

# NEWS RELEASE



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## CPS Graduation Ceremonies Scheduled

Approximately 1,875 Cincinnati Public Schools' students will receive high school diplomas over two weeks in May in a moment they will share with family and friends.

Commencement ceremonies will be held May 14-24, with most schools holding events at the newly renovated 12,000-seat Fifth Third Arena at the University of Cincinnati to accommodate larger crowds. It's the first time CPS has used the UC site for graduations.

Several CPS high schools will hold graduation events at smaller venues, including Music Hall and the district's Education Center.

**CPS' graduation events are not open to the public; tickets are required to attend.**

A total of 41 students from the Class of 2019 were named top graduates — 21 valedictorians and 20 salutatorians.

The Class of 2019 also includes 24 National Merit Semifinalists. This national distinction places them in the top one percent of high school seniors in the country. The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional academic ability based on their scores on the PSAT taken during junior year.

Attached is a list with dates, times and locations for rehearsals and graduation ceremonies for all CPS high schools.



**Please Note:** If you are interested in covering a commencement ceremony, please contact Frances Russ, communications officer, at [russfra@cps.k12.org](mailto:russfra@cps.k12.org), so that arrangements can be made for representatives of the media. Thank you.

**Cincinnati Public Schools  
Class of 2019 Graduations  
Fifth Third Arena at University of Cincinnati**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 15, 2019</b>	Virtual High Rehearsal	9 a.m.
	Virtual High Graduation	6 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 16, 2019</b>	Taft Rehearsal	9 a.m.
	Aiken Rehearsal	Noon
	Taft Graduation	4 p.m.
	Aiken Graduation	7:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 17, 2019</b>	Gamble Rehearsal	Noon
	Gamble Graduation	6 p.m.
<b>Monday, May 20, 2019</b>	Western Hills Rehearsal	9 a.m.
	Hughes Rehearsal	Noon
	Western Hills Graduation	4 p.m.
	Hughes Graduation	7:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 21, 2019</b>	Dater Rehearsal	9 a.m.
	Shroder Rehearsal	Noon
	Dater Graduation	4 p.m.
	Shroder Graduation	7:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 22, 2019</b>	Withrow Rehearsal	9 a.m.
	Woodward Rehearsal	Noon
	Withrow Graduation	4 p.m.
	Woodward Graduation	7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 23, 2019</b>	Walnut Hills - Rehearsal	9 a.m.
	Walnut Hills Graduation	6:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 24, 2019</b>	Clark Rehearsal	9 a.m.
	Clark Graduation	6 p.m.

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**Cincinnati Public Schools  
Class of 2019 Graduations  
Not at Fifth Third Arena**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 14, 2019</b>	Aspire (Adult Ed) Rehearsal	Education Center	5 p.m.
	Aspire Graduation	Education Center	6 p.m.
<b>Monday, May 20, 2019</b>	School for Creative and Performing Arts Rehearsal	Music Hall	10 a.m.
	School for Creative and Performing Arts Graduation	Music Hall	6 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 21, 2019</b>	Oyler Rehearsal	Oyler School	9:30 a.m.
	Oyler Graduation	Oyler School	4:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 22, 2019</b>	Riverview East Rehearsal	Withrow	9 a.m.
	Riverview East Graduation	Withrow	6 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 23, 2019</b>	Project SEARCH Rehearsal	Education Center	3 p.m.
	Project SEARCH Graduation	Education Center	6 p.m.

**Cincinnati Public Schools  
Class of 2019 Summer Graduations**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Thursday, August 8, 2019</b>	All High Schools	Withrow	4 p.m.
	All High Schools	Withrow	5 p.m.