

**COOK COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM 2020-2021**

***Cook Hornets Rise Above!***



**COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL**



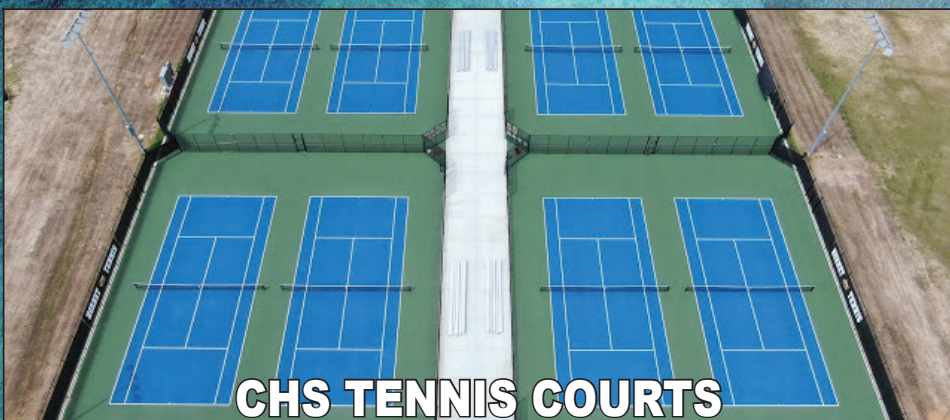
**COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**COOK HIGH SCHOOL**



**CHS TENNIS COURTS**



**CHS FOOTBALL STADIUM**

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**BACK TO SCHOOL**

*A Special Supplement to the Cook County Advertiser*

**“Empowering and Inspiring All Learners To Achieve”**



# SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE



**DR. TIM DIXON**  
*Superintendent*

Wow! What a year! In my 34 years of service to students in Georgia, never have we experienced opportunities for growth like those endured this year. This past school year will go down in the history books as one that we will never forget.

Thank you students, teachers, administrators, community leaders, community members, and Board of Education for your patience. When we left for a long weekend break back on March 13, 2020, never did we imagine that we would not return for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Our teachers, administrators, and district leaders immediately devised a plan so that all instruction would not be completely lost. Our folks did their very best to communicate with our students utilizing the resources they had. Considering the fact they had no notice of what was about to happen, our folks did an outstanding job. Thank you!

Each high school Senior class, in my experience, has always tried to create an event so they will be remembered in the years to come. The class of 2020 definitely has won the grand prize and will be remembered for many years into the future. The drive-through celebration organized by Dr. McFee and his staff was awesome. Considering the trials and tribulations our students had gone through over the past few months, we were extremely grateful to see the smiling faces and excitement of our Seniors on that evening. The vehicles were decorated to the max as many displayed the proud black and gold colors with the 2020 inflatable numbers and Hornet logo. We even had a graduate pull through in a horse and carriage with her family. How memorable was that?

As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we realize we have many challenges ahead. Our leadership team has worked tirelessly all summer organizing a plan so that our students can make up for lost time and move forward with new curriculum. We hope that our plan is pleasing to you, although we realize that no format across this country will be without some flaws. We ask for your patience and support for our young people as we continue to move forward with their education. The vision of this School Board has not changed, and we want all students to succeed through enrollment in higher education, enlistment in the military, or employment in the workforce.

While our focus will continue to be on curriculum and instruction, our top priority will be the safety and well-being of our students. However, we cannot do this alone. We need your help each and every day before your child walks out the door to catch the bus or drive to school. While we understand COVID-19 can be transmitted through asymptomatic individuals, we are asking you to check your child’s temperature and take note of any persistent dry cough, diarrhea, vomiting, or difficulty breathing. Other symptoms may include fatigue, sore throat, body aches, upset stomach, or nausea. If your student displays any of these symptoms, for the safety and welfare of our students and community, we ask that you please keep your child at home. If we work as a team, I believe we can keep the spread of this virus down to a minimum in our schools and throughout our community.

In spite of the current circumstances, we still have many projects to anticipate as we move into the 2020-2021 school year. The upgrades to our athletic facilities will continue to be a priority as we move forward in the planning and construction of a new track and field facility, a new softball field, and a new baseball field. All of these facilities will be located on the campus of Cook High School. Furthermore, we will be renovating the old weight room, thus giving our wrestling team and cheerleaders a place to call home. Thank you, community, as you continue to support your students and your schools through the ESPLOST projects!

