

Campbell High School
Class of 2024
Commencement Information and Schedule of Activities

Saturday, May 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Convocation Center
Kennesaw State University

LOCATION OF VENUE AND DIRECTIONS

- The Convocation Center is located on Kennesaw campus of Kennesaw State University at the intersection of I-75 and Chastain Road. From I-75, exit at Chastain Road (Exit 271) and turn west. Go to the first traffic light past the I-75 ramps and turn right onto Frey Road for graduate or guest parking. For accessible and special assistance parking, continue to the second traffic light and turn right on Kennesaw State University Road. Additional approach information and alternate routes are available on the district website at www.cobbk12.org/graduation.

COMMENCEMENT TICKETS

- Each graduate must request tickets by **March 1, 2024**. Graduates will receive their allotted tickets at the final commencement practice on May 21, 2024. All guests attending commencement, including babies and small children who will be seated in the laps of adult family members, will require a ticket. NO tickets will be provided in advance and NO extra tickets are available. Lost or damaged tickets cannot be replaced. A photograph of a ticket (including but not limited to images on a cell phone) may not be substituted for a legitimate ticket.

SENIOR CLEARANCE

- All students must be cleared of fines and fees prior to commencement practice. All fees (textbook, parking, media, uniforms, extracurricular, etc.) must be cleared by **May 14**. Fines must be paid in cash or by money order.
- All students are required to have on file a completed Clearance of Fines and Fees Form. Senior clearance will be conducted **May 13 & May 14** during 3rd block in the CHS Cafeteria.
- Students with outstanding fees will be prohibited from participating in the ceremony.
- CCSD Laptops must be turned in by **May 14** to the Learning Commons as part of the Senior Clearance and to participate in the ceremony.

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

- Monday, May 13 – 3rd and 4th Block Finals Senior Finals/Laptop Return
- Tuesday, May 14 – 1st and 2nd Block Finals Senior Finals/Laptop Return

COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

- ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICE IS **MANDATORY** to participate in commencement.
- **Monday, May 20 & Tuesday, May 21 (8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)**
- Practice will be held in the Gwyn-McClure Gym.
- Graduates are NOT PERMITTED to remain on campus following commencement practice.
- Students who are late for practice will not be permitted to attend the practice and must meet with Dr. Watkins.
- Seniors must be present and on time for all practices. Seniors who miss a practice may not be eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony. Commencement practices are school activities; therefore, all school rules and regulations, including dress code policies, will be enforced.

COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE

- Gentlemen:
 - Collared dress shirt (i.e., white dress shirt)
 - Tie (optional)
 - Dark dress slacks/pants (i.e., black or navy)
 - Dark dress shoes (i.e., black or navy)
 - Dark socks (i.e., black or navy)
- Ladies:
 - Solid colored dark dresses (length no longer than the gown and collars should not show) or black/navy dress slacks
 - Simple small jewelry
 - Dark dress shoes (no white hosiery and no silver/gold on the shoes)
 - If you decide to wear high-heeled shoes, please wear a comfortable pair for walking and standing for long periods of time.
- NO flip flops, tennis shoes, house shoes, slippers or shoes with sparkles/bling are to be worn.
- Parents will not be permitted to interrupt the commencement ceremony to replace shoes that are uncomfortable.
- 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 cap in place. Tassels are to be worn on the right side of the mortarboard during the ceremony.
- To ensure the decorum of the ceremony and to provide consistency among schools, alterations to the mortarboard and gown are **NOT** permitted. Graduates may only wear stoles, cords and other honor insignia authorized by the school.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

- Graduates arrive at the Siegel Recreation Center **by 8:00 a.m.** with cap and gown for attendance verification and line-up for the processional.
- To participate in the commencement ceremony each graduate must purchase the approved cap and gown through Herff Jones/ATL Grad (www.atlgrad.com).
- 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.
- 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.

PARKING

- Parking will cost \$10 for each car parked for commencement. This fee applies to graduates and to guests. Be prepared to pay with **credit/debit cards ONLY**.
- Graduates are to park in the **Central Parking Deck**.
- Guests are to park in the East Parking Deck and the East Economy Lot (across Frey Road from the East Parking Deck). Overflow parking will be available in the Central Parking Deck.
- Guests with disabilities and elderly guests who require individualized assistance should park in either Lot A or Lot B. Golf carts will run continuously to transport guests to and from the Convocation Center.

