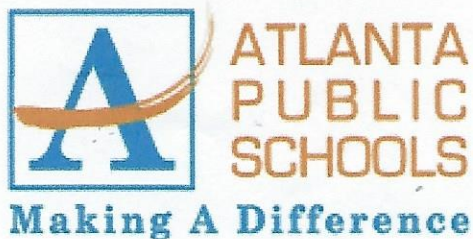


BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



Class of 2023 Senior Parent Handbook

Mr. William C. Wade, Principal



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April 17, 2023

Dear Senior and Parents/Guardians:

Graduation is rapidly approaching. As we culminate an excellent school year, we are gearing up for senior activities, rehearsals, and the long awaited "Visions of the Future" program and Commencement exercises. With this in mind, we have attached important information for parents of the 2023 graduating class.

Please remember that participation in the "Visions of the Future" program does not mean that graduation requirements have been met. It simply means that a student has successfully completed his/her selected program of study. Participation in the Commencement exercise requires that the following graduation requirements have been met:

- Achieved a minimum of 24 units of coursework in the specific areas designated by Atlanta Public Schools and the state of Georgia.
- Completed 40 hours of community service.
- Completed all standardized tests as required by the State of Georgia and the Atlanta Public Schools
- Cleared all financial obligations.

Although seniors will be finished with exams, there will still be daily mandatory rehearsals for the Visions of the Future and Commencement ceremonies. It is required that students participate in the rehearsals to participate in the ceremonies so please do not schedule work during the school day. Also, be reminded that attendance is still taken during those days so students should be present and on time.

If additional information is needed, please contact your child's counselor, at (404) 802-4603.

Sincerely,

William C. Wade, Principal



Senior Ceremonial Dress

"Visions of the Future"

Sunday, May 21, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Young Ladies:

- Knee length White dress or white skirt with solid white blouse (No Evening Dresses, no Sun Dresses, and NO Pants/jumpsuits/culottes).
- Ultra Sheer off-white hosiery
- White dress flats (closed toe)
- No jewelry -ONLY Small pearl stud earrings may be worn.
- No dark glasses.

Young Men:

- Solid Black suit (Black classic trouser- no skinny pants, no capri pants, no ankle length pants w/Black jacket)
- Solid White button-down dress shirt
- Solid Black classic Tie (no ascots, bowties, slim or skinny tie)
- Black dress shoes with leather bottom (no studded loafers, driving moccasins, no dress sneakers)
- black dress socks.
- No jewelry is to be worn.
- No dark glasses

Commencement Exercises

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Young Ladies:

- White Cap with Gown and BTW Kente stole.
- White dress (No evening Dresses, No Sun Dresses, and No Pants/jumpsuit/culottes). Dresses should be knee length.
- Ultra Sheer off-white hosiery.
- White dress flats (closed toe).
- No jewelry -ONLY Small pearl stud earrings only may be worn.
- No dark glasses.

Young Men:

- Blue Cap with Gown and BTW Kente stole
- Solid Black dress pants (no skinny pants, no capri pants, no ankle length pants, no black jeans)
- Solid White dress shirt
- Black dress shoes with leather bottom (no studded loafers, driving moccasins, no dress sneakers),
- Solid black tie (no ascots, bowties, slim or skinny tie)
- Black dress socks
- No jewelry is to be worn.
- No dark glasses

TIPS AND GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW FOR "VISIONS OF THE FUTURE" AND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

Seniors will be pulled out of the Visions ceremony and the graduation line if they are not properly dressed and on time.

1. Dresses should not be longer than the gown or shorter than the knees. Hairpins should be used if the student has trouble with the hat staying on. Pin the collar of the gown with safety pins before arriving at McCamish Pavilion **Purses and other items should be left with parents or other relatives because they cannot be carried during the ceremony.** Please do not use heavy powder or perfume.
2. Press robes thoroughly with cool iron.
3. Caps should be worn so that the pointed ends fit directly between the eyebrows (two finger widths above the eyebrow). They are never worn pushed to the side or the back of the head.

"Visions of the Future" ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the Booker T. Washington High School L. C. Baker Gymnasium. All graduating seniors must report at to the Teaching Theater by 9:00 A.M. All guests are encouraged to arrive by 9:30 A.M. to ensure seating.

