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Graduation celebrations begin next week

Metro Schools offers tips to ensure everyone enjoys commencement ceremonies

NASHVILLE, TN (May 9, 2012) – In just a few days, the sounds of *Pomp and Circumstance* will be heard throughout Davidson County as thousands of Metro Nashville Public Schools seniors receive their high school diplomas. Graduation is a milestone that marks the attainment of a goal for students and their families, as well as for their teachers and Metro Schools' staff.

Metro Schools estimates more than 4,000 students will receive their high school diplomas during spring commencement ceremonies.

"As educators, watching students complete high school and walk across the stage to receive their diploma is one of the greatest rewards for our work," said Director of Schools Dr. Jesse Register. "It is the achievement of a goal set for them when they enter kindergarten and we know when they leave with that diploma they have endless opportunities and doors opened to them."

To ensure this year's graduation ceremonies are the celebrations students and families deserve, Metro Schools wants to remind families and guests of the following procedures:

- To ensure guests can hear their graduate's name being called, noise-making devices such as air horns, whistles or fog horns are not allowed. Anyone using these types of devices may be asked to leave the ceremony.
- To ensure guests can see graduates receive their diplomas, no balloons, signs or banners of any size will be allowed inside the ceremony space.
- To ensure a safe and orderly environment, each graduation ceremony will include security staff.
- Those who attend commencement ceremonies are guests of the school and may be asked to leave if their behavior or attire is inappropriate or disruptive.

2012 Graduation schedule:

School	Date	Time	Venue
The Academy at Hickory Hollow	May 22	10:00 a.m.	Hickory Hollow Mall Food Court
The Academy at Old Cockrill	May 22	2:00 p.m.	Mt. Zion Church, Old Hickory Blvd.
Antioch High	May 20	3:00 p.m.	Lipscomb University Allen Arena
Cane Ridge High	May 19	2:00 p.m.	Lipscomb University Allen Arena
Cohn Adult	May 22	4:00 p.m.	Cohn Adult Auditorium
Cora Howe	May 18	12:00 p.m.	Cora Howe
East Magnet	May 19	2:00 p.m.	Belmont Curb Event Center

Glencliff High	May 20	4:00 p.m.	Grand Ole Opry House
Harris-Hillman	May 18	12:30 p.m.	Harris Hillman Commons Area
Hillsboro High	May 20	7:00 p.m.	Lipscomb University Allen Arena
Hillwood High	May 22	6:00 p.m.	Lipscomb University Allen Arena
Hume-Fogg Magnet	May 22	7:00 p.m.	Bridgestone Arena
Hunters Lane High	May 19	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Auditorium
Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet	May 19	6:00 p.m.	Lipscomb University Allen Arena
Maplewood High	May 20	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Auditorium
McGavock High	May 20	2:00 p.m.	Municipal Auditorium
MNPS Middle College High	May 21	6:00 p.m.	West End Middle School
Nashville Big Picture High	May 17	6:00 p.m.	West End Middle School
Nashville School of the Arts	May 17	7:00 p.m.	Grand Ole Opry House
Overton High	May 19	6:00 p.m.	Belmont Curb Event Center
Pearl-Cohn High	May 19	2:00 p.m.	Municipal Auditorium
Stratford High	May 19	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Auditorium
Whites Creek High	May 19	10:00 a.m.	Belmont Curb Event Center

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August 1 is the first day of school for 2012-2013. Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools serve nearly 79,000 students with the goal of being the first choice for families in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org.

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