

# Perry High School Graduation Information

Saturday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Reaves Arena

Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter

Perry High School



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
READ INSTRUCTIONS  
CAREFULLY**



# FINES

- Seniors must clear all outstanding fines to the school by **Wednesday, May 17.**
- See Mrs. Cassandra Dixon in the front office
- Any outstanding fines on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> will restrict a student from participating in the graduation ceremony.

# Honor Graduates Ceremony

Honor Graduate Ceremony

Thursday, May 18, 2023

6:00 p.m.

PHS Competition Gym

- Honor Graduates Ceremony rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 1:05 p.m. (6<sup>th</sup> period) in the PHS Competition Gym. Please report to the gym when the 6<sup>th</sup> period bell rings.
- *Distance Learners who plan to participate need to attend the rehearsal.*
- Attire for the Honor Graduate Ceremony is graduation gown and stole, no cap.



# Honor Graduates Scholarship Information Survey

- Please provide your plans after graduation as well as any academic and/or athletic scholarships you have received by Thursday, May 11.
- Scan the QR code or go to the link below:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/m09v4iA4mP>

2023 Honor Graduate Scholarship  
Recipient and Future Plans Form



# Graduation Practice

Graduation Practice: Thursday, May 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Reaves Arena

Georgia National Fairgrounds

401 Larry Walker Parkway

Perry, Georgia

- Seniors report to Reaves Arena at 2:45 p.m. When you arrive, please wait outside of Reaves Arena until 2:50 p.m.
- Enter and Park in the North Gate parking lot.

**Graduation practice is MANDATORY. Students will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony without attending practice.**

# Graduation Ceremony

Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Reaves Arena

Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricultural Center

401 Larry Walker Parkway

Perry, Georgia 31069

- Seniors must arrive at 2:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Building, located behind Reaves Arena.
- Enter through the NORTH GATE and park in the NORTH GATE parking lot.
- Traffic will be heavy. PLAN ACCORDINGLY. Allow enough time to arrive before 2:30 p.m.
- Please leave phones, purses, book bags, and all valuables with your family. You will not be permitted to carry these items in the ceremony.



# PHS Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony Dress Code

Graduation Gown and Cap with Tassel

**NO DECORATIONS ARE ALLOWED ON CAPS OR TASSELS**  
**NO MONEY LEIS**

## Female Attire:

Dark color dresses, skirts,  
blouses, or rompers (Dresses  
must not exceed length of  
graduation gown)  
Dark color pants are  
permitted.  
Sandals are permitted.  
NO flip flops  
NO capri pants  
NO jeans  
NO tennis shoes, Chucks, or  
Crocs  
NO stiletto heels

## Male Attire:

Pants (Khakis are permitted)  
White collar shirt  
Dark tie or bow tie  
Boots are permitted  
NO shorts  
NO jeans  
NO T-Shirts  
NO tennis shoes  
NO flip flops  
NO hats  
NO Crocs, Chucks



**ONLY approved honor medals, honor cords, and co-curricular cords are permitted.**

If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Hudson in the counseling office.



# Approved Cords for Graduation

## HONOR CORDS

Blue & Gold  
National Honor Society

Green  
AP Award with Distinction

Black & Gold  
Beta Club

Purple and White  
National Technical Honor Society

Silver  
Fine Arts Honor

Multi-Color  
National Art Honor Society

White  
AP Award

Silver and White  
CTAE

Navy and Gold  
Golden Eagle

## Other Approved Co-Curricular Cords

Eagle Scout or Girl Scouts

Georgia Scholars

Military Stoles

American Red Cross

*If you have questions about cords, please contact the  
counseling office.*

# PROPER WAY TO WEAR REGALIA FOR GRADUATION

## Graduation Attire:

- Gown
- Stole - PHS "P" Gold Hood
- Cords
- Honors medallion
- Approved academic honor and co-curricular cords
- Cap - NO DECORATIONS ALLOWED ON TOP OF CAP
- Tassel (worn on the right side of the cap)



# Behavior and Expectations

- Graduation is a dignified, formal celebratory event which honors the hard work and sacrifice of each student and their families.
- NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED during the graduation ceremony.
- Dress code is strictly enforced at graduation practice as well as the graduation ceremony. Any student who does not adhere to the dress code will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- The rules and regulations outlined in the HCBOE will be enforced. Students who choose not to abide by these rules may be escorted from the arena and not allowed to participate in the graduation commencement.