Sincerely,  
Timothy M. Dixon, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Cook County Schools

# COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

All students will succeed through enrollment in higher education, enlistment in the military, or employment in the workforce.

## VISION

To empower and inspire all learners to achieve.

## BELIEFS

- Cultivate a safe and positive environment.
- Optimize creativity and learning.
- Offer support through family and community partnerships.
- Kindle challenging opportunities.

# FEDERAL FUNDS

Cook County Schools is seeking input from parents. A draft of the plan for Federal Funds is available on the district website at [www.cook.k12.ga.us](http://www.cook.k12.ga.us). A copy of the District Family Engagement Policy is also available. Comments, questions or concerns about either of these documents may be made through a link on the website. Cook Primary, Cook Elementary, and Cook Middle Schools will have School Family Engagement Policies and School Compacts available on school websites. Input is also being sought on these documents as well. A link will be available on school websites.

Dr. Becky Ratts  
Assistant Superintendent/Federal Funds Director

# DEMOGRAPHICS

<i>Student Population:</i>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Cook Pre-K	206 Students	180 Students
Cook Primary (K-2)	636 Students	659 Students
Cook Elementary (3-5)	729 Students	729 Students
Cook Middle (6-8)	751 Students	706 Students
Cook High School(9-12)	838 Students	836 Students
<b>Total</b>	<b>3160 Students</b>	<b>3110 Students</b>

Composition Of Population	County-Wide Employees
50% White • 34% Black	Certified Personnel 264
11% Hispanic • 5% Other	Non-Certified Personnel 198
49% Female • 51% Male	Total 462
14% Special Ed Services	
8% Gifted Services	

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q: *How do I enroll my child?***  
**A:** You will need the following information to enroll your child: 1. Valid birth certificate. 2. Copy of your child’s Social Security card. 3. Immunization record #3231. 4. E.E.D.(Ear, eye and dental) record #3300. 5. Proof of residence.
- Q: *What are the school hours?***  
**A:** Cook Pre-K, Cook Primary School and Cook Elementary hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Cook Middle School hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cook High School Hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m..
- Q: *How can I monitor my child’s progress?***  
**A:** Stay in close contact with your child’s teacher. If you have Internet access, you may monitor your child’s grades using the PowerSchool website. If you have an email address, you may register for PowerSchool to send you a daily/weekly update. Contact your child’s school for identification information.
- Q: *How do I know which bus my child will ride?***  
**A:** A representative from the Transportation Department will be available during Open House. During the school year, you may contact the Transportation Department at 549-6556.
- Q: *When will report cards be sent home?***  
**A:** All Cook County Schools are on an nine week grading period. Progress reports will be sent during the grading period.
- Q: *Is my child’s school accredited?***  
**A:** The Cook County School System received District Accreditation in March 2018. This is the Third District Accreditation received by Cook County Schools. All schools are fully accredited.

*Cook County Schools take pride in the educational opportunities we are able to provide for our children. Our teachers and staff members work very hard to meet the needs of all students to ensure academic success. We have evidence that students are learning and making good progress, and we consider this to be an important indicator of success. An important part of our success is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that as a parent/guardian, you will become involved in our school improvement initiatives as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in developing our school improvement initiatives so we can continue to excel, contact your child’s school.*

ACT & SAT TEST DATES

The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets you show colleges what you know and how well you can apply that knowledge. It tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math —subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school, and almost all colleges and universities use the SAT to make admission decisions. Taking the SAT is the first step in finding the right college for you — the place where you can further develop your skills and pursue your passions. But SAT scores are just one of many factors that colleges consider when making their admission decisions. High school grades are also very important. In fact, the combination of high school grades and SAT scores is the best predictor of your academic success in college.

The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school. The ACT has up to 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test. The SAT has only 3 components: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and a required Writing Test. The ACT National Test Dates in the U.S., U.S. Territories, and Canada.

