



**MACULELÊ CAPOEIRA
GRADUATION HANDBOOK 2025**

Venue + Parking Information

The Decatur High School Performing Arts Center is located on the campus of Decatur High School. The address is: 310 N. McDonough St, Decatur, GA 30030. Please be sure to arrive early to allow time for parking as the Decatur Arts Festival will also be taking place in Downtown Decatur. There is free parking available at DHS!

The theater opens at 3:30 PM, and the event will begin promptly at 4:00 PM.



You'll find the main entrance directly across from Grindhouse Burger, on the opposite side of the street.



Your Graduation Day Plan

What is the Capoeira Graduation Ceremony?

The Capoeira Graduation Ceremony, also known as Batizado & Troca de Cordas, is a special tradition in Capoeira. When you or your child join our Capoeira group, you'll eventually have the opportunity to participate in this annual celebration of growth and achievement.

The Batizado is more than just a belt ceremony—it's a significant milestone in a Capoeirista's journey. During the event, students play a game of Capoeira with mestres and high-level capoeiristas who will graduate them to their next belt level. This ceremony symbolizes not just the mastery of new skills, but a deeper connection to the art, the community, and the tradition of Capoeira.

However, earning a new belt is just the beginning. Don't stop training! Reaching a new level means you're now ready to learn new movements, techniques, and strategies. It's a time to challenge yourself further, and continue growing as a Capoeirista.

The journey doesn't end with the graduation—it's only the next step toward even greater achievements!

What time do I arrive at Graduation?

The theater opens at 3:30 PM, and the event starts promptly at 4:00 PM

What do I wear at the Graduation Day?

Please wear your **white** Capoeira pants and your **new event t-shirt**. If you have a belt (corda), be sure to wear it as well.

Where can I purchase new white Capoeira pants for graduation?

Please reach out to Ms. Dani during class or email!

When can we pick up the new graduation t-shirts?

Please pick up your Graduation t-shirts and goody bags starting on Sat, April 16–May 2 during regular class times in Downtown Decatur and Alpharetta!

Can I invite friends and family for the Graduation Day?

You are welcome to invite as many friends and family as you'd like to the theater for Graduation Day!

Do we need to purchase tickets for the event?

No, this event is free for friends and family!

Thank you for helping make this event possible! Enjoy the Show!

Capoeira Kids — What to bring!

- **Snacks & Water (NUT FREE, low-mess)**
- **Hair ties, etc.**
- **Don't forget to wear your white capoeira pants and new t-shirt on Sat, May 3!**

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Maculelê Capoeira atlanta has literally transformed the lives of hundreds of youths and individuals. We are not just teaching capoeira; we form a community of friends who encourage each other and learn from one another. We make a point of giving back to those in need by promoting social campaigns such as food, clothing and toys donations and other charitable activities, so our students learn to be good citizens.

We invite you to join us as our Sponsor and to ensure that Maculele-Capoeira Atlanta continues to make ours a healthier, more confident, productive and conscientious community. **You can make a tax deductible donation [here](#).**

Please note that other in-kind and sponsor opportunities are available, including (but not limited to):

Food, Breakfast items, Gift Cards, Print Services, Marketing, Social Media Partnerships, etc.