



Dear Class of 2024 Parents and Guardians,

We are excited about the upcoming weeks of recognition and celebration with our Class of 2024 graduates. This message contains all the graduation information we have at this time. I will send you additional information as it is received. You may also visit [DCSD Grad Central](#) at for updated information from the DeKalb County School District.

All students/families MUST complete and submit the following documents to participate in the commencement ceremony. Students will NOT be allowed to participate in graduation (commencement) if these documents are not turned in.

1. Media Release Form – see attachment or link below
2. Transportation Permission Form – see attachment or link below

DEADLINE: April 10, 2024 – students may return forms to graduation sponsor, Mrs. R. Smith, room 510C or at the senior breakfast (4/10/24), at the senior class graduation meeting (4/10/24), or email them to DHHSGradSponsor@gmail.com

Commencement Ceremony Information:

- Sunday, May 19th at 7:00PM at the Georgia State University Convocation Center – 455 Capital Avenue SE, Atlanta, GA 30312
 - Each graduate will sign for and receive 12 tickets. DCSD will deliver all tickets to the school, and we will distribute them to the graduates as soon as we receive them. We do not know when the tickets will be delivered.
- Venue Parking – Blue Lot, Green Lot, Summerhill Lots B and C – NO CHARGE to park
- **No signs No balloons No concessions**
- Clear bag policy – Guests are required to carry clear bags no larger than 12"x6"x12", 1-gallon plastic freezer bag, and/or clutches no larger than 4.5"x6.5" (approximately the size of your hand). Bags larger than 12"x6"x12" and all backpacks are prohibited. Exceptions made for medical requirements, diaper bags or special needs. All bags are subject to search.
- All guests attending will be required to enter through weapons detection devices.
- Graduation ceremony will last approximately one hour
- The graduation ceremony will be live streamed. The link will be accessible via [DCSD Grad Central website](#).
- Families or guests who need ASL or interpretive services must complete this [Interpretive Services Request](#)
- **All students MUST ride the charter buses from DHHS to the ceremony. Graduates need to be at Druid Hills by 4:30PM. The buses will leave at**

5:00PM. Graduates may ride home with their family. Buses will be available to return graduates to DHHS.

Pre-Commencement Ceremony – Senior Inspirational Service

This event was historically called baccalaureate: a religious service held at some educational institutions before commencement, containing a farewell sermon to the graduating class.

Today, pre-commencement is an event for graduates and family members to gather. Class leaders and a special guest speaker will address the Class of 2024.

- Saturday, May 18th at 11:00AM at Glenn Auditorium - 1634 N Decatur Rd, Atlanta, GA 30307
- Graduates wear regalia and need to arrive by 10:30. Line-up begins at 10:45.
- Light refreshments afterwards on the lawn

Senior Clearance Information

- All seniors must be cleared before graduation practice on May 17th. Students have several signatures they must get in order to be cleared. Seniors will receive a clearance sheet/list. The expectations are listed below. There will be a pre-clearance May 9 at 11:30 in the theater. Students with 80% or better in required courses may get cleared at this event. All other seniors will need to be cleared the morning of May 17th
- Must be cleared by:
 - Dr. Jackson for textbooks and fines
 - Mr. Alexander/Dr. Amarapu for Chromebooks, Hotspots, and AP Exam Fees
 - Ms. Rascoe for Media Center books and fines
 - Coach George for Athletic equipment and fees
- Must have completed the 2024 Senior Exit Survey in Naviance
- *****If you have received ANY scholarships (whether or not you've accepted them), upload them in Naviance under the "Upload Scholarship Award Letters" Task*****
- Graduates will receive their clearance forms at the April 10th Senior Meeting.

Important Dates:

- April 10, 2024
 - [Transportation](#) and [Media](#) release forms due April 10th to Schol April 12th to the district from Graduation Sponsor
 - Senior Breakfast
 - Senior Graduation Meeting
- **April 18, 2024 – Virtual Senior Parents Meeting at 6:30**
 - Please join us for an “Everything you need to know” meeting
 - Presentation and recording will be available
 - [Senior Parent Meeting Link](#)
- April 22 – 26, 2024 – Senior Week
 - Monday: Dress up as your childhood self-day

- Tuesday: Senior citizen day
- Wednesday: Anything but your backpack day
- Thursday: Represent your college/post high school day
- Friday: 24k Magic Day – wear gold and your senior crown
- April 27, 2024 – Prom
- May 3, 2024 – Senior Field Day
- May 8, 2024 – Senior Exams 3rd and 4th periods
- May 9, 2024 – Senior Exams 1st and 2nd periods
 - Pre-Clearance at 11:30 in the Uhry Theater
 - **LAST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL**
- May 17, 2024 – Graduation Rehearsal – graduates receive regalia – cap, gown, tassel
 - **MANDATORY** – DHHS at 8:30AM
 - **MANDATORY** - Must be cleared by:
 - Dr. Jackson for textbooks and fines
 - Mr. Alexander/Ms. Bailey for Chromebooks, Hotspots, and AP Exam Fees
 - Ms. Rascoe for Media Center books and fines
 - Coach George for Athletic equipment and fees
 - Must have completed the 2024 Senior Exit Survey in Naviance
 - **MANDATORY** – Graduation Practice
 - **MANDATORY** – March the Halls
 - Students will visit our feeder elementary schools to walk the halls in their graduation regalia
 - DCSD bus transportation provided
- May 18, 2024 – Senior Inspirational Service at Glenn Auditorium at 11:00AM
- May 19, 2024 – Graduates **REQUIRED** to ride buses over to GSU at 4:30 pm from DHHS
- May 19, 2024 – Commencement at GSU at 7:00PM
- May 20, 2024 – Students Last Name A – L: Diploma pick up in Uhry Theater, DHHS 8:30 – 11:30 and 12:00 – 2:00
- May 21, 2024 – Students Last Name M – Z: Diploma pick up in Uhry Theater, DHHS 8:30 – 11:30 and 12:00 – 2:00