AUDIENCE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMENCEMENT

It is the right of every senior to expect a dignified commencement worthy of time, effort, and financial investment. This occasion should reflect the highest possible excellence in accordance with established academic etiquette and protocol. Anything less defeats the real purpose and nullifies the unique educational value of Commencement. To provide deserving, memorable moments to be treasured throughout the life span of the graduates, there must be close cooperation between the participants, planners, and audience. The audience can pay their personal love and respect to their loved one, as well as to all graduates by following the guidelines listed below:

1. Arrive at the Georgia Tech McCamish Pavilion at least 45 minutes before the scheduled time for graduation time to be comfortably seated.
2. Adhere to the Georgia Tech Bag Policy. **ONLY bags that are clear vinyl, pvc or plastic and do not exceed 12"x6"x12" will be allowed. (Refer to Georgia Tech Bag Policy page).**
3. Strollers are permitted and will be checked at the door.
4. Occupy only the seats you and your family, and guests are seated in, and do not reserve seats with personal possessions.
5. Move to the center of the row so that others will not have to squeeze pass you.
6. Take no more than a single program. All programs will be shared with the graduates.
7. Follow the directions of the ushers and guides.
8. Refrain from blocking the view of others by standing or obstructing the processional.
9. Save applause until all diplomas and honors are presented.
10. Refrain from any conduct that might be distracting to the ceremony (cat calls, yelling, etc.).
11. Refrain from the use of alcohol or unprescribed drugs.
10. Use common courtesy in relating to other members of the audience.

Please note that due to security concerns, no balloons will be permitted on the premises.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Graduation Ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the Georgia Institute of Technology McCamish Pavilion. **ALL** graduating seniors will be transported to McCamish Pavilion and should report to Washington High School by 2:00 P.M. so that attendance can be taken. The graduation ceremony is a serious, formal ceremony. Seniors and their parents should suggest to other relatives and friends that the ceremony should be a dignified occasion; therefore, applause is much more appropriate than the loud vocal remarks or cat calls when a senior's name is called. Loud remarks are embarrassing to the senior and disruptive for other guests. We hope this will be a memorable occasion for all seniors, parents, relatives, and friends.

FOR PARENTS & GUESTS ATTENDING GRADUATION

1. Guests **ARE NOT** permitted in the assembly area.
2. Students **WILL NOT** be permitted to leave the assembly area for **ANY** reason after arriving at McCamish Pavilion.
3. All guests, who are not seated in McCamish Pavilion by 5:45 P.M., will not be seated until after seniors have marched in.
4. Parking is at a premium. Parents are encouraged to depart early enough to ensure an on-time arrival and a place to park. Public transportation (MARTA) to the McCamish Pavilion is a viable alternative and shuttle buses from the MARTA station will be provided.
5. UBER and LYFT are excellent choices.

PARKING

Several visitors parking lots are located on campus that provide hourly parking accommodations for campus visitors. Cash and credit cards are accepted at all visitors parking areas. Also, staff members are on hand during business hours.

Standard daily rates for parking are:

- -1 \$2.00
- 1-2 \$4.00
- 2-3 \$6.00
- 3-4 \$8.00
- 4-5 \$10.00
- 5-6 \$12.00

The following parking areas are closest to McCamish Pavilion:

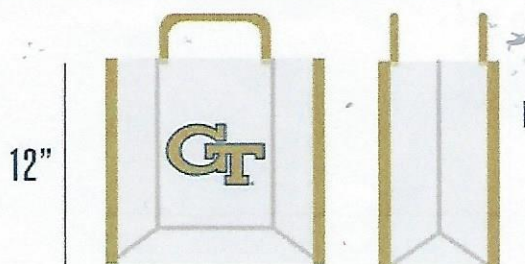
- Lot ER66 Family Housing (10th and Home)
- Lot W22 Daleny Deck
- Lot W23 North Deck/State St.
- ADA Parking: E65, along Fowler Street and along 8th Street

