

This week's update provides additional details on plans for the end of this school year, graduation schedules, and initial planning for the fall. As the COVID-19 pandemic remains a fluid situation, Gwinnett County Public Schools will continue to communicate information to families through the last day of digital learning on May 20.

End-of-year activities: Students returning books, computers, etc., and picking up belongings and yearbooks

At this time, schools are developing plans for allowing students to return to the school building to gather personal items and return school-owned items. This will take place during the **weeks of May 18 and May 25**. These plans will take into consideration physical distancing and will limit the number of people in the building at one time. Each school will communicate its process directly to parents.

Plans for next school year

As GCPS makes plans for the end of this very unusual school year, district leaders are looking ahead to the fall. Ongoing concerns about COVID-19 and speculation about its impact on reopening schools could affect the start of the 2020–21 school year. **No decisions have been made on when school will begin in the fall.** but possible options include:

- Follow the existing calendar for the 2020–21 school year, which is very similar to this year's calendar. (This calendar is published on the GCPS website.) School would begin on Wednesday, **Aug. 5**, and end on Wednesday, **May 26**.
- Begin the year on **Aug. 5** with **digital learning**, providing small-group, in-school opportunities for new students and kindergartners to introduce our digital learning platform and provide in-class support for students in grades 1–3.
- **Follow an alternate calendar** for 2020–21 that calls for school to start after Labor Day and end in mid-June. This calendar would include a weeklong Thanksgiving Break, a 10-day Winter Break, and a weeklong Spring Break.

Summer School

- GCPS will **not** offer face-to-face summer school options during **June**. High school students may take online summer classes through Gwinnett Online Campus, community school programs, and credit recovery courses.
- If it appears GCPS will be able to begin the year as planned on Wednesday, **Aug. 5**, an in-person summer session for identified elementary and middle school students will be held **July 6–21**.
- If the COVID-19 situation delays the start of school until September, an in-person summer session for elementary

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and middle school students will occur **Aug. 3–21**. An in-person high school session would occur **Aug. 3–25**. These plans are dependent on the fluid COVID situation.

Transcripts

When high school report cards are issued in **late May**, students and their families will notice a change. Grades for each course will be presented in both an *unweighted* and *weighted* format. In addition, grade point averages (GPAs) will be reported in an *unweighted* 4-point scale and in a new *weighted* 5-point scale.

In Gwinnett, students who take Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and higher-level math and science courses have 10 points added to their grades, “weighting” their final class grade to account for the more rigorous content and course. For example, a student who earns a 94 in AP Human Geography receives a 104 on the report card once the 10 points are added. In the past, this weighted grade (including the 10 points) was included in calculating a student's class rank but not GPA. In an *unweighted* GPA, that grade accounts for 4 quality points toward the student's GPA. With the inclusion of a *weighted* GPA, that grade of 104 will now be factored in as 5 quality points.

GCPS will continue using the weighted grades to determine rank in class and valedictorian and salutatorian honors.

Graduation

On the second page of this update, find the schedule for each high school's virtual graduation to be held in **May**, as well as tentative dates and times for in-person graduations, which will be held **July 13–19** if conditions allow.

During Digital Learning Days, if you have an immediate concern regarding your child, please contact your local school.

GCPS will continue to provide updates on these and other topics. Check your school or district website for additional information.

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2020 Gwinnett County Public Schools Virtual Graduation Schedule

Each high school's virtual graduation will air on GCPSTV and be livestreamed on the GCPS website (www.gcpsk12.org).

Phoenix	Wed., May 20	4:30 p.m.
Paul Duke STEM	Wed., May 20	6:30 p.m.
McClure Health Science	Wed., May 20	8:30 p.m.
Duluth	Thurs., May 21	8:30 a.m.
Central Gwinnett	Thurs. May 21	10:30 a.m.
Brookwood	Thurs. May 21	12:30 p.m.
Discovery	Thurs., May 21	2:30 p.m.
Mill Creek	Thurs., May 21	4:30 p.m.
Parkview	Thurs., May 21	6:30 p.m.
GSMST	Thurs., May 21	8:30 p.m.
Dacula	Fri., May 22	8:30 a.m.
Archer	Fri., May 22	10:30 a.m.
Shiloh	Fri., May 22	12:30 p.m.
Mountain View	Fri., May 22	2:30 p.m.
Berkmar	Fri., May 22	4:30 p.m.
Norcross	Fri., May 22	6:30 p.m.
Gwinnett Online Campus	Fri., May 22	8:30 p.m.
Meadowcreek	Sat., May 23	8:30 a.m.
Grayson	Sat., May 23	10:30 a.m.
South Gwinnett	Sat., May 23	12:30 p.m.
North Gwinnett	Sat., May 23	2:30 p.m.
Peachtree Ridge	Sat., May 23	4:30 p.m.
Collins Hill	Sat., May 23	6:30 p.m.
Lanier	Sat., May 23	8:30 p.m.

2020 Gwinnett County Public Schools July Graduation Schedule

Should conditions allow, GCPS has planned in-person graduation ceremonies. With the exception of Gwinnett Online Campus, all of these ceremonies would be held at the Infinite Energy (IE) Center.

In-person graduation ceremonies will take place only if current guidance and regulations will allow.

Additional information confirming the ceremonies, providing information for graduates, and directions/requirements for attendees based on guidance at that time will be available in the near future.

Duluth	Mon., July 13	8:30 a.m.	IE Arena
Paul Duke STEM	Mon., July 13	10 a.m.	IE Exhibit Halls A/B
Discovery	Mon., July 13	2 p.m.	IE Arena
Phoenix	Mon., July 13	6 p.m.	IE Theatre
Gwinnett Online Campus	Mon., July 13	7 p.m.	(GOC Auditorium)
Central Gwinnett	Mon., July 13	7:30 p.m.	IE Arena
Dacula	Tues., July 14	8:30 a.m.	IE Arena
GSMST	Tues., July 14	10 a.m.	IE Exhibit Halls A/B
Archer	Tues., July 14	2 p.m.	IE Arena
McClure Health Science	Tues., July 14	6 p.m.	IE Theatre
Shiloh	Tues., July 14	7:30 p.m.	IE Arena
Mountain View	Wed., July 15	8:30 a.m.	IE Arena
Berkmar	Wed., July 15	2 p.m.	IE Arena
Norcross	Wed., July 15	7:30 p.m.	IE Arena
Meadowcreek	Thurs., July 16	8:30 a.m.	IE Arena
Grayson	Thurs., July 16	2 p.m.	IE Arena
South Gwinnett	Thurs., July 16	7:30 p.m.	IE Arena
North Gwinnett	Fri., July 17	8:30 a.m.	IE Arena
Peachtree Ridge	Fri., July 17	2 p.m.	IE Arena
Collins Hill	Fri., July 17	7:30 p.m.	IE Arena
Parkview	Sat., July 18	8:30 a.m.	IE Arena
Brookwood	Sat., July 18	2 p.m.	IE Arena
Mill Creek	Sat., July 18	7:30 p.m.	IE Arena
Lanier	Sun., July 19	2 p.m.	IE Arena