

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2019 High School Graduation Use License Agreement with Nova Southeastern University

The graduation schedule at Nova Southeastern University is as follows:

- Wednesday, May 29 – 9:00am, 2:00pm and 7:00pm – McArthur High, Cooper City High and West Broward High Schools
- Thursday, May 30 – 9:00am, 2:00pm and 7:00 pm – Plantation High, Monarch High and Western High Schools
- Friday, May 31 – 9:00am and 2:00pm – Nova High and South Plantation High Schools
- Saturday, June 1 – 2:00pm and 7:00pm – Everglades High and Coral Springs High Schools
- Sunday, June 2 – 2:00pm and 7:00pm – Flanagan High and Coral Glades High Schools
- Monday, June 3 – 9:00am, 2:00pm and 7:00pm – South Broward High, Deerfield Beach High and Taravella High Schools
- Tuesday, June 4 – 9:00am, 2:00pm and 7:00pm – Sheridan Technical College/High School, Piper High and Miramar High Schools

A \$7.00 parking fee will be charged in the designated Nova Southeastern University parking lots. Schools will be selling pre-paid parking passes in advance of the graduation ceremonies. Schools will retain \$2.00 for each parking pass sold. Five dollars (\$5.00) per pre-paid parking pass will be remitted to NSU to cover Section 7 – Revenues and Costs.

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.

NSU is scheduled to host eighteen high school graduations during the Spring of 2019. The 2019 total cost factor for each of these commencements is \$13,058.73. 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 \$610.97 per graduation, \$10,997.46 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. In 2018, the Student Activities Department had to pay an additional \$9,800.41 because the department budget wasn't increased from 2017 for increases in security detail salaries.

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 wandding/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