****** More information regarding specific decks for parking are forthcoming.

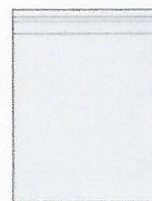


BAG POLICY

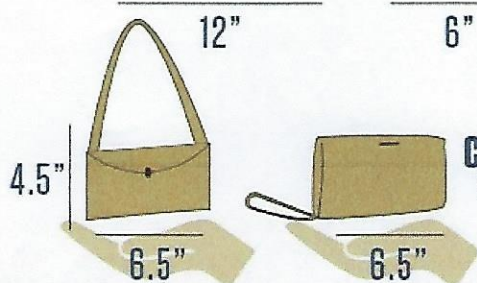
APPROVED BAGS



CLEAR BAG
NO LARGER THAN
12" X 6" X 12"



CLEAR PLASTIC STORAGE BAG
ONE GALLON
RESEALABLE



SMALL CLUTCH PURSE
NO LARGER THAN
4.5" X 6.5"



SEAT CUSHION
NO POCKETS, ARMS
OR ZIPPERS
18" OR LESS IN WIDTH

SMALL CLUTCH BAGS WITH OR WITHOUT A HANDLE OR STRAP, NO LARGER THAN 4.5" X 6.5"
(APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF A HAND), CAN BE TAKEN INTO THE STADIUM WITH ONE OF
THE CLEAR PLASTIC BAG OPTIONS

PROHIBITED BAGS



BACKPACK
SOLID OR CLEAR



PRINTED PATTERN PLASTIC BAG



FANNY PACK



PURSE



REUSABLE GROCERY TOTE



PLASTIC GROCERY BAG



DUFFEL BAG



LARGE TOTE BAG



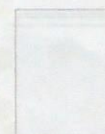
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CINCH BAG
SOLID OR TINTED
(CLEAR PERMITTED)



DIAPER BAG



COLOR PLASTIC STORAGE BAG
SOLID OR TINTED
(CLEAR PERMITTED)

*AN EXCEPTION WILL BE MADE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY ITEMS AFTER PROPER INSPECTION AT
A GATE BY RESPECTIVE GATE SUPERVISOR.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items **ARE PROHIBITED** from being brought inside Bobby Dodd Stadium and McCamish Pavilion:

Beverages

Food

Alcoholic beverages



2023 Senior Activity/Commencement Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 8-FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

CREDIT RECOVERY 8:45 AM-3:45 PM

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS (1st and 3rd periods)

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS (2nd and 4th periods)

SENIOR GRADES POST BY COB

SENIOR CLEARANCE

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2022

SENIOR BRUNCH-9:30 A.M.-12:45 PM

Gold Space ATL Skyview

2001 M. L. King, Jr. Dr. SW Atlanta, Ga 30310

***Business Casual Attire: No Sneakers, Jeans, Shorts, Caps/Hats/Head Scarves/Bonnets*

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

AM VOF/Graduation Rehearsal- 8:45 A.M.-12:00PM/ PM Rehearsal 1:00 P.M.-3:45 P.M.
Report to Gymnasium

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

AM VOF/Graduation Rehearsal-8:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M./ PM Rehearsal 1:00 P.M.-3:45 P.M.
Report to Gymnasium

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

AM VOF/Graduation Rehearsal- 8:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M./ PM Rehearsal 1:00 P.M.-3:45 P.M.
Report to Gymnasium
Distribution of: Cap & Gown; Academic Regalia; Yearbooks; Kente Stoles; Graduation Tickets

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

AM VOF/Graduation Rehearsal- 8:45 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
CLASS T-SHIRT DAY (Seniors MUST wear class T-Shirts to picnic)
Senior Picnic - 12:30 P.M. -3:45 P.M.
Bulldog Park

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

"Visions of the Future"
L.C. Baker Gymnasium

10:00 AM

*Seniors report to Teaching Theater at 9:00AM

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

Graduation Dress Rehearsal (with Cap and Gown) and Class Picture
Report to Gymnasium 9:00 AM
Buses depart BTW @1:00PM / Buses return to BTW @4:30PM
Announcements/Debriefing/ Early Dismissal

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

Graduation Rehearsal- 9:00 A.M.-12:30P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

Commencement Exercises 6:00 P.M. McCamish Pavilion @Ga Tech
(Graduates must report to BTW gymnasium at 2:00 PM for transport to McCamish Pavilion)

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

Diploma Distribution 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
2nd Floor Atrium
(Distribution of Diplomas, Senior Gifts, Yard signs)
**Subject to change without notice*