 3	7:30 PM	6:15 PM	9:00 PM

Commencement Ceremonies for the PAC

SUMMER	August 4, 2022	6:00 PM
ADULT ED	June 2, 2022	6:30 PM

The ceremonies will be ticketed with candidates for graduation each receiving **fifteen (15) tickets** which will be distributed directly to seniors by respective school leadership. This decision is being made in light of the fact that the COVID-19 Pandemic continues and is in keeping with the district's commitment to providing a safe and healthy event for students and their guests and our employees. The wearing of masks is optional but encouraged.

In order to ensure an on-time start for each ceremony, all members of each class will be transported to the GICC via school buses provided by the district's Department of Transportation. While transport back to the school following each ceremony will be available, graduates will have the option to depart the GICC with family or friends.

Parking at the facility will be limited on event days. Onsite parking will cost \$10.00 (cash or credit card only). Local transit services, if applicable, carpooling, Uber, or Lyft options are encouraged. The ceremonies will be live streamed from the GICC and can be accessed on the school district's website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us. Watch parties for family and friends are also encouraged.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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