

# Sprayberry High School

## Class of 2022

### Commencement Information and Schedule of Activities

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 7:00 pm  
Kennesaw State University Convocation Center  
1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144

#### LOCATION OF VENUE AND DIRECTIONS

The Convocation Center is located on the Kennesaw campus of Kennesaw State University at the intersection of I-75 and Chastain Road. From I-75, exit at Chastain Road (Exit 271) and turn west. Go to the first traffic light past the I-75 ramps and turn right onto Frey Road for graduate or guest parking. For accessible and special assistance parking, continue to the second traffic light and turn right on Kennesaw State University Road. Additional approach information and alternate routes are available on the district website at ([www.cobbk12.org/graduation](http://www.cobbk12.org/graduation)).

#### COMMENCEMENT TICKETS

**Tickets are required for all persons entering, regardless of age.** Tickets will not be provided to students who do not participate in the ceremony. Each graduate will receive 8 tickets. Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. There will not be a lottery for extra tickets.

#### SENIOR CLEARANCE

- Monday, May 23, 2022, in the cafeteria from 12:15 PM to 2:30 PM
- 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.
- All students must be cleared of fines. Students with outstanding fees will be prohibited from participating in the ceremony.
- Club sponsors will give club cords and/or stoles directly to students. Cords for honor graduates will be given to students at senior clearance.
- **All seniors are to submit a signed Graduation Contract to the attendance office by the end of school on Friday, April 15, 2022.**

Time	Seniors Whose Last Name begins with the letter:
12:15 PM	A through C
12:45 PM	D through H
1:15 PM	I through M
1:45 PM	N through S
2:15 PM	T through Z

#### FINAL EXAMS

- Thursday, May 12, 2022.....Periods 3, 4
- Friday, May 13, 2022.....Periods 1, 2

- These are regular school days and exams will be given in the regularly scheduled 90 minutes.
- Seniors will be finished after exams on Friday and must exit campus at 11:55 AM.

## **COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE**

- Tuesday, May 24, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM & Wednesday, May 25, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Main Gym
- ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE IS A MANDATORY PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.
- Students must be on time for practices and will not be admitted late.
- Failure to attend a commencement practice will result in a student's removal from the commencement ceremony.
- Cobb County School District policies and Sprayberry High School policies, rules, and regulations (including dress code) are in effect at all commencement practices and at the ceremony itself.
- Students must have met all financial obligations prior to practice.
- Do not bring valuables, purses, or personal items with you to any practice or to the commencement ceremony. There will not be a secure place to leave valuables. Students are responsible for any lost or stolen item(s).

## **COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE**

- A cap and gown must be worn by all graduates. Please press your gown with a cool iron before commencement.
- Women: Wear dark colored dress or dark solid slacks, and black dress shoes with your gown. If you wear a dress, it may not hang below your gown. Please keep in mind all graduates will be walking up and down a set of stairs.
- Men: Wear a white shirt, tie, dark solid slacks, dark dress shoes and socks.
- Mortarboards are to be placed on the top of the head so that the mortarboard is flat on top. Bobby pins are suggested to hold the cap in place. Tassels are to be worn on the RIGHT side of the mortarboard during the ceremony. Please do not decorate your mortarboard.
- Only school approved cords and stoles may be worn at commencement.
- No jeans, shorts, flip-flops, or sport shoes will be allowed for women or men.

## **DAY OF COMMENCEMENT**

- Thursday, May 26, 2022, 7:00 PM – Kennesaw State University Convocation Center
- Graduates will report to Siegel Recreation Center (SRC) at Kennesaw State University by 5:30 PM to line up for commencement.
- Doors will open at 6:00 PM for guests with disabilities and elderly guests requiring assistance. One (1) companion guest may accompany guests.
- Doors will open at 6:15 PM for all other guests.
- Following the ceremony, we ask that all family and friends remain in their seats until the graduates have exited. Graduates will proceed to the Campus Green for the cap toss. This is where they will meet family and friends.

## CONDUCT OF GRADUATES AND GUESTS

- Behavior at the ceremony and practices must be exemplary. Throwing caps is inappropriate, dangerous, and not permitted. Restitution for any damage to the venue, district property, or vendor property will be the responsibility of the graduate or guest who causes said damage.
- Commencement is an optional, dignified, solemn ceremony designed to honor all graduates in the Class of 2022. No individual has the right to disrupt this event.
- Any seniors causing a disturbance or in any way conducting themselves inappropriately during the ceremony will be removed.
- All policies, rules, and regulations of the Cobb County School District and Sprayberry High School will be enforced during the rehearsals and ceremony.
- We ask for the cooperation of all who attend commencement to make this a formal ceremony. Please refrain from inappropriate noise that might detract from the dignity of the ceremony.

