



# Clayton County Public Schools

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### CCPS Celebrates the Achievements of the Class of 2025

*Over 3,600 graduates & nearly \$180 million in Scholarship Awards*

**JONESBORO** - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) proudly celebrates the exceptional achievements of the Class of 2025, a dynamic group of 3,634 graduates representing 13 high schools, including the first graduating class from the Utopian Academy of the Arts. With an impressive increase in graduates from the previous year, this class is a powerful reflection of the district's mission to prepare students for success through its No Dead Ends: 4-E Effect—Enrollment, Enlistment, Employment, and Entrepreneurship.

This year's graduates collectively earned more than \$178.8 million in scholarships, including competitive awards from the Zell Miller Scholarship to a wide array of community-based scholarships. Among the class are 331 Zell Miller Scholars, students who met the rigorous academic requirements of a 3.7 HOPE GPA and four or more rigor credits.

The district also proudly awarded 428 district scholarships, with 256 Superintendent's Scholarship recipients and 172 School Board Scholarship recipients, affirming Clayton County's commitment to supporting post-secondary success. In alignment with the district's focus on workforce readiness, seven students successfully completed the Firefighter Pathway, and all seven received job offers upon graduation.

"Our students are leaving our halls equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to thrive in whatever path they choose," said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Superintendent of Schools. "They are not only ready to enroll in top colleges and universities, but also to contribute meaningfully to the workforce, launch innovative businesses, or serve our country with distinction. Our goal is to ensure that there are No Dead Ends for our graduates - 100% of graduates are prepared to do something meaningful with their lives. We are grateful to the village of supporters - from our school leaders to our educators, support staff, and families, whose commitment made this moment possible."

The Class of 2025 stands as a testament to the district's vision of educational excellence, community partnership, and student empowerment. Their success reflects the collaborative effort of families, educators, mentors, and community leaders who continue to invest in the promise and potential of Clayton County's youth.

To view a recap of the Class of 2025 graduation ceremonies, please [click here](#).

To view all graduation ceremonies in their entirety, please [click here](#).

**-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-**

**About Clayton County Public Schools:** Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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