**SAT TEST DATES (2020-2021)**  
AUGUST 29, 2020 • SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 • OCTOBER 3, 2020  
NOVEMBER 7, 2020 • DECEMBER 5, 2020  
MARCH 13, 2021 • MAY 8, 2021 • JUNE 5, 2021

**ACT TEST DATES (2020-2021)**  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 • OCTOBER 24, 2020  
DECEMBER 12, 2020 • FEBRUARY 6, 2021  
JUNE 12, 2021 • JULY 17, 2021

COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS 2020-21 CALENDAR

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2
Pre-Planning	July 27-31 & August 3-7	In-Service Days (Teachers) Jan. 4 & 5
First Day of School	August 10	Students Return January 6
Labor Day Holiday	September 7	Martin Luther King Holiday January 18
Fall Break (Students)	Oct. 9-13	Winter Break February 12 & 15
Fall Break (Teachers)	Oct. 9-12	Student Holidays March 12 & 15
In-Service For Teachers	Oct. 13	In-Service For Teachers March 12
Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov. 23-27	Holiday For Teachers March 15
End of Semester		Spring Break April 5-9
for Students (½ day)	December 18	Last Day of School
Full Day For Teachers	December 18	(1/2 Day - Students) May 21
Christmas Holidays		Full Day For Teachers May 21
for Students	Dec. 21–Jan. 5	Post Planning May 24 & 25
Christmas Holidays		Memorial Day Holiday May 31
for Staff	December 21-January 1	

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Parents will receive a copy of the School Attendance Protocol in its entirety during the first week of school.

Attendance letters will be sent at five (5) unexcused absences.

At ten (10) unexcused absences, the Student Support Team will review the case again and make a referral to the School Social Worker, if a referral has not been made previously.

Please refer to each school’s handbook concerning excused absences.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Cook County Pre-K/Cook Primary School..... Angela Williams  
Cook Elementary School ..... Kacy Williams  
Cook Middle School ..... Kayla Craft  
Cook High School ..... Shelli Phillips

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

We are very proud of the teachers and paraprofessionals working in our Cook County Schools. We feel they are prepared to give your child a high-quality education in the coming school year. In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), we would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student’s teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

Whether your student’s teacher -

- has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
- is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

Please rest assured that our staff is committed to helping your child reach his or her maximum academic potential throughout their school career. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled and delivering quality instruction to your child.

If you wish to request information concerning your child’s teachers’ and/or paraprofessional’s qualifications, please contact the Federal Programs Director at 229-896-2294.



## COOK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Board Meeting & Work Session Dates For 2020/2021

July 13, 2020	6:00 p.m.
Work Session	
July 13, 2020	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting	
August 10, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
August 10, 2020	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting	
September 14, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
September 14, 2020	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Featured School: Cook High	
October 13, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
October 13, 2020	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Featured School: Cook Middle	
November 9, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
November 9, 2020	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Featured School: Cook Elementary	
December 14, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
December 14, 2020	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Featured School: Cook Primary	
January 11, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
January 11, 2021	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Featured School: Cook High/Cook PLC	
February 8, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
February 8, 2021	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Featured School: Cook Middle	
March 8, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
March 8, 2021	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Featured School: Cook Elementary	
April 12, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
April 12, 2021	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Featured School: Cook Primary	
May 10, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
May 10, 2021	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting	
June 14, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Work Session	
June 14, 2021	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting	

*The Superintendent in cooperation with the Cook County Board of Education may schedule and advertise special called board meetings and/or work sessions as deemed necessary throughout the calendar year. Also, any date change or time change will be posted at the Cook County Board of Education and published in the local newspaper.*

### All Board Meetings Will Be Held At The Cook County Administration Building

## COOK COUNTY BOE

**Chad Sumner**, Board Chairman, is a farmer from Lenox who also owns and operates New River Cattle. He and his wife Kim, children Peyton, John, and Madison are members of the Lenox Baptist Church where he teaches an adult Sunday School class and serves as a Deacon. His term expires December, 2022.



**Jeff Taylor**, Board Vice-Chairman, was elected in 2016. He and his wife, Tess, have 2 children, James, who graduated from Cook High in 2019, and Julie, who attends Cook High School. The Taylors are members of 1st Baptist Church in Adel. Jeff works with First Commerce Credit Union in Adel.

**Frank H. Carter**, Adel Attorney, was born and raised in Cook County. Graduated from Cook High in 1984. Married to Rhonda and they have 4 children with 1 enrolled in the School System. Frank has a BA in History from UGA and a Juris Doctorate from Faulkner University. He is a member of the TD club and coaches little league baseball, football and softball. Frank and his family attend Evergreen Baptist Church. "I want to help provide a well rounded education for our children to include academics and activities. I want our kids to enjoy school." His Term Expires In 2020.



**Fairy Gear** was elected to serve on the Cook County Board of Education in 2016. She is married to Ulysses Gear. She has 5 children, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great grands. She is a member of Piney Grove MBC where she teaches Junior High Sunday School, sings in the choir, and serves as the Church Secretary. She enjoys spending time with family, especially with her great grands. Fairy also finds great joy in helping and encouraging youth to be successful inside and outside of their classrooms. Her term expires in December 2020.

