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SPRAYBERRY HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2026

Commencement Information and Schedule of Activities

Sunday, May 24, 2026

7:30 pm

Kennesaw State University Convocation Center

LOCATION OF VENUE AND DIRECTIONS

- **The Convocation Center is located on the Kennesaw campus of Kennesaw State University** at the intersection of 1-75 and Chastain Road. From 1-75, exit at Chastain Road (Exit 271) and turn west. Go to the first traffic light past the 1-75 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 onto Kennesaw State University Road. Additional information on approaches and alternative routes is available on the district website at www.cobbk12.org/graduation.

FINAL EXAMS

- Monday, May 11, 2026 - 3rd and 4th block exams
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - 1st and 2nd block exams

COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

- **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm in the **Sprayberry High School Main Gym**
 - Honor Cords will be distributed at this practice.
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm in the **Sprayberry High School Main Gym**
 - Commencement tickets will be distributed at this practice.
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**, 10:45 am – 11:15 am **Technical Rehearsal at KSU Convocation Center**
 - Students who are speaking or performing during the commencement ceremony are required to attend.
- All practices are mandatory.
- Board and school policies (such as tobacco and drug/alcohol use, dress code, etc.) will be in effect.

COMMENCEMENT TICKETS

- Tickets will be distributed at the final commencement practice on May 20, 2026.
- All tickets are barcoded and will be scanned upon entry to the venue.
- **ALL** guests attending commencement, including babies and small children, will need a ticket to enter the venue.
- Lost or damaged tickets will not be replaced.
- A photograph of a ticket (including but not limited to images on a cell phone) may not be substituted for a legitimate ticket.

SENIOR CLEARANCE

- All fees for lost or damaged textbooks, media materials, parking, classroom instructional equipment, uniforms (Band, Orchestra, Chorus, ROTC), or any other materials owed to the school must be cleared by May 12, 2026.
- Fines must be paid in cash only! (exact change, please)
- Laptops (with the power cord, laptop bag, and shoulder strap) must be returned to the media center by May 12, 2026.
- All students must be cleared of fines prior to the first commencement practice on May 19, 2026.
- Students with outstanding fees may be prohibited from participating in the commencement ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE

As this is a formal and dignified event, graduate clothing should reflect the same. Men shall not wear shorts, flip-flops, or sandals. For women, although not required, flat shoes are recommended due to the distance graduates will walk from the graduate parking to the line-up room and to the ceremony venue.

- No jeans, shorts, sandals, or sports shoes will be allowed for any student.
- Caps and gowns must be worn by all graduating seniors. Please press your gown before graduation. Do not hem graduation gowns. The cap is worn flat on the head with the point at the center of the forehead and the tassel hanging on the right side. If you have questions concerning the items you have ordered, please visit www.atlgrad.com or call ATL GRAD directly at (404) 615-7702.
- To ensure decorum of the ceremony and to provide consistency among schools, alterations to the cap and gown will not be permitted. **NO DECORATIONS ARE ALLOWED ON THE CAP OR GOWN.** Any student who decorates their cap and/or gown will be required to purchase another one.
- Graduates may **only** wear stoles, cords, and other insignia authorized by the school.
- Honor Cords will be distributed at commencement practice.
- Graduates must contact clubs/organizations/sports team sponsors to confirm additional cords/stoles.

CONDUCT

- All graduates will be expected to sign a contract that defines expectations and behaviors for the Sprayberry High School ceremony.
- Throwing caps in the Convocation Center 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(s) and/or audience member who caused the damage.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

- The commencement ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 24, at 7:30 pm at Kennesaw State University Convocation Center.
- Graduates must arrive at KSU and report to the Siegel Recreation Center with their cap, gown, and tassel by 6:00 pm.
- A designated door will open at 6:30 pm for guests with disabilities and guests requiring individualized assistance. Only one (1) ticketed companion guest will be allowed to accompany guests with disabilities. Individuals requiring a wheelchair must provide their own.
- Doors will open at 6:45 pm for other guests.
- Only ticketed guests will be allowed in the venue. No tickets will be held at the door, so please make sure all guests have their tickets prior to the ceremony.
- Following the ceremony, we ask that all family and friends remain in their seats until all the graduates have recessed out of the building. Graduates will proceed to the Campus Green to meet family and friends.

PARKING




- **KSU charges a \$10.00 parking fee per car.** Be prepared to pay with a credit or debit card.
NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- **Graduates** are to park in the Central Parking Deck. Graduates are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes for walking from the Central Parking Deck to the Siegel Recreation Center (SRC) 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. Golf carts will run continuously to convey guests to and from the Convocation Center.