## COMMENCEMENT ENTRY

- Tickets:
  - All guests attending commencement, including babies and small children, will need a ticket to enter the venue.
  - Each graduate will receive eight (8) tickets for family members and guests.
  - Tickets will be distributed to each graduate during the last senior practice.
  - Tickets will not be provided to graduates who do not participate in the ceremony.
  - There will not be a lottery for extra tickets.
- Parking:
  - **KSU charges a \$10.00 parking fee per car.** Be prepared to pay with cash. Please bring exact change to enter the lot quickly and keep traffic moving.
  - **Graduates** are to park in the Central Parking Deck. Graduates should be encouraged to wear comfortable shoes for walking from the Central Parking Deck to the Carmichael Student Center (CSC) and the Convocation Center (CC).
  - **Guests** will park in the East Parking Deck and the East Economy Lot (across Frey Road from the East Parking Deck). Overflow parking will be available in the Central Parking Deck.
  - **Guests with disabilities and elderly guests needing individualized assistance** should park in either Lot A or Lot B (as designated on the campus map). Golf carts will run continuously to convey guests to and from the Convocation Center.
- Prohibited Items:
  - Any object which obscures the view or impacts the safety of others is not allowed in any district-managed venue. A complete list of prohibited items is available on the district graduation web page ([www.cobbk12.org/graduation](http://www.cobbk12.org/graduation)).
- Bag Check
  - **Guests entering the venue with a bag MUST have either a CLEAR TOTE or SMALL CLUTCH to be approved for entry into the venue. All bags and packages are subject to inspection by public safety personnel. Diaper bags are permissible when accompanied by an infant and are subject to a bag search. Bags that do not meet these criteria will not be permitted into the venue. Please be aware this will delay your entry into the facility, and we advise arriving early to make sure you are seated for the start of the ceremony. Please DO NOT bring any packages that cannot be opened or inspected.**

## COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS AND DVD SALES

- To maintain the dignity of the ceremony, all guests must remain in their seats throughout the commencement ceremony. Only hand-held cameras that do not block the view of other guests will be allowed into the ceremony. Flash photography is not to be used.
- We have arranged for *Cady Studios* to take an individual photograph of each graduate as they receive their diploma. The graduates will also receive information to access their photo online. Parents and seniors must deal directly with *Cady Studios*.
- Additionally, the ceremony will be professionally video recorded, and a DVD will be offered for sale to seniors and their parents. Information about this service will be provided on the school district website at ([www.cobbk12.org/graduation](http://www.cobbk12.org/graduation)) .

## FLOWER & GIFT SALES

- Flowers and graduation gifts may be purchased from district-approved vendor(s) at district-managed venues. Sales Kiosks will be located in the pre-function areas and/or outside the venue.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Diplomas will be distributed in the attendance office Friday, May 27, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

## QUESTIONS

Please contact Mrs. Graves if you have any questions concerning any commencement information or activities:

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E-MAIL: [Cora.Graves@cobbk12.org](mailto:Cora.Graves@cobbk12.org)

## Graduation Activities

### Thursday, May 12, 2022

Senior Finals 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Block

### Friday, May 13, 2022

Senior Finals 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Block

### Monday, May 23, 2022

12:15 PM to 2:30 PM

Senior Clearance Day (see schedule attached)

Sprayberry High (Cafeteria)

### Tuesday, May 24, 2022

10:45 AM to 11:30 AM

Technical Rehearsal (chorus & speaking participants only)

KSU Convocation Center

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Commencement Practice

Sprayberry High (Gym)

### Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Commencement Practice 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

*Commencement tickets will be distributed at the end of practice.*

### Thursday, May 26, 2022

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Commencement Ceremony at KSU Convocation Center.

Graduates must be in their assigned areas by 5:30 PM. Personal items are not secured. Do not bring any valuables.

### Friday May 27, 2022

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Diploma distribution

Sprayberry HS- Attendance Office

**For additional information and updates, please check the commencement page on the district web site: [www.cobbk12.org/graduation](http://www.cobbk12.org/graduation).**