



May 2019 High School Commencement Ceremonies

High School Name	Graduation Venue	Date	Time
Avon Lenox School	Avon Lenox School	22-May	7:00 PM
Bolton	Bellevue Church	18-May	9:00 AM
Booker T. Washington	Orpheum Theater	18-May	10:00 AM
Central	FedEx Forum <i>(please read pages 2-3)</i>	May 18 or 19	10:00 AM
Cordova	Hope Church	18-May	10:00 AM
Craigmont	University of Memphis	19-May	1:00 PM
Douglass	University of Memphis	19-May	5:00 PM
East	Cannon Center	22-May	6:00 PM
Germantown	Bellevue Church	18-May	2:00 PM
Hamilton	Cannon Center	18-May	1:00 PM
Hollis F. Price Middle College	LeMoyne Owen College	18-May	9:00 AM
Kingsbury	Hope Church	20-May	7:00 PM
Kirby	Cannon Center	17-May	6:00 PM
Manassas	Orpheum Theater	18-May	1:30 PM
Melrose	Cannon Center	21-May	6:00 PM
Memphis Virtual School	Hamilton High School Auditorium	23-May	6:00 PM
Middle College	Orpheum Theater	18-May	5:00 PM
Mitchell	Cannon Center	19-May	12:00 PM
Northwest Prep	Cannon Center	20-May	6:00 PM
Oakhaven	Orpheum Theater	19-May	1:00 PM
Overton	Hope Church	21-May	7:00 PM
Raleigh-Egypt	Orpheum Theater	19-May	5:00 PM
Ridgeway	FedEx Forum <i>(please read pages 2-3)</i>	May 18 or 19	2:00 PM
Sheffield	Cannon Center	23-May	6:00 PM
Shrine School	No 2019 Ceremony		
Southwind	Cannon Center	18-May	9:00 AM
Trezevant	Cannon Center	19-May	4:00 PM
Westwood	Mt. Vernon Church Westwood	18-May	12:00 PM
White Station	FedEx Forum <i>(please read pages 2-3)</i>	May 20 or 21	6:00 PM
Whitehaven	FedEx Forum <i>(please read pages 2-3)</i>	May 18 or 19	6:00 PM
Wooddale	Wooddale High School Auditorium	25-May	10:00 AM



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ACADEMIC OPERATIONS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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From:  Joris M. Ray, Ed.D., Chief
Academic Operations and School Support

To: School Leaders, Parents, Guardians and 2019 Graduates

RE: SCS Commencements at FedEx Forum May 2019

High School	Commencement Date	Commencement Backup Date	Time
Central	May 18	May 19	10:00 AM
Ridgeway	May 18	May 19	2:00 PM
Whitehaven	May 18	May 19	6:00 PM
White Station	May 20	May 21	6:00 PM

Possible Date Change

In May 2019, several SCS high schools will have commencement ceremonies at FedEx Forum. Please share the commencement date and backup date with all guests. The actual commencement date is pending further information regarding the National Basketball Association (NBA) playoff schedule. SCS high school graduations coincide with the time of year when the NBA has first hold on all dates at FedEx Forum. Since teams never play a game two days in a row, SCS has a second hold and we are assured one of the two dates noted above. **We will provide an update when playoffs are determined in April 2019.** If the Grizzlies have a spectacular season and make the post-season playoffs, the commencement date may be affected. This would be a result of the NBA determining if Grizzlies would host a home-playoff game on the same day as graduation. With this in mind, SCS has worked with the FedEx Forum to determine a commencement date and an alternate date in the case of a home playoff game.

Invitations and Announcements

This advanced notice is shared so graduates and guests can plan accordingly. Please include the commencement date and backup date on your announcements, invitations and communications to your guests (see sample on page 3). SCS will print tickets with the actual date once FedEx Forum and Grizzlies management provide a confirmation.

Why FedEx Forum

Due to renovations at Memphis Cook Convention Center, some areas of the building will not be available. The restricted access posed challenges for large crowds. We considered several venues before selecting the one we believed most amenable to your school's requests, graduates and guests. FedEx Forum is the largest indoor facility in the city with seating capacity to accommodate the schools that previously used Cook Convention Center. We were hesitant because they could not grant us a firm date, but it was the best option.

Congratulations on achieving this milestone. We look forward to supporting you on your momentous day in May. Please sign to acknowledge awareness of the two possible commencement dates for your school.

Student sign

Student print name

Date

Parent or guardian sign

Parent or guardian print name

Date

Announcement Sample



Announcing the graduation of

Outstanding Students

*Your High School
Commencement Date May xx, 2019**

Time

FedEx Forum

191 Beale Street, Memphis, TN 38103

***Backup date May xx, 2019 at same time ~ Please keep both dates open.**

Thank you.