

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2019 High School Graduation License Agreement with Performing Arts Center Authority, Broward Center for the Performing Arts

The graduation schedule at Broward Center for the Performing Arts is as follows:

- Wednesday, May 29 – 7:00pm – Boyd Anderson High School
- Thursday, May 30 – 2:00pm and 7:00pm – McFatter and Coconut Creek High School
- Friday, May 31 – 2:00pm and 7:00pm – Stranahan High and Dillard High Schools
- Saturday, June 1 – 2:00pm and 7:00pm – Hallandale High and Northeast High Schools
- Sunday, June 2 – 7:00pm – Fort Lauderdale High School
- Monday, June 3 – 7:00pm – Blanche Ely High
- Tuesday, June 4 – 7:00pm – Hollywood Hills High

Parking will be provided at an off-site garage owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale at a reduced rate of \$7.00 per vehicle for graduation ceremonies. The regular garage fee is \$12.00 per vehicle.

Additional Background Information:

After reviewing our past practices, the need to enhance and improve our safety and security protocols during each of our high school commencements became necessary.

The BCPA is scheduled to host ten high school graduations during the Spring of 2019. The 2019 total cost factor for each of these commencements is \$8,355. This includes rent, police, EMT, security checkpoints, staffing and any other additional miscellaneous costs. Compared to 2018, the School Board of Broward County would be paying an additional \$620 per graduation, \$6,200 total. This additional cost will cover mandatory bag checks and required metal detector checkpoints for all guests. By doing this, we will be providing each of our guests an extra layer of protection and comfort.

When researching and analyzing the surrounding School Districts, Palm Beach County graduation ceremonies now have this extra layer of security. The Palm Beach County School Board agreed to provide additional funds for more security at all graduation ceremonies this Spring. They will be inspecting all bags that enter the fairgrounds and for the first time, people will have to walk through metal detectors for each of the ceremonies. It's going to cost the district an additional \$100,000 and cannot exceed \$400,000.

Dade County graduation ceremonies have had this extra layer of security for years. They have been checking bags and having their guests walk through metal detectors at each of their ceremonies since 2015. On an average, their commencements run \$17,000 per school.

The School District continues efforts to manage overall graduation venue costs. The projected cost for 2019 graduation venues listed below is \$423,795.14. A breakdown of the projected 2019 graduation listed venue rental costs with wand/metal detectors is as follows:

- Nova Southeastern University - \$13,058.73 per graduation x 18 schools = \$235,057.14
- **Broward Center for the Performing Arts** - \$8,355 per graduation x 10 schools = \$83,550
- Lauderhill Performing Arts Center - 3 schools = \$7,885
- Broward College-Omni - \$4,803 per graduation x 1 school = \$4,803
- Pompano Beach High - \$2,500 per graduation x 1 school = \$2,500
- BB&T Center - \$45,000 per graduation = \$90,000