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Clayton County Seniors to Graduate May 24-26, 2018

JONESBORO – The 2017-18 academic year for students enrolled in Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) will come to an end on Wednesday, May 23. The only district school that will continue its regular session will be the Elite Scholars Academy (see below).

Seniors and High School Students

Today, **May 16, 2018**, is the last day of school for graduating seniors. After today, graduating seniors should not be on any high school campus unless they have a scheduled appointment, participating in graduation rehearsal or a special recognition event.

The last three days of the 2017-18 school year, Monday through Wednesday, **May 21-23**, will serve as early dismissal days for all high school students (grades 9-12). On these aforementioned dates, school will begin at 8:50 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. for high school students. All other grade levels will attend on a regular schedule.

We ask students (those returning and graduating seniors) to remain safe as we approach the end of school. We understand the excitement of the approaching summer vacation, however, 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.

Graduating seniors, we understand this is an exciting time for you and your families, however, we also encourage you to think critically and exercise proper judgment as you await your respective commencement ceremonies.

CCPS Operation Graduation 2018

Graduation ceremonies for 10 of the district's high schools will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 24-26. This will be the second year that CCPS graduation ceremonies will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC) in College Park.

The GICC is located at **2000 Convention Center Concourse in College Park, Georgia**. Parking at the facility, which will be available for \$8, will be limited on event days. Carpooling is advised. Additional parking options are being investigated by GICC staff. Information will be made available as the details are finalized.

In order to ensure an on-time start for each ceremony, all members of each class will have the option of being 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 may wish to depart the GICC with family and/or friends. That will be their option.

Ceremonies for the CCPS Class of 2018 will be streamed live from the GICC and can be viewed on the district’s website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us. (The 2018 Graduation schedule is below)

2018 Dates and Time for Commencement

| High School | Date | Starting Time | Seating Time | Ending Time | Parking Lot Time (Departure and Arrival) |
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| Day 1 – Thursday, May 24, 2018 | | | | | |
| Drew | Day 1 | 9:00 AM | 8:15 AM | 10:30 AM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| Jonesboro | Day 1 | 1:30 PM | 12:15 PM | 3:00 PM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| Mundy’s Mill | Day 1 | 6:00 PM | 5:15 PM | 7:30 PM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| Day 2 – Friday, May 25, 2018 | | | | | |
| Stilwell | Day 2 | 8:30 AM | 7:45 AM | 10:00 AM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| North Clayton | Day 2 | 12:30 PM | 11:45 AM | 2:00 PM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| Forest Park | Day 2 | 4:30 PM | 3:45 PM | 6:00 PM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| Morrow | Day 2 | 8:00 PM | 7:15 PM | 9:30 PM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| Day 3 – Saturday, May 26, 2018 | | | | | |
| Mt. Zion | Day 3 | 9:00 AM | 8:15 AM | 10:30 AM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| Riverdale | Day 3 | 1:30 PM | 12:15 PM | 3:00 PM | 110 to 120 minutes |
| Lovejoy | Day 3 | 6:00 PM | 5:15 PM | 7:30 PM | 110 to 120 minutes |

The Commencement ceremonies for these two schools will be at the PAC

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| Perry Center | Dec 20 | 6:00 PM |
| Perry Center | May 18 | 6:00 PM |
| Elite Scholars | June 2 | 10:00 AM |

Elite Scholars Academy (ESA)

The last day for students enrolled at Elite Scholars Academy charter school will be Friday, June 1. The graduation ceremony for the ESA Class of 2018 will be held at the district’s Performing Arts Center in Jonesboro on Saturday, June 2. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving almost 55,000 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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