**Corkey Taylor**, board member, was elected in 2018. He and his wife, Michelle, have 3 children, Cole, Courtney, and Chipper. Two of them have graduated from Cook High School, and one is beginning his journey. The Taylor's are members of Adel Church of God. Corkey is self-employed at Corkey's Triple T Pilot Car Service.







## MY SCHOOL BUCKS

Cook County Schools is excited to offer MySchoolBucks® School Store! This online payment service provides an easy way to pay for items such as Art Supply Fees, Athletic Uniforms, Band Uniforms, Club Dues, Extended Day, Field Trips, Prom Tickets, Theater Wing Production Tickets, T-Shirts, Yearbooks, and so much more using your credit/debit card or electronic check.

MySchoolBucks provides:

- **Convenience** - Available 24/7 on the web.
- **Efficiency** – Make purchases for all your students, even if they attend different schools within the district. Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.
- **Flexibility** - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- **Security** – MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards.

### Enrollment is easy!

If you are already using MySchoolBucks to pay for school meals, your account is already set-up and ready to go! Just log in and click on School Store.

If you don't have an account follow the steps below:

1. Go to [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) and register for a free account.
2. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
3. Make purchases with your credit/debit card or electronic check.

*A program fee may apply. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose, before you are charged.*

You can use MySchoolBucks to pay for things such as:

- Art Supply Fees • Club Dues • Extended Day • Field Trips • Prom Tickets • Yearbooks • Technology Fee
- Theater Wing Production Tickets • T-Shirts • Uniforms

*If you have any questions, contact MySchoolBucks directly:  
[support@myschoolbucks.com](mailto:support@myschoolbucks.com) (855) 832-5226  
Visit [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) and click Help*

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Adel, GA 31620

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Cafeteria: 549-6066

### COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Cafeteria: 549-8567

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Sparks, GA 31647

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Cafeteria: 549-5985

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Adel, GA 31620

Office: 896-2296

### COOK HIGH SCHOOL

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Adel, GA 31620

Office: 896-2213/2587

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Gym: 896-3632

CTAE: 896-3939

Tech Lab: 896-7352

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Adel, GA 31620

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# STATE ASSESSMENTS

At this time (June 2020), there are no changes to Georgia’s assessment program for 2020-2021. However, should changes be made as a result of legislative action, State Board of Education action, or programmatic action by GaDOE, we will provide updated information as quickly as possible on our websites.

## GKIDS 2.0:

GKIDS 2.0 is a progression-based formative assessment, integrated into classroom work, that is aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE). GKIDS 2.0 is organized around big ideas and learning progressions. GKIDS 2.0 provides teachers with one source of real-time information to adjust instruction, by identifying what a student already knows, what the student needs next, and by allowing the teacher to monitor growth.

## GEORGIA MILESTONES ASSESSMENT:

The Georgia Milestones is a comprehensive summative assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school. Georgia Milestones measure how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students in grades 3 through 8 will take an end-of-grade assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics while students in grades 5 and 8 are also assessed in science and social studies. High school students take an end-of-course assessment for each of the eight courses designated by the State Board of Education.

*Students at the high school level will take an end-of-course assessment in the following ten courses:*

English Language Arts

- Ninth Grade Literature and Composition • American Literature and Composition

Mathematics

- Algebra 1 or Coordinate Algebra
- Geometry or Analytic Geometry

Science

- Biology • Physical Science

Social Studies

- United States History • Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

## GAA 2.0:

GAA 2.0 is designed to ensure that students with significant cognitive disabilities are provided access to the state academic standards and given the opportunity to demonstrate achievement of the knowledge, content, and skills inherent in the standards. This assessment will provide meaningful information about classroom instruction and help identify students’ areas of strength and improvement through standardized tests. Unlike the original GAA, GAA 2.0 is not a portfolio-based assessment. Thus, it will measure students’ achievement, not progress. The GAA 2.0 will be administered to all eligible students in the following areas:

- Grades K, 3-8 and 11 will be assessed in English Language Arts and Mathematics.
- Grades 5, 8 and 11 will also be assessed in Science and Social Studies

## ACCESS FOR ELLs 2.0:

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is administered annually to all English learners in Georgia. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a standards-based, criterion referenced English language proficiency test designed to measure English learners’ social and academic proficiency in English. It assesses social and instructional English as well as the language associated with language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies within the school context across the four language domains. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 meets the federal requirements that mandates require states to evaluate EL students in grades K through 12 on their progress in learning to speak English.