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

- Diplomas will be distributed on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Main Entrance of Daniell Middle School.
- Graduates must present their student ID to receive their diploma.

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY BAG POLICY

- In accordance with KSU requirements, all persons entering the Convocation Center must pass through metal detection devices. Also, guests entering the Convocation Center with a bag **MUST** use either a **CLEAR TOTE**, **PLASTIC ZIP TOP BAG**, or **SMALL CLUTCH** to be approved for entry into the venue. All bags and packages are subject to inspection by public safety personnel. Please do not bring any packages that cannot be opened or inspected. Also, please allow extra time for entry as there may be delays.

Clear Totes	Plastic Zip Top Bag	Clutch Bag or Small Purse
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Size may not exceed 12"x 6"x 12"Logo may only be on one side of the bagItems in the tote must be looseAll bags are subject to search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Size may not exceed 11" x 11"ResealableClear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Size may not exceed 6.5"x 4.5"May include a handle or strapDoes NOT need to be clearAll bags are subject to search
		

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS/VIDEO SALES/ONLINE STREAMING/FLOWER & GIFT 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 permitted.
- We have arranged for *Cady Studios* to take individual graduate portraits as they receive their diploma. The graduates will also receive information to access their photo online. Parents and graduates must deal directly with *Cady Studios*.
- Video sales will be available online on the Cobb County School District graduation page (www.cobbk12.org/graduation). The district will provide a link for the sale of videos on this web page.
- CCSD will provide a live webcast of the commencement ceremony, which will be publicly available via the school district website (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).
- Flowers and graduation gifts may be purchased from district-approved vendors at district-managed venues. Sales Kiosks will be in the pre-function areas and/or outside the venue.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Any object that obscures the view or impacts the safety of others is not allowed in any district-managed venue.
- KSU will only allow for clear, empty water bottles inside of the facility. These may be refilled at stations inside the venue.
- A complete list of prohibited items is available on the district graduation web page (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The School Counseling Office will be closed May 13-15, 2026, so counselors can verify graduation status for all seniors. A school counselor will contact you if there are any problems with final grades.

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

7:00 pm

Baccalaureate – Unity North Church

*This is not a school-sponsored event; therefore, it is not mandatory.

Monday, May 11, 2026

Senior Finals: 3rd and 4th Blocks

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Senior Finals: 1st and 2nd Blocks

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

All fines must be cleared, and all CCSD-owned items must be returned.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Commencement Practice Sprayberry High School Gym

*Honor cords will be distributed at this practice.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

10:45 am

Technical Rehearsal (Chorus & Speaking participants only) KSU Convocation Center

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12:30 pm- 2:30 pm

Commencement Practice Sprayberry High School Gym

*Tickets will be distributed at this practice.

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Mandatory Line-Up at KSU's Siegel Recreation Center promptly at 6:00 pm. Come dressed for the ceremony, as there will be no time to change into your commencement attire. Commencement begins promptly at 7:30 pm at Kennesaw State University's Convocation Center. Personal items will not be secured. Do not bring any valuables.

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Diploma distribution - Main Entrance of Daniell Middle School

For additional information and updates, please check the commencement link on the district website:
www.cobbk12.org/graduation.



HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026 COMMENCEMENT CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BY MAY 12, 2026. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE CLEARED AND MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT WITHOUT A SIGNED CONTRACT.

We (student & parent) understand that to participate in the commencement ceremony these requirements must be met:

1. The student will attend the mandatory commencement practices and will follow all rules and policies for the school activity. Behaviors that detract from the integrity of the commencement ceremony will not be tolerated.
2. All financial obligations must be cleared by May 16, 2026. This includes, but is not limited to, return of textbooks, media center materials, CCSD-issued laptops, and school issued uniforms and fine arts equipment. It also includes but is not limited to payment for lost textbooks, parking fines, athletic and/or fine arts equipment and uniforms, as well as CCSD-issued technology. We ask that you turn in textbooks upon completion of your final exam or earlier. If you fail to resolve lost items and/or fines, you will be unable to participate in the commencement ceremony and could have your diploma withheld.
3. This commencement is a formal ceremony and any disruptive behavior at the ceremony will result in the student being removed from the ceremony and will result in a delay of the receipt of the student's diploma.
4. A student may be denied the opportunity to participate in the ceremony if he/she is involved in any serious discipline event during the remainder of the 2026 school year.
5. Students will be expected to follow the dress guidelines and all Cobb County School District policies. Any student improperly dressed for the ceremony will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

Print student's name and ID#

Student's signature Date

Parent's or Guardian's signature Date

Senior Final Exams will be administered on Monday, May 11, and Tuesday, May 12, during your regularly scheduled class periods.