We expect our seniors to represent Perry High School with respect and dignity.  
Perry Panthers take PRIDE in EVERYTHING THEY DO!



# HCBOE Graduation Decorum Letter



Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Mark Scott

**Board Members**

Helen Hughes, Chair  
Dr. Rick Unruh, Vice Chair  
Dave Crockett  
Mark Ivory

Lori Johnson  
Jon Nichols  
Bryan Upshaw

Dear Parents:

The Houston County School District would like to express our sincere congratulations to you and your graduating senior as they approach yet another milestone on the road to adulthood. This is an exciting time, and you should feel very proud of your graduate's accomplishments.

Because the high school graduation ceremony is usually the first formal, dignified occasion in which most teenagers participate, we would appreciate your efforts in reviewing a few points of decorum regarding this event. School administrators and teachers will address these concerns, but parental influence is much more powerful during this time of celebration.

We need your help to ensure that the ceremony is solemn and dignified. Students should arrive promptly at the designated location and line up so that they can enter the area in a calm and orderly manner. Family members should plan to arrive no earlier than one hour prior to the ceremony. Please provide yourself time to park and find your seats prior to the ceremony. The ceremony will begin promptly at the specified time. We ask that everyone be seated once the Senior Processional begins. Additionally, the ceremony for each high school will be live streamed. The streaming link may be accessed on the district website, [www.hcbe.net](http://www.hcbe.net).

Seniors, their families, and friends should show respect for all graduates both before and after receiving their diplomas. The time for celebration is after the ceremony, when students can enjoy the company of their families and friends. Any individuals involved with disrupting the ceremony will be escorted from the ceremony.

Each graduate will receive twelve tickets for their respective graduation ceremony. Graduates will be provided additional school-specific information. We look forward to joining you in congratulating each of our graduates. This occasion is a joyous one, and we want everyone to participate in this celebration in a positive manner. Your assistance in making your child aware of the significance of the graduation ceremony will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Mark Scott**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Dr. Cheryl Thomas**  
Assistant Superintendent

**Mrs. Markeeta Clayton**  
Northside High School Principal

**Mr. Chris McCook**  
Warner Robins High School Principal

**Dr. Richard Rogers**  
Deputy Superintendent

**Dr. Douglas Rizer**  
Houston County High School Principal

**Mr. Wesley D. Martin**  
Perry High School Principal

**Dr. Amy Barbour**  
Veterans High School Principal

# Event Procedures for Personal Items

## NOW ALLOWED



## SUBJECT TO INSPECTION



**1 SMALL PURSE**  
no larger than 4.5" x 6.5"



**DIAPER BAG**  
age-appropriate child  
must be present



**STADIUM SEAT**  
cushions or seats with backs



**CAMERA OR  
BINOCULARS**  
without a case



**MEDICAL BAG**



**BLANKET**

**NO UMBRELLAS**  
**NO BALLOONS**  
**NO NOISEMAKERS**

**NO SIGNS**  
**NO FLOWERS**  
**NO WEAPONS**

All items are subject to inspection by security personnel. Alcohol and other non-permissible items will be prevented from being carried into the stadium. Fans will be asked to take prohibited items back to their car or dispose of them properly.

### Prohibited Bags:

- Large purses
- Backpacks
- Fanny packs
- Sling bags
- Camera bags
- Binocular cases
- Duffel bags
- Mesh bags
- Briefcases
- Any other non-allowable bags

### Other prohibited Items:

- Coolers (hard and soft)
- Laser pointers
- Weapons
- Drugs and/or alcohol
- Outside food or drink

# Graduation Practice and Graduation Ceremony Parking Instructions

## Graduation Practice

Thursday, May 25 at 3:00 p.m.

