

Graduation 2024 Frequently Asked Questions

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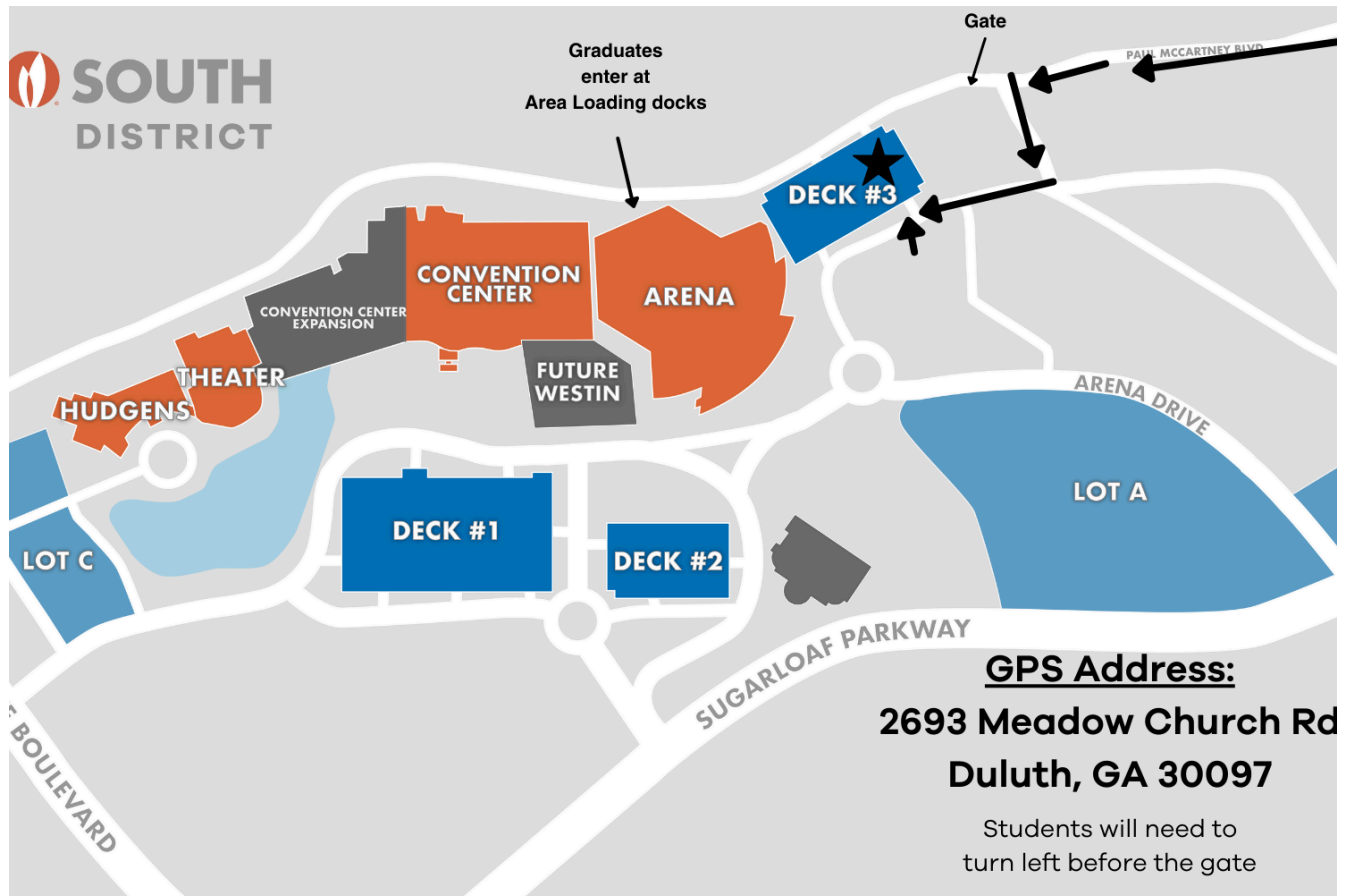
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When and where is the ceremony being held?

- Gas South Arena - 6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Duluth, GA on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

What time should seniors arrive and what items are permitted in the arena for seniors?

- Arrive by 5:30 p.m.; Arena staff will direct you where to park. **The map below is for graduates only (not guests).**



- **Graduates cannot bring any items in the arena with them besides car keys** (this means no cell phones, bags, etc.). If a senior brings any other items besides car keys, these items will be collected and can be picked up at Lambert's Main Office on Monday, May 20th. Again, no cell phones, wearable technology (smartwatch, wireless headphones, airpods, etc), purses, etc. There are metal detectors - leave your phone and your wearable technology at home or in your car! All graduates will be screened by security as they enter the arena.

