

Campbell High School Class of 2021 Commencement Information and Schedule of Activities

Commencement: **Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**
 Walter H. Cantrell Stadium
 McEachern High School

LOCATION OF VENUE AND DIRECTIONS

Cantrell Stadium is located on the campus of McEachern High School at 2400 New Macland Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127. From Macland Road turn south onto New Macland. From Richard D. Sailors Parkway turn north onto New Macland. Additional approach information and alternate routes are available on the district website (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

The Cobb County School District (CCSD) considers the health, safety, and overall well-being of students, teachers, staff, and guests to be of paramount importance. While COVID-19 continues to impact our communities, measures must be taken to implement required public health guidance. The District will adhere to guidance from local, state, and federal authorities and follow the guidance of the Cobb and Douglas Public Health Department.

All graduates and guests must comply with the necessary public health measures required at the time of the ceremony. Specific measures will be outlined on the district graduation web page (www.cobbk12.org/graduation) no later than the week prior to commencements using guidance available at that time.

SENIOR REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- All students are required to have on file a completed **Clearance of Fines and Fees Form**. Senior clearance will be **conducted *May 19 & May 26 (Last Names A-L from 9:00 a.m.- 11:30 p.m. and Last Names M-Z from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)***.
- **Students will receive four (4) graduation tickets upon submission of completed Clearance of Fines & Fees Form.**
- **All fees must be cleared by May 26.** Students with outstanding fees will be prohibited from participating in the ceremony.
- ***Honor Cords:*** Cords for honor graduates (students with a 3.5 or above GPA-not rounded off) will receive their cords during senior clearance.

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

- Monday, May 10, 2021 - 3rd Block A Day and 4th Block A Day
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 1st Block B Day and 2nd Block B Day
- Thursday, May 13, 2021 - 1st Block Y and 1st Block A Day / 2nd Block Y and 2nd Block A Day
- Friday, May 14, 2021 - 3rd Block Y and 3rd Block B Day / 4th Block Y and 4th Block B Day

COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

Seniors must attend the **MANDATORY** virtual practice on May 27 at 10:00 a.m. to participate in the commencement ceremony. The link will be emailed and posted on the CHS Website prior to practice.

COMMENCEMENT DAY INFORMATION – Tuesday, June 1

- Graduates report directly to the **HPEW Gym** at **7:00 a.m.** for attendance verification and line-up for the processional.
- Graduates are to park in the Taylor Farm parking lot using the entrance on Brand Road.

- Guests with disabilities and elderly guests needing individualized assistance should enter the campus of McEachern High School at either the north entrance on New Macland Road or the northwest entrance on Gaydon Road. Accessible parking will be available in front of the Performing Arts Center.
- All ticketed guests, including those with disabilities or elderly guests requiring individualized assistance, will enter Cantrell Stadium through the north gate and west gate located on the north and west sides of the stadium. Gates will open at **8:00 a.m.** for all guests.
- Guests will park in any available lot using entrances on New Macland Road and Gaydon Road. Overflow parking will be available off-site. Directions will be available on the district website (www.cobb12.org/graduation)
- All graduates and guests must comply with the necessary public health measures as required at the time of the event.
- Graduates should not bring personal items to commencement such as cell phones, keys, purses or selfie-sticks. There is no place to secure these items while you are participating in the commencement ceremony.
- Bag checks may be conducted by the CCSD Police Department as deemed necessary.
- ***Prohibited Items for Graduates and Guests: Balloons, posters/signs, camera tripods, monopods, selfie-sticks, or other camera stabilizing devices are not permitted inside or outside of the venue. In addition, any object which obscures the view of others or impacts the safety of others is not allowed in the venue.***

CEREMONY BEHAVIOR

- Throwing caps is inappropriate, dangerous, and will not be permitted. **If a student tosses a cap during the ceremony or during the recessional, the student will pay restitution for any damages incurred. Please understand that disruption and misconduct in any form will not be tolerated.**
- **Any senior who causes a disturbance or in any way conducts himself or herself inappropriately during the ceremony will be removed and will not receive their diploma on the day of graduation.**

CAPS and GOWNS

- To participate in commencement ceremony each graduate must purchase the approved cap and gown through Herff Jones (www.herffatlanta.com).
- Cap and gowns will be distributed March 31.
 - Last Names A- L 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 - Last Names M-Z 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

DRESS FOR GRADUATES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- **Gentlemen:**
 - White dress shirt
 - Black pants
 - Black shoes
 - Black socks
- **Ladies:**
 - Solid colored dark dresses (length no longer than the gown and collars should not show) or black dress slacks
 - Simple small jewelry (no necklaces)
 - **Dark dress shoes** (no white hosiery and no silver/gold on the shoes)
 - **NO FLIP FLOPS, tennis shoes, house shoes, slippers or shoes with sparkles/bling are to be worn.**
 - If you decide to wear high heeled shoes, **please wear a comfortable pair** for walking and standing for long periods of time.

Parents will not be permitted to interrupt the commencement ceremony to replace shoes that are uncomfortable.

Note: Mortarboards are to be placed on the top of the head so that the mortarboard is flat on the top. Bobby pins are suggested to hold the hat in place. Tassels are to be worn on the right side of the mortarboard during the ceremony.

DIPLOMA PICK-UP FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

- Diplomas will be distributed immediately after the commencement ceremony in the McEachern High School cafeteria.
- Graduates not participating in the commencement ceremony can pick-up diplomas Friday, June 4, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the 2000 building lobby.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The commencement ceremony will be video recorded, and DVDs will be available for purchase by accessing the link on the Cobb County School website (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).
- Cady Studios will take photos as each graduate receives his/her diploma and will make these available for purchase. **Parents and/or guests may not be in the aisles, along the stadium railings, or at the front of the stage to film or to take photographs.**
- The commencement ceremony will be streamed live on the Cobb County School District website (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).

Class of 2021 Important Dates

Tuesday, March 30	Virtual Graduation Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31	Herff Jones Cap & Gown distribution 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Last Names A-L) 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Last Names M-Z)
Thursday, April 22	College Signing Day
Monday, May 10	Final Exams - 3 rd Block A Day/ 4 th Block A Day
Tuesday, May 11	Final Exams - 1 st Block B Day/2 nd Block B Day
Thursday, May 13	Final Exams - 1 st Block Y and 1 st Block A Day /2 nd Block Y and 2 nd Block A Day
Friday, May 14	Final Exams - 3 rd Block Y and 3 rd Block B Day /4 th Block Y and 4 th Block B Day Last Day for Seniors
Friday, May 14	Senior Final Grades Due
Wednesday, May 19	Senior Clearance - Cord Distribution - Commencement Ceremony Ticket Distribution <u>Last Names A-L from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and Last Names M-Z from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</u>
Wednesday, May 26	Senior Clearance - Cord Distribution - Commencement Ceremony Ticket Distribution <u>Last Names A-L from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and Last Names M-Z from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</u>
Monday, May 17- Wednesday, May 26	Seniors DO NOT REPORT to school
Thursday, May 27	MANDATORY Virtual Graduation Practice 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 1	Commencement Ceremony at McEachern High School (Cantrell Stadium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduates <u>must report to the Carmichael Student Center at 7:00 a.m.</u> to participate in the commencement program (attendance verification) • Public admission begins at 8:00 a.m.
Friday, June 4	Graduates not participating in the commencement ceremony can pick-up diplomas from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the 2000 building lobby.