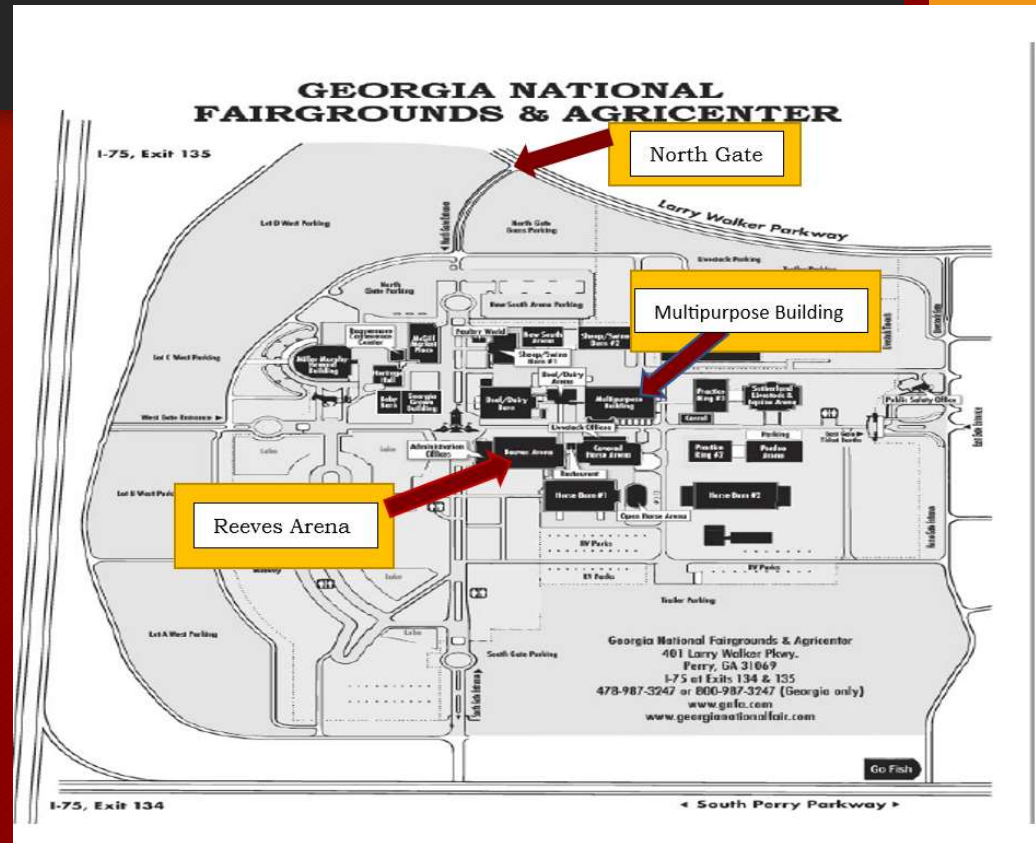
Seniors enter the **NORTH GATE** and park in the **NORTH GATE** parking lot

## Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, May 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Seniors and Parents enter the **NORTH GATE** and park in the **NORTH GATE** parking lot

Seniors Meet in the Multipurpose Building at 2:30 p.m.





# Graduation Ticket Distribution

**Graduation Ticket Distribution**  
**Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:30 -5:00 p.m.**  
**PHS Commons Area**

- Each graduate will receive twelve (12) tickets
- Only graduates or a parent/guardian listed on Infinite Campus can pick up tickets.
- Please bring a valid photo ID



# QUESTIONS

## Graduation Procedures and Expectations

Melanie Hudson at [melanie.hudson@hcbe.net](mailto:melanie.hudson@hcbe.net)

Ext 2849

Dr. Arthur Billings at [arthur.billings@hcbe.net](mailto:arthur.billings@hcbe.net)

Ext. 2873

## Senior Obligations (Fines)

Cassandra Dixon at [Cassandra.Dixon@hcbe.net](mailto:Cassandra.Dixon@hcbe.net)

## Graduation Status

Contact Counseling Office

478-988-6298

## Pronunciation of Name

Nicole Stone at [nicole.stone@hcbe.net](mailto:nicole.stone@hcbe.net)

Ext. 2866

We look forward to celebrating our Perry Graduates!