

OSBORNE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2021

Commencement Information and Schedule of Activities

Friday, June 4, 2021, at 9:00 AM

Walter H. Cantrell Stadium

McEachern High School

It is important that you and your family review the following information carefully.

LOCATION OF VENUE AND DIRECTIONS

Cantrell Stadium is located on the campus of McEachern High School at 2400 New Macland Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127. From Macland Road turn south onto New Macland. From Richard D. Sailors Parkway turn north onto New Macland. Additional approach information and alternate routes are available on the district website (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

The Cobb County School District (CCSD) considers the health, safety, and overall well-being of students, teachers, staff, and guests to be of paramount importance. While COVID-19 continues to impact our communities, measures must be taken to implement required public health guidance. The District will adhere to guidance from local, state, and federal authorities and follow the guidance of the Cobb and Douglas Public Health Department.

Safety measures to be implemented include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Graduates and stage guests will each be seated six (6) feet apart.
- Family groups of four (4) must maintain a social distance of six (6) feet from other family groups, graduates, and working staff except for brief encounters such as entry to the venue and purchase of concessions and merchandise.
- Audience must sit in designated seats.
 - Grandstand seating is clearly marked with CCSD logo “SIT HERE” labels.
 - Limited field seating is available in chairs grouped in sets of four (4).
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates and family/guests are asked to exit the stadium and depart campus without congregating in large groups.

Those and other specific measures necessary for the ceremonies will be outlined on the district graduation web page (www.cobbk12.org/graduation) no later than the week prior to commencements using guidance available at that time.

SENIOR CLEARANCE

- All fees for lost or damaged textbooks, media materials, parking, classroom instructional equipment, uniforms, or any other materials owed to the school must be cleared by Tuesday, May 11, 2021.
- Fines must be paid in cash only.
- All students must clear all fines prior to rehearsal.
- Students with outstanding fees will be prohibited from participating in the commencement ceremony.
- Senior Checkout will be Thursday, May 20, 2021, beginning at 9:00 AM. All seniors must be cleared for graduation requirements, fines, and/or materials due.
- Each graduate will be allotted FOUR (4) tickets for family members and guests. Tickets will be distributed May 20, 2021, at the senior checkout.

FINAL EXAMS

- THURSDAY, May 13, 2021 – 3rd and 4th block exams
- FRIDAY, May 14, 2021 – 1st and 2nd block exams

Seniors will be allowed to check out after 2nd block on Friday if a senior contract with parent permission has been turned in BEFORE May 13, 2021. After checking out, seniors must leave campus.

COMMENCEMENT PRACTICES

- Due to COVID restrictions, Osborne will not have a face to face practice. Students will receive information at the Senior Checkout on May 20, 2021. Line up order will be provided when they arrive at commencement on June 4, 2021, at 7:30 AM.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 – Technical Rehearsal at McEachern High School, 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM (for speakers, performers, and stage)
- TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 – STAGE CUE PRACTICE at Osborne Lecture Hall, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (for speakers, performers, and stage)

COMMENCEMENT DAY

- Friday, June 4, 2021, 9:00 AM at Cantrell Stadium, McEachern High School.
- Students need to arrive at McEachern and report to the HPEW gym by 7:30 AM.
- All ticketed guests, including those with disabilities or elderly guests requiring individualized assistance, will enter Cantrell Stadium through the north gate and the west gate located on the north and west sides of the stadium, respectively (labeled as NG and WG on drawings).

- All guests attending commencement, including babies and small children, will need a ticket to enter the venue.
- The gates will open to all guests at 8:00 AM (60 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony).
- Bag checks may be conducted by the CCSD Police Department, as warranted.
- Balloons, posters, selfie sticks, and camera tripods or monopods are not permitted. In addition, any object which obscures the view of others or impacts the safety of others is not allowed in the venue.
- Restitution for any damage to the venue, district property, or vendor property will be the responsibility of the graduate(s) and/or audience who cause the damage.

COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE

Dress for graduates will be as follows:

- Gentlemen
 - Dark or khaki pants and neutral colored shoes with a solid colored dress shirt or collared shirt.
- Ladies
 - Solid colored dresses (length no longer than the gown; collars should not show) or dress slacks, simple small jewelry, and neutral dress shoes. Do not wear high heels due to walking on the turf.
 - Sandals may be worn but must be neutral colored without sparkles/bling.
- Remove your gown from the packaging prior to commencement and hang it up so wrinkles will fall out. Use a cool iron to press, if necessary.
- Caps should be worn flat on top of the head and not at an angle. Tassels should be on the right side of the cap.
- No decoration or writing is permitted on the top of graduation caps.

PARKING

- **GRADUATES** are to park in the Taylor Farm parking lot (labeled GP on the campus map) using the entrance on Brand Road. Graduates should be encouraged to bring/wear comfortable shoes for walking from the Taylor Farm parking lot to the Health, Physical Education, and Wellness Gym (HPEW) and Cantrell Stadium.
- **Guests** will park in any available lot (#1, #2, and #3 on the map) using entrances on New Macland Road and Gaydon Road. Overflow parking will be available off-site. Directions will be available on the district website (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).
- **Guests with disabilities and elderly guests needing individualized assistance** should enter the campus of McEachern High School at either the north entrance on New Macland Road or the northwest entrance on Gaydon Road. Accessible parking (labeled as ADA on the map) will be

available in front of the Performing Arts Center (Labeled as PAC on the campus map). Officers will direct guests to parking.

- Following the ceremony graduates will recess through the north gate to the Band & Drama Building (labeled BD on the campus map). Graduates will then be dismissed to their vehicles to leave campus.
- Audience members will exit Cantrell Stadium via the gates on the north and west sides of the stadium after all graduates have exited. Graduates and audience members will be directed to return to their vehicles to exit the campus following the ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS

- Guests are to remain in their seats throughout the commencement ceremony. Only hand-held cameras that do not block the view of other guests may be used.
- Guests may not walk into the aisles to take photographs.
- We have arranged for *Cady Studios* to take an individual photograph of each graduate. *Cady Studios* will mail each graduate a proof of this photo and ordering information.
- DVDs will be offered for sale through the commencement information page on the district website. Please check www.cobbk12.org/graduation for more details.
- The school district will provide a live webcast of the commencement ceremony. The webcast will be publicly available via the school district website (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Participation in commencement is optional and a privilege. Students must meet all expectations and requirements to participate in the commencement ceremony.
- The School Counseling Office will be closed Monday, May 17, and Tuesday, May 18, so counselors can verify graduation status for all seniors. One of the counselors will contact you if there are any problems with your grades.
- Only school approved cords/stoles may be worn during the ceremony. Cords for honor graduates (students with a non-rounded 3.500 GPA or higher) will be given to students during senior checkout on May 20, 2021.
- Students will not receive their diplomas during the commencement ceremony. Final transcripts are NOT mailed automatically – you must request that one be sent. The cost is \$2.00 per transcript request. This may be done any time through May 14, 2021.
- Diploma pick up will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021, in the front of Osborne High School. Students with the last names beginning with A – L will come to the front lobby from 10:00 am – 12:00 PM for their diplomas, and students with the last names beginning M – Z will pick up their diplomas in the front lobby from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

COMMENCEMENT TIMELINE

May 13, 2021.....3rd and 4th Block Senior Exams

May 14, 2021.....1st and 2nd Block Senior Exams

Permission slips must be on file to check out early.

May 17 & 18, 2021..... No seniors on campus.

May 20, 2021.....Senior Clearance

May 26, 2021.....Technical Rehearsal at McEachern High School,
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM, (for speakers, performers, and stage)

June 1, 2021..... Stage Cue Practice
10:00 AM – 11:45 AM, (for speakers, performers, and stage)