What should students wear with their gown?

- Bring a college or military hat to the graduation to wear after tossing your cap at the end of the ceremony
- Cap & gown: only one tassel on the cap, and gown will be required to be fully zipped
- **Males:** Dark-colored pants and shoes, white shirt with tie; no jeans
- **Females:** Dress, skirt, or dress pants; dark shoes that are comfortable; no jeans
- Only approved cords/stoles that you receive from honor societies or school clubs are allowed
- Do NOT decorate your cap

When will graduation caps and gowns be distributed?

- Cap & gown distribution for seniors will be held at our Graduation Practice/Senior Send-Off event on **Friday, May 3, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** in the LHS Gymnasium. The cap & gown will only be released to graduating seniors.
 - After Friday, May 3rd you can pick up your cap & gown in the LHS main office

What can we do to help the pronunciation of the student's name at graduation?

- Fill out [THIS FORM](#) - Students will need to be logged into their Forsyth google account to access the survey! **The form will be closed on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.**

When can parents/guests arrive and how do they pay for parking?

- Arena doors will open to guests at 6:30 p.m.; seating is first come, first serve but all seats provide a good view of the ceremony
- **PARKING:** Guest parking at the arena is \$10 and must be paid in advance. Graduates do not need to pay for parking; only guests. Please click on the following link to pay for parking NOW: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/0E006057069765EB?brand=gassouthdistrict>. The link to pay for parking in advance will expire on May 18, 2024 (the day before the ceremony).
- No noisemakers, balloons, banners, etc. All guests will be required to pass through metal detectors.
- Lines will begin to form at the main doors before 6:30 p.m.

How many tickets will each senior receive for the graduation ceremony & who needs a ticket?

- Each senior will receive ten (10) tickets at the Graduation Practice/Senior Send-Off Celebration on **Friday, May 3rd at 11:00am**. Extra tickets are not available. **Guests that are 3 years old and older must have a ticket (2 years old and younger, do not need a ticket).**

Where do seniors meet up with their family and friends after the ceremony?

- Please be aware that seniors will not have their cell phones during the ceremony. Therefore, we strongly suggest that you designate a meeting location with your senior before the day of the ceremony. Graduates will meet up with families at the designated signs (by letters of the alphabet) after the ceremony - look for the signs outside of the arena after the ceremony.

When will seniors receive their diplomas?

- Diplomas will be distributed during the graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

How do I qualify for a Pathway medallion and pin to wear at graduation?

- Seniors may be eligible to earn a medallion and pin for graduation in the following areas: Advanced Academic, Fine Arts, World Language, and/or Career Tech. Interested seniors must complete a Pathway Verification Form available at this link <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/53924> and then submit the completed form to their honor society sponsor no later than **Friday, April 12, 2024 at 3:30 pm**.

When is the mandatory Graduation Practice and Senior Send-Off?

- The mandatory Graduation Practice will be held at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 3rd** in the LHS gymnasium. The Senior Send-Off celebration will follow immediately after with food trucks, music, etc. **The 2 steps below must be completed prior to Graduation Practice.**

Step #1 – All seniors must complete the mandatory Senior Survey by Friday, April 26th at this link: <https://forms.gle/p2qM3JEqZC9mEWK18>

Step #2 - Seniors attending a 4-year or 2-year college this fall, please visit the following Parchment link to send your final high school transcript to the college (be sure to select “Hold for grades”): <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/195300/account>

Please see below for the GRADUATION SPECTATORS PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Weapons of any kind
- Backpacks, bags, briefcases, or purses (Gas South District has implemented a clear bag policy. https://www.gassouthdistrict.com/assets/img/Clear-Bag-Policy_8.5x11-176a0cfd37.png).
- Electronic devices larger than a cell phone (e.g. laptops, iPads, or other tablets)
- Cameras with detachable lenses (As a general rule, if a camera cannot fit in your pocket, please refrain from bringing it.)
- Video cameras, including GoPro cameras and audio recording devices
- Selfie-sticks
- Signs on sticks or oversized signs (no larger than 8.5” x 11”)
- Coolers or outside food/beverage
- Smoking of any kind, including but not limited to tobacco, vapor, or e-cigarettes
- Illegal drugs
- Laser pointers
- Mace or pepper spray
- Spiked or studded jewelry
- Apparel with explicit wording or pictures
- Crowd Surfing
- Hoverboards
- Balloons
- Stickers
- Umbrellas over 24” long (may be checked at Guest Services)
- Strollers (may be checked at Guest Services)
- Animals (service animals are permitted)

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