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

- Diplomas will not be distributed after the commencement ceremony at KSU. Students can pick-up their diplomas on **Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the CHS PAC.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS

- Cady Studios will take photos of each graduate prior to ascending to the stage and as they receive their diploma. These photos will be available for purchase. (www.cadystudios.com)
- 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 use of monopods, tripods, selfie sticks, or other camera stabilizing devices is prohibited.

VIDEO SALES




- Video sales will be made available online on the district graduation page (www.cobbk12.org/graduation). The district will provide a link for the sales of videos on the district graduation page. Sales kiosks will be located in the pre-function areas and/or outside the venue for onsite sales.
- CCSD will provide a live webcast of the commencement ceremony which will be publicly available via the school district website(www.cobbk12.org/graduation).

FLOWER/GIFT SALES

- Flowers and graduation gifts will be available for purchase in the Atrium (lobby) and outside the venue both before and after the ceremony.

REQUIRED BAG CHECK/CLEAR BAG POLICY

- **In accordance with KSU requirements, all persons entering the Convocation Center MUST pass through metal detection devices. Also, guests entering the Convocation Center with a bag MUST use either a CLEAR TOTE, PLASTIC ZIP TOP BAG, or SMALL CLUTCH to be approved for entry into the venue. All bags and packages are subject to inspection by public safety personnel. Guests are advised not to bring any packages that cannot be opened or inspected. Also, please allow extra time for entry as there may be delays.**
- Please see the description provided regarding clear totes, plastic zip top bags, and small clutches.

Clear Totes	Plastic Zip Top Bag	Clutch Bag or Small Purse
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size may not exceed 12"x 6"x 12"• Logo may only be on one side of the bag• Items in the tote must be loose• All bags are subject to search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size may not exceed 11" x 11"• Resealable• Clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size may not exceed 6.5"x 4.5"• May include a handle or strap• Does NOT need to be clear• All bags are subject to search
		

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Any object which obscures the view or impacts the safety of others is not allowed in any district-manage venue. A complete list of prohibited items is available on the district graduation web page (www.cobbk12.org/graduation). Balloons and signs are prohibited.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Participation in commencement is a privilege. Students must meet all expectations and requirements to participate in the commencement ceremony.
- Restitution for any damage to the venue, district property, or vendor property will be the responsibility of the graduate or guest who caused said damage.
- *Honor Cords*: Cords for honor graduates, students with a 3.5 or above GPA (not rounded), will be distributed at commencement practice.
- **Only school-approved Honor Insignia** can be worn during graduation (cords and stoles) and can be purchased by the student through MyPaymentsPlus.
- Seniors will need to request a final transcript if they are planning to attend college. Final transcripts are not mailed automatically.
- If you have questions, please contact:
Dr. Jennifer Dorrrough (Graduation Administrator) at Jennifer.Dorrrough@cobbk12.org
Dr. Antwane Nelson (Graduation Administrator) at Antwane.Nelson@cobbk12.org



Class of 2024 Important Dates

Tuesday, March 19	Commencement Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the PAC @ CHS
Tuesday, April 23	Senior Honors & Award/Who's Who
Wednesday, April 24	Senior Clearance Forms distributed to 2 nd Block Classes (Campbell IB Students will receive after IB Exams) (Forms are due by May 14)
Friday, April 26	Academic Signing Day (11:30-12:30)
Monday, May 13	Final Exams – 3 rd and 4 th Block B All Senior Final Exams/Laptop Return
Tuesday, May 14	Final Exams – 1 st and 2 nd Block All Senior Final Exams/Laptop Return
Tuesday, May 14	Seniors' Last Day (Seniors dismissed after last exam)/Senior Final Grades Due
Tuesday, May 14	Senior Clearance MUST be completed before Seniors leave and to participate in any Commencement practices/ceremony
Tues, Wed, and Thurs, (May 15-17) and Wed, Thurs, Fri (May 22-24)	Seniors DO NOT REPORT to school (unless taking an AP/IB Exam)
Monday, May 20	Mandatory Commencement Practice 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Gwyn-McClure Gym
Tuesday, May 21	Mandatory Commencement Practice 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Gwyn-McClure Gym
Tuesday, May 21	Baccalaureate 6:30 p.m. at Smyrna First United Methodist Church
Saturday, May 25	Commencement Ceremony at Kennesaw State University Convocation Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduates must report to the Siegel Recreation Center by 8:00 a.m. to participate in the commencement ceremony (attendance verification)
Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29	Diploma pick-up from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the PAC @ CHS

For additional information and updates, please check the commencement page on the district web site: www.cobbk12.org/graduation.