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2021 Commencement Schedule May 24-27

Georgia Institute of Technology
Bobby Dodd Stadium
177 North Ave., NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

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Maynard H. Jackson High School, Class of 2020



North Atlanta High School, Class of 2020

Ceremonies

Monday, May 24, 2021

KIPP Atlanta	12:00 p.m.
Mays	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Therrell	9:00 a.m.
South Atlanta	12:00 p.m.
Jackson	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

CSK/B.E.S.T.	9:00 a.m.
Douglass	12:00 p.m.
Grady	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Washington	9:00 a.m.
Schools of Carver	12:00 p.m.
North Atlanta	7:00 p.m.

Note: Two additional charter school graduations (Atlanta Classical and Drew Charter) will host and communicate their schools' commencement ceremonies.

Dear Atlanta Public Schools families,

It is time to celebrate the Class of 2021! We are thrilled to recognize the accomplishments of our graduating seniors for reaching the milestone occasion of high school graduation.

Atlanta Public Schools will proudly host commencement exercises May 24-27 at the Georgia Institute of Technology Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Before you arrive to the stadium please review important arrival information below:

Face Coverings

Masks covering both the nose and mouth are required for entry into the stadium for guests and students. Masks must be worn for the duration of the event unless guests are actively eating or drinking in their seats.

Venue Safety Precautions

In order to create safe ceremonies for our graduates and guests, we are following the recommended event safety guidelines. This includes:

- Hosting open-air ceremonies
- Seating all graduates four feet apart and providing ample seating in the stands for guests.
- Increased stadium cleaning and disinfecting high touch points.
- Limiting touch points with contactless entry and digital commencement programs.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available near gate entrances.

Public Transportation

Georgia Tech is served by the North Avenue MARTA transit station. This is the closest station to the commencement ceremonies. If walking, go west from the MARTA station for two blocks on North Avenue. The campus is located just past the interstate bridge. Continue on North Avenue until you arrive at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Parking Information

Please use the following designated parking areas:

- E40: (Klaus Parking Deck)
- E52: (Peters Parking Deck, Fowler Street)

- W21: (Visitor Parking) – Shuttle Service Available
- W22: (Area 5 Visitor Parking) – Shuttle Service Available
- W23: (Area 5 Visitor Parking) – Shuttle Service Available

Due to an anticipated high volume of traffic, the following additional parking areas will be available for the North Atlanta ceremony only.

- E65: (McCamish Pavilion) – Shuttle Service Available
- E81: (Georgia Tech Hotel) – Shuttle Service Available
- CODA Deck (Spring Street or W. Peachtree Street) – Shuttle Service Available

Parking is \$10. Street parking is also available at various prices.

ADA Guest Information

Guest Parking and Handicap Parking

- Handicap guest drop-off and pick-up will take place on the corner of Bobby Dodd Way and Techwood Drive. ADA guests and accompanying guests should enter through Gate 6.
- Guests with a valid handicap parking tag may park on Brittan Drive or Peters Parking Deck.

Seating

Guests in a wheelchair must use Gates 4 and 6. Seating for guests with disabilities and limited mobility will be available at all our ceremonies. ADA seating is available throughout the stadium. Due to high demand, this area will be strictly reserved for our ADA guests plus one patron. If you require additional services or have specific ADA questions, please contact the graduate's school.

Ticketed Entry

Guests attending the ceremonies must present an official GRAD NATION ticket to gain entry. The tickets are numbered and guests are required to sit in their assigned seat. Each graduate will receive 10 tickets to distribute amongst family and friends. Tickets will be distributed in seating clusters of 5. Ticket holders are required to sit in their reserved seats and are asked to limit interaction with guests located in other seating clusters while in the stands. Seating clusters will be six feet apart in assigned seats to ensure safety. Guests should enter through the following gates:
9:00 a.m. ceremony – Gates 1,4
12:00 p.m. ceremony – Gates 4, 5, 6, 7
7:00 p.m. ceremony – Gates 4, 5, 6, 7, 9

Stadium Security

All guests and students will go through magnetometers or walk-through metal detectors, prior to stadium entry.

For safety reasons, the following items are not permitted into Bobby Dodd Stadium: Outside food and drinks, Weapons (including those carried with a permit), Illegal Drugs, Alcohol Beverages, Strollers, Tents, Balloons, Noise Makers, Lawn Chairs, Stadium Seats, Blankets, Flags and banners, Selfie Sticks, Laser Pointers, Coolers, Cans, Personal transportation devices (skateboards, hoverboards, scooters, bicycles etc.) and Pets.

Bag Valet

- Bags that are not permitted inside Bobby Dodd Stadium must be returned to the guest's vehicle or be checked into Bag valet.
- Bag valet will be located on the top of Peters parking Deck, across from Gate 6.



You may view and download the APS commencement schedule as well as other important information at our official commencement website: www.atlantapublicschools.us/gradnation. Be sure to reference the website for updated information as we approach commencement week.

Congratulations again for this incredible achievement. We look forward to celebrating with you at the Georgia Institute of Technology Bobby Dodd Stadium!

UPDATED BAG POLICY

Bag policy has been amended to aid in contactless stadium entry process.

- Each fan can bring in one (1) 1-gallon clear/resealable “Ziploc” style bag ONLY.
- ALL other bags are prohibited from Bobby Dodd Stadium in 2020 (including clear bags and small clutch bags previously permitted as a part of the bag policy).
- Exceptions will continue to be made for medical and diaper bags.
- Each fan may bring in one (1) sealed bottle of water (up to 1L) and one (1) travel-sized bottle of hand sanitizer (3 oz).



Notes: Guests should adhere to Georgia Tech's Clear Bag Policy. Atlanta Public Schools will provide shuttle service at the following parking areas: W21: (Visitor Parking), W22: (Area 5 Visitor Parking), W23: (Area 5 Visitor Parking). Due to an anticipated high volume of traffic, the following additional parking areas will be available for the North Atlanta ceremony. E65: (McCamish Pavilion), E81: (Georgia Tech Hotel), ER66: (Family Housing Living Center) and CODA Deck (Spring Street or W. Peachtree Street).

Handicap guest drop-off and pick-up as well as ride share will take place on the corner of Bobby Dodd Way and Techwood Drive. **Parking is \$10. Street parking is also available at various prices.**

LEGEND

VISITOR PARKING
ALL LOTS \$10 / SPACE
 - E81, E52, ER66
 - E65, E40, W23, W22, W21

VISITOR OVERFLOW
 - CODA

[CREDIT / DEBIT ONLY]

APS STAFF PARKING
 - AREA 1 VISITOR LOT

SHUTTLE PICK-UP LOCATION

SHUTTLE ROUTE

SHUTTLE STAGING FOWLER STREET

