

# South Cobb High School

## Class of 2026

### Commencement Information and Schedule of Activities

Tuesday, May 19, 3:30 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 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 will be distributed to each graduate during commencement practice on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Tickets will not be distributed to students who choose not to participate in the ceremony.
- All guests attending commencement, including babies and toddlers, will need a ticket.
- A photograph of a ticket (including but not limited to images on a cell phone) cannot be substituted for a legitimate ticket.
- Lost or damaged tickets will not be replaced.

#### SENIOR CLEARANCE

- All fees for media materials, parking, classroom instructional resources, uniforms, or any other fees owed to the school must be cleared by Friday, May 8, 2026.
- Fees must be paid via MyPaymentsPlus. Laptops (including power cord, laptop bag, and shoulder strap) must be returned to the Media Center.

#### FINAL EXAMS

- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> block exams
- Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> block exams

#### COMMENCEMENT PRACTICE

- Thursday, May 14, 2026, 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM - South Cobb High School Arena
- Friday, May 15, 2026, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM - South Cobb High School Arena
- Monday, May 18, 2026, 12:00 PM– KSU Convocation Center – Technical Rehearsal (individuals with speaking or performance parts only)
- Commencement Ceremony practices are mandatory.
- All policies, rules, and regulations of the Cobb County School District and South Cobb High School will be enforced.
- No food or drink will be allowed during practices.

- Commencement tickets and honor cords will be distributed at the final practice. Graduates must contact club/organization sponsors to confirm additional cords/stoles.

### **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 graduate parking to the line-up room and to the ceremony venue.

- Recommended attire for graduates will be as follows:
  - Dark pants, dark dress shoes, dark socks, white dress shirt, and dark tie
  - Solid colored dress or skirt (length no longer than the gown; collars should not show), blouse, and dark color dress shoes
  - Simple small jewelry (no necklaces)
- Each student must wear a current commencement gown with a matching mortarboard and tassel. If you have questions concerning the items you have ordered, please visit [www.atlgrad.com](http://www.atlgrad.com) or call ATL Grad directly at (404) 615-7702.
- Caps 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.
- To ensure the decorum of the ceremony and to provide consistency among schools, alterations to the mortarboard and gown will not be permitted. Graduates may only wear stoles, cords, and other insignia authorized by the school.

### **COMMENCEMENT DAY**

- Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 3:30 PM - Kennesaw State University Convocation Center
- Graduates will report to KSU's Siegel Recreation Center at 2:00 PM with their cap, gown, and tassel.
- Graduates should not have any bags of any kind as there is no place to store personal items.
- Doors will open at 2:45 PM for guests. A designated door will open at 2:30 PM for guests with disabilities and guests requiring individualized assistance.
- Individuals requiring a wheelchair must provide their own.
- In accordance with KSU requirements, all guests must pass through a metal detection device.
- Following the ceremony, graduates and families will meet on the Campus Green in front of the Convocation Center for family gatherings and photographs.

### **CONDUCT OF GRADUATES AND GUESTS**

- All graduates will be expected to sign a contract that defines expectations and behaviors for the South Cobb High School ceremony.
- Behavior at the ceremony and practices must be exemplary. Throwing caps in the KSU Convocation Center is inappropriate, dangerous, and not permitted. Restitution for any damage to the venue or district 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. No individual has the right to disrupt the event.
- Any graduate or guest causing a disturbance or in any way conducting themselves inappropriately during the ceremony will be removed.




- All policies, rules, and regulations of Cobb County School District and South Cobb High School will be enforced during the ceremony.
- We ask the cooperation of all who attend commencement to make this a dignified ceremony. Please refrain from inappropriate noise that might detract from the dignity of the ceremony.

**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)).
- KSU will only allow for clear, empty water bottles inside of the facility. These may be refilled at stations inside the venue.

**CLEAR BAG POLICY**

- In accordance with Kennesaw State University requirements, all persons entering the Convocation Center must pass through metal detection devices. Also, guests entering the facility with a bag **MUST** use either a CLEAR TOTE, PLASTIC ZIP TOP BAG, or SMALL CLUTCH to be approved for entry into the venue. Please do not bring any packages that cannot be opened or inspected. Also, please allow extra time for entry as there may be delays.
- KSU requires that all persons entering the facility must submit all bags for inspection by public safety personnel.
- Please see the description provided regarding clear totes, plastic zip top bags, and small clutches.

Clear Totes	Plastic Zip Top Bag	Clutch Bag or Small Purse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size may not exceed 12"x 6"x 12"</li> <li>• Logo may only be on one side of the bag</li> <li>• Items in the tote must be loose</li> <li>• All bags are subject to search</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size may not exceed 11" x 11"</li> <li>• Resealable</li> <li>• Clear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size may not exceed 6.5"x 4.5"</li> <li>• May include a handle or strap</li> <li>• Does NOT need to be clear</li> <li>• All bags are subject to search</li> </ul>
		

**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 move into the aisles to take photographs.
- Commencement photos will be available for order at [cadystudios.com](http://cadystudios.com).

**VIDEO SALES**

- Video sales will be made available online on the district graduation page ([www.cobbk12.org/graduation](http://www.cobbk12.org/graduation)) and can be ordered in the atrium of the Convocation Center.

## **FLOWER/GIFT SALES**

- Flowers and other graduation gifts will be available for purchase in the Atrium (lobby) and/or outside the venue both before and after the ceremony.

## **PARKING**

- KSU charges a parking fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Graduates and guests should be prepared to pay with credit/debit cards.
- Graduates are to park in the Central Parking Deck.
- 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.

## **DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION**

- Tuesday, May 26th 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- Please bring photo identification.
- Other students may not pick up a graduate's diploma, and diplomas cannot be mailed to graduates.
- For diplomas not picked up on the days listed, an alternate summer schedule will be available on the school's website.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Participation in the ceremony is optional and a privilege. Students must meet all expectations and requirements to participate.
- Students are identified as honor graduates if they have a minimum, unrounded 3.500 GPA.
- The Cobb County School District will provide a live webcast of the commencement ceremony that will be available via the district website at [www.cobbk12.org/graduation](http://www.cobbk12.org/graduation).
- Final transcripts are not mailed automatically to the college of choice. Graduates must request that one be sent.
- If you have any questions, please contact Sonya Cook (Graduation Administrator) at [sonya.cook@cobbk12.org](mailto:sonya.cook@cobbk12.org)

# Commencement Events

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Tuesday	May 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Block Senior Final Exams
Wednesday	May 6	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block Senior Final Exams
Friday	May 8	Senior Clearance - Deadline for clearing all outstanding fees. This includes (but is not limited to) athletic fees, parking tickets, and Media Center fines.
Thursday	May 14	Commencement Practice #1 (8:30 AM – 11:00 AM) SCHS Arena
Friday	May 15	Commencement Practice #2 (8:30 AM – 11:00 AM) SCHS Arena Tickets and honor cords distributed at the end of practice.
Monday	May 18	Technical Rehearsal, 12:00 PM, Kennesaw State University Convocation Center. Speakers and performers only.
Tuesday	May 19	Commencement Ceremony, 3:30 PM, KSU Convocation Center. Students must be at the Siegel Recreation Center by 2:00 PM.
Tuesday	May 26	Diploma Distribution - May 26 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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



## HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026 COMMENCEMENT CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>. 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 8, 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.

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Print student's name and ID#

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Student's signature Date

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Parent's or Guardian's signature Date

Senior Final Exams will be administered on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, during your regularly scheduled class periods