



Douglas Byrd High School

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Fayetteville, NC 28304

Dr. Taylor, Principal

March 13, 2018

Dear Student,

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! The time has come and graduation is upon us. The information below will provide you with all the need to know dates and times for upcoming graduation events.

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| ❖ Graduation Practice | TBA | TBA - DBHS |
| ❖ Dress Rehearsal | 8:00 a.m. | June 8, 2018 – Crown Coliseum |
| ❖ Graduation Ceremony | 8:00 a.m. | June 12, 2018 – Crown Coliseum |

Please note:

- ❖ Graduates are expected to bring cap and gown for the dress rehearsal and arrive by 7:30 a.m. Practice will begin promptly at 8 a.m.
- ❖ Graduates must be in graduation attire for the rehearsal. Graduation photos will be taken at the dress rehearsal.
- ❖ Parents/family are **NOT** allowed to attend any rehearsals.
- ❖ On graduation day, graduates must be at the Coliseum **NO LATER THAN 7:15 a.m.** This allows time for students to check-in and line up correctly.
- ❖ Graduates must carry their cap and gown into the building. They will be allowed to put them on after the metal detector screening.
- ❖ Students should only bring car keys to rehearsal and graduation. The Crown is not responsible for lost or stolen items. There will be no place to store personal items.
- ❖ Parents, friends, and family will **NOT** be able to meet with graduates inside the facility due to limited turnaround times between graduations. It is important to respect other schools' time and exit the Crown quickly and quietly.
- ❖ Guests are asked to hold their applause and cheers until **ALL** names are called to ensure the next family can hear their graduate's name being announced.
 - **Yelling for graduates during the ceremony will result in the student's diploma being held.**
- ❖ Each student will be given 10 tickets for graduation during the last practice.
 - Extra tickets can be earned by volunteering to proctor during final exams. Contact Ms. Johnson for more information.
 - Everyone **MUST** have a ticket, including babies. Guests that do not have a ticket will **NOT** be admitted into the Crown.

I look forward to seeing you at graduation. If you have any questions, please contact me at 910.484.8121, ext. 713. Thank you.

Best Wishes,

Temple L. Walls

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School Counselor/Graduation Coordinator

Graduate and Guest Parking Information

1. In order to avoid traffic congestion and delays, please refer to the chart below with the designated parking lot assignments. Crown parking attendants will direct the traffic flow. The auditorium and arena parking lots will be used for overflow parking.

| School | Graduate Parking | Guest Parking |
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| Douglas Byrd | South Parking Lot | East Parking Lot |

2. Instructions for South & East Parking Lots:
 - Use East Mountain Drive for entrance to the South & East parking lots.
 - Graduates parking in the South Lot will enter through the Expo Center Main Entrance; staging will be in Section C.
 - Parents/guests will park in the East Lot to enter the Crown Coliseum through the East Ticket Entrance.
 - Graduates will depart through Section B of the Expo Center and exit through the Expo Main Entrance to access the South Lot. Parents and guests will exit through the East Entrance to return to the East Lot.
3. Doors will open one hour prior to Graduation. Guests should plan to arrive early to avoid delays in traffic.
4. **No umbrellas, balloons, stuffed toys, flowers, wrapped or unwrapped gifts will be permitted inside the facility.**
5. **All guests (including babies) must have a ticket. Once a guest has been ejected from the Crown, he/she will be escorted to their vehicle and told to leave the premises.**
6. **Graduates must carry their caps and gowns – they cannot be worn prior to the security screening. EVERYONE entering the building will be screened by the metal detectors.**
7. All schools will allow guests to bring cameras for pictures and videos. Camera/video cases will be subject to search upon entry to the premises. Guests making videos must do so while seated. There will be no standing at the seats or in the aisles. Guests with tripods or larger video cameras may set up on the concourse area that overlooks guest seating.

2018 Graduation Dress Code

Male Graduates

- Black dress pants
- White shirt with a tie
- Black dress shoes
- Black socks



Female Graduates

- Black or White dress
(No longer than graduation gown)
- Black skirt and white top
- Black dress pants and white top
- Black dress shoes
(Sandals must have strap; Heels 3 inches or shorter)