



Morningside Middle School
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March 20, 2026

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, we are excited to celebrate our scholars' achievements during the **8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony**. This is a special milestone, and we look forward to recognizing our students as they transition to high school.

Moving-Up Ceremony Details

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM (*Doors open at 8:30 AM*)
Location: Morningside Middle School Gymnasium

Students must meet **all participation requirements** to take part in the ceremony.

Participation Criteria

- Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) completed by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**
- Federal Cards returned by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**
- Passing all classes with a **60 or higher** by **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**
- Financial obligations cleared by **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**
- Appropriate behavior and attendance from **Tuesday, March 17 – Wednesday, May 13, 2026:**
 - No more than **five (5) absences**, including SC READY and final exams
 - No Level 3 behavioral referrals
- Completion of all **8th Grade Checkout Procedures** by **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**, including:
 - School fees paid (including media fees)
 - Chromebook returned
 - Final grade and exam status verified
 - Attendance and behavior status verified
 - IGP completed
 - Federal cards returned

Promotion Attire Requirements

To maintain the formality of this special event, all students must adhere to the following dress code:

<p>Girls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-white or all-black dress OR white blouse with black slacks • Dresses must be fingertip length or longer • No halter or strapless dresses 	<p>Boys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White collared shirt • Black slacks • Black dress shoes • Ties will be provided
<p>Please Note: (1) No athletic shoes, sneakers, jeans, shorts, capri pants, or Bermuda shorts (2) The CCSD Code of Conduct will be enforced during the ceremony</p>	

Required Testing Dates

- **Monday, March 23 – Friday, April 3, 2026:** iReady Spring Diagnostic
- **Monday, March 23, 2026:** TDW
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2026:** SC READY ELA Writing
- **Thursday, May 7, 2026:** SC READY ELA Reading
- **Tuesday, May 12, 2026:** SC READY Math

Other Important Dates

- **Wednesday, March 25, 2026:** 8th Grade Parent Meeting (Zoom) at 6:00 PM (*highly recommended*)
- **Monday, March 23 – Friday, March 27, 2026:** Initial distribution of failure letters
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2026:** All IGP's must be completed with Ms. Linnen
- **Monday, April 20, 2026:** Second distribution of failure letters
- **Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 1, 2026:** Scheduled in-person failure meetings
- **Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8, 2026:** Final distribution of failure letters
- **Wednesday, May 13, 2026:** School Dedication Day
- **Monday, May 18 – Wednesday, May 20, 2026:** 8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony Rehearsal & Checkout Completion
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026:** 8th Grade Picnic & Pep Rally
- **Thursday, May 21, 2026:** Moving-Up Ceremony at 9:30 AM

We are proud of our 8th grade scholars and look forward to celebrating this important milestone together. Your support in helping your child meet these expectations is greatly appreciated. This information and updates are available on our website at morningside.ccsdschools.com/8thgradeupdates.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Sincerely,



Raynard Singleton
8th Grade Administrator