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Clayton County Public Schools Opens State-of-the-Art Convocation Center with GHSA Traditional State Wrestling Championships

Historic Four-Day Tournament Launches New Era for Education, Athletics, and Economic Impact

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) proudly announces a pre-opening event at its new, highly anticipated convocation center, **The Arena at Southlake**, which will debut with one of Georgia's premier athletic events — the 2026 Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Traditional State Wrestling Championships.

For the first time in district history, CCPS will host a statewide championship tournament in its own state-of-the-art, multipurpose arena, located at **1300 Southlake Circle in Morrow on the Southlake Mall property. Parking is free.** The four-day event marks the official launch of the convocation center and signals a bold new chapter for the district and the Clayton County community.

Competition begins **Wednesday, February 11, at 1:00 p.m.** and culminates with championship finals on **Saturday, February 14.** More than **2,000 student-athletes** from across Georgia will compete in **28 weight classifications** (14 boys and 14 girls), with **six state team titles** to be crowned.

Every mat and every match is being streamed live and on [NFHS Network.com](https://www.nfhsnetwork.com), [FloSports.tv](https://www.flosports.tv) (streaming), and [TrackWrestling.com](https://www.trackwrestling.com) (live scoring), bringing national visibility to Clayton County as thousands of families, coaches, and fans travel to the area.

Spectator Information & Event Guidelines

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees, guests are asked to review and comply with the following Convocation Center guidelines carefully.

Clear Bag Policy

The Clayton County Public Schools Convocation Center enforces a **Clear Bag Policy** for all events.

- Only **clear, see-through bags** will be permitted inside the facility.
- Guests with non-clear bags will be required to return those items to their vehicles.
- Event staff will **not** store, hold, or supervise prohibited items.

Items Not Allowed:

The following items are not permitted inside the Convocation Center at any time. Guests will be asked to return prohibited items to their vehicles. Event staff will not be responsible for holding or monitoring these items.

- **Weapons of any kind**
- **Tobacco products and vaping devices (including lighters)**
- **Balloons**
- **Signs of any size**
 - *(Hand-held, church-style fans are permitted.)*
- **Noise makers**
- **Confetti or streamers**
- **Glass vases**

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a secure environment for student-athletes, families, and spectators.

Event Details

Event: 2026 GHSA Traditional State Wrestling Championships

Dates: Wednesday–Saturday, February 11–14, 2026

Location: Clayton County Public Schools Convocation Center
1300 Southlake Circle, Morrow, Georgia 30260

Parking: Free

Hosted By: Georgia High School Association (GHSA)

Purpose: To crown individual state champions across 28 weight classifications (14 boys and 14 girls)

Tickets: Available for purchase through GoFan

For additional information, please visit the following link: [Georgia High School Association website.](https://www.ghsa.org/)

-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. ###