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CCPS Provides State Testing, Early Dismissal and Graduation Updates

JONESBORO – As Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) prepares to close out the 2017-2018 School Year, please see the following information as it relates to: the Georgia Millstone Assessment Systems (GMAS) and End of Grade Testing (EOG), early dismissal for high school students only, the last day of school for graduating seniors and general graduation information.

Georgia Milestone Assessment System (GMAS) and End of Grade (EOG) Testing

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is encouraging all stakeholders to participate in assisting students prepare to take the assessments this spring. The 2018 GMAS **testing for students in grades 3-8 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 – Friday, May 18, 2018. Testing dates for high school students will remain the same, those students will begin testing on Monday, April 23 - Friday, May 4, 2018.**

In an effort to better assist us prepare our students for success, we are asking that all parents/guardians ensure that students are well rested as well as on time during the testing periods. In addition, we encourage students, parents and community centers to visit Clayton County Public Schools' Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment website, or utilize the following link to access GMAS and EOG study guides and resource materials.

http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/departments/curriculum_instruction_and_assessment

High School Early Dismissal & Last Day for Seniors

Monday, May 21- Wednesday, May 23, 2018 will serve as early dismissal days for all high school students. On the aforementioned dates, school will begin at 8:50 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m.

The last day of school for graduating seniors will be Wednesday, May 16. Prior to the last day of school, we are advising seniors to meet with their respective counselors to ensure that all requirements have been fulfilled to graduate. After May 16, seniors should not be on any campus unless they have a scheduled appointment, participating in graduation rehearsal or a special recognition event.

We ask that our seniors remain safe as you conclude your final days as students of Clayton County Public Schools. We understand this is an exciting time for you and your families, however we encourage you all to exercise critical thinking and proper judgement as you await your respective commencement ceremonies. Please know that the Clayton County School Police will be on heightened alert to keep this time incident free.

Also, we extend this message to all students 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 as we conclude the 2017-18 school year.

Graduation Information

As approved by the CCPS Board of Education on November 6, 2017, graduations for the class of 2018 will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC) on May 24, 25 and 26. The GICC is located at 2000 Convention Center Concourse in College Park, Georgia. To view the date and starting time for each school’s graduation ceremony, please see the following schedules below.

2018 Dates and Time for Commencement

High School	Date	Starting Time	Seating Time	Ending Time	Parking Lot Time (Departure and Arrival)
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

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

Please be advised that additional updates about CCPS commencement ceremonies will be provided to all stakeholders as plans are being finalized by the graduation committee.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through 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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