



DR. JAMES R. HINES, JR., SUPERINTENDENT

BOARD MEMBERS

DR. CHARLES M. (TOBY) HILL, VICE CHAIRMAN TOM WALMER, CHAIRMAN
HELEN HUGHES
DR. MARIANNE MELNICK

SKIP DAWKINS
JIM MADDOX
FRED WILSON

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: AUGUST 23, 2011

(Release #2011/12 – 43)

Contact: Beth McLaughlin, Director of Community & School Affairs, 478-988-6390 ext. 0, Beth.McLaughlin@hcbe.net

Classes of 2012 Graduate May 25 & 26, 2012

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Commencement ceremonies for 2012 for the Houston County high schools will be held Friday, May 25, 2012, and Saturday, May 26, 2012. All ceremonies will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry in the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building. A total of six ceremonies will be held.

The graduation ceremony schedule is shown below.

- Houston County Career Academy, Friday, May 25, 6:00 p.m.
- Houston County High School, Friday, May 25, 8:00 p.m.
- Northside High School, Saturday, May 26, 9:00 a.m.
- Warner Robins High School, Saturday, May 26, 1:00 p.m.
- Veterans High School, Saturday, May 26, 4:00 p.m.
- Perry High School, Saturday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

“This year we will add Veterans High School to our annual graduation ceremony,” commented Anthony Lunceford, executive director of secondary operations. “To accommodate this additional ceremony and in fairness to all of our graduating seniors, a rotation was established. Our high school principals participated in a drawing to determine the time and date for their school’s graduation. This rotation will make the order fair to all high schools.”

The Miller-Murphy-Howard Building offers seating for more than 5,700 people. Additional seating will be offered in Heritage Hall. The Classes of 2012 will march through the Heritage Hall before proceeding to the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building. The ceremonies will also be projected on large screens in both buildings.

When the rotation begins in 2013, the high schools will rotate the order with the exception of the Houston County Career Academy. With the smallest graduating class, the Career Academy will remain on Friday at 6:00 p.m. The school scheduled for Friday evening will rotate to Saturday evening. For example, in 2013, Houston County High will rotate to Saturday at 7:00 p.m., Perry High will move to Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and so forth.

MORE

P.O. Box 1850 • PERRY, GEORGIA 31069
(478) 988-6200 • FAX (478) 988-6259
WWW.HCBE.NET

Classes of 2012 Graduate May 25 & 26, 2012 / page 2 of 2

The Georgia National Fairgrounds (GNF) is located at 401 Larry Walker Parkway in Perry. Directions and a simple map to the GNF are provided below and at the Web site, http://www.georgianationalfair.com/visitors/directions_perry_map.htm. Lodging is also posted to this Web site. For more information, please contact the individual high schools.

#

Directions and Map for Graduation

Location: Georgia National Fairgrounds, Miller-Murphy-Howard Building, 401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry, GA 31069, (478) 987-3247.

http://www.georgianationalfair.com/visitors/directions_perry_map.htm

Directions:

Traveling North on I-75

Exit 134

. To Enter South Gate: Turn right at end of the exit ramp; Take first left onto Fairgrounds

Exit 135

. To Enter West Gate: Turn right at end of exit ramp; Turn right at first traffic light; West Gate entrance on left
. To Enter North Gate: Turn right at end of exit ramp; Proceed straight through traffic light; North Gate entrance on right
. To Enter East Gate: Turn right at end of exit ramp; Proceed straight through traffic light; Proceed past North Gate entrance;
East Gate entrance on right; Follow drive to Security Office

Traveling South on I-75

Exit 135

. To Enter West Gate: Turn left at end of exit ramp; Turn right at first traffic light; West Gate entrance on left
. To Enter North Gate: Turn left at end of exit ramp; Proceed straight through traffic light; North Gate entrance on right
. To Enter East Gate: Turn left at end of exit ramp; Proceed straight through traffic light; Proceed past North Gate entrance;
East Gate entrance on right; Follow drive to Security Office

Exit 134

. To Enter South Gate: Turn left at end of the exit ramp; Cross over the interstate, take first left onto Fairgrounds