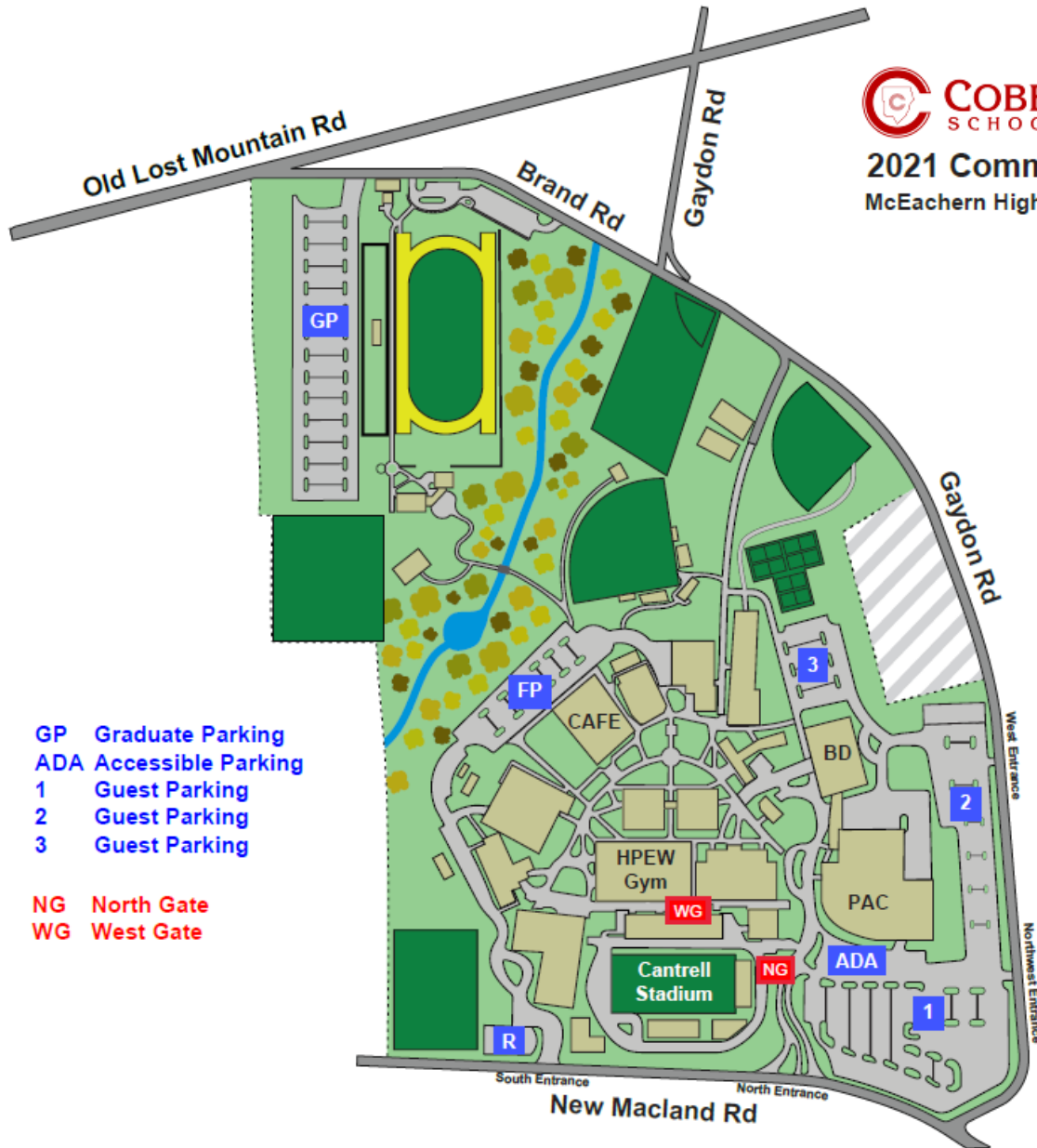
June 4, 2021..... Commencement 9:00 AM
Cantrell Stadium at McEachern High School
Graduates must arrive at the HPEW Gym by 7:30 AM.

June 8, 2021..... Diploma Pickup
Osborne High School Front Lobby
Last Name beginning with A – L 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Last Name beginning with M – Z 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



2021 Commencements

McEachern High School Campus



- GP Graduate Parking
- ADA Accessible Parking
- 1 Guest Parking
- 2 Guest Parking
- 3 Guest Parking

- NG North Gate
- WG West Gate