**Special Assistance Alternative Community Eligibility Provision  
National School Lunch/School Breakfast Programs**

By participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and eliminating the need for meal applications, Cook County School Nutrition will reduce administrative and printing costs. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications.

Children need healthy meals to learn. Cook County School Nutrition offers healthy meals every school day at no charge to your child(ren). Our food service receives support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

All schools will participate in this alternative provision and provide meals at no charge to children.

**Nondiscrimination Statement:** In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- 1) Mail  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office for the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- 2) Fax (202) 690-7442; or
- 3) Email [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**The Civil Rights Assurance:** “The program applicant hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture; Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines, 28 CFR Part 50.3 and 42; and FNS directives and guidelines, to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.”

**SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Cook County School Nutrition Program serves over 3,500 meals daily. We provide nutritious meals to create healthy students that are ready to learn. Students who receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch perform better academically. Research has shown that eating a well-balanced breakfast improves a student’s test performance, reduces tardiness and absenteeism, increases attention, and improves behavior and emotional adjustment.

As a partially federally funded program, the USDA requires all meals prepared and served to be of high nutritional value with reduced fat, sodium, and sugar. With that in the forefront, our goal is to serve students with foods they like as well as maintaining specific nutritional standards for every meal served. Therefore, we offer choices that make it easier for them to select something they like. Students will see new items added on the menu.

All schools will operate under CEP. This means all students can eat breakfast and lunch at “no cost.” We are asking parents, administrators, and teachers to encourage children to make a healthy choice and dine with Cook County School Nutrition. As we embark upon this 2020-21 school term, our purpose is to continue building a school nutrition program with every child in mind while maintaining integrity and operating according to federal and state regulations.

Building the Cook County School Nutrition Program on Integrity and Excellence will be the core of our foundation. Through education, parents and children will receive the basics of nutrition, which is a key component of meeting the challenges of the nation’s health issues. There are numerous nutritional education resources available on our website for teachers, parents, and children at the Cook County Schools website, select School Nutrition from the top tab.

As school nutrition continues to evolve, the challenges are numerous, but we are constantly adapting to change. We are determined to be one of the best school nutrition programs in the state of Georgia. It takes hard work to be successful, and we are ready to reach our goal.

If you have any questions, contact the Cook County School Nutrition Office at 229-896-1891

**COOK COUNTY SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM**  
**Libby Peters, Director**



PARENT COORDINATORS

System Social Worker.....Shari Breeden  
Cook County PreK/Primary School.....Lisa Eppes  
Cook Elementary School.....Holly Harrell  
Cook Middle School .....Cloretta Harris-Lane  
Cook High School ..... Contact Counselors Office  
Parent Coordinators will host four Lunch and Learns during the 2020-2021 school year. Contact your Parent Coordinator for more information.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

A major component of our program is the participation of the parents in their children’s education. During the year, you will have the opportunity to be actively involved with your child’s education.

Parent and Child Together (P.A.C.T.) Time - This is a time when you or another adult (grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend of the family) may come to the classroom to work with your child. P.A.C.T. Times are not the same throughout grade levels, and the teachers schedule their times differently. You will be notified when your child’s class has a scheduled P.A.C.T. Time. Please make every effort to come and be a part of this valuable experience with your child.

Parent meetings and workshops are held throughout the school year. Notices will be sent prior to each event.

THE COOK COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Cook County Educational Foundation was established in 1991 with a mission of assisting deserving students who are pursuing education beyond high school. At the 2020 Honor’s Day at Cook High School, scholarships awarded through the Educational Foundation and other local donors totaled \$134,625 to the graduating class. These represent scholarships given from local businesses, banks, individuals, civic groups, as well as the foundation itself. These locally generated scholarships began in earnest in 1985 with the Irving and Natalie Dinnerman Scholarship and the Ned Bryant Memorial Scholarship(Farmers and Merchants Bank). Since that humble beginning, local scholarship giving has grown and flourished. Cook County is blessed to have this foundation that is dedicated to “paying it forward” to the next generation through the awarding of scholarships each year.

The foundation accepts donations (which are tax deductible) from individuals, businesses, and organizations. With each year the foundation has grown in the amount of contributions and the number of scholarships awarded. Contributions can be given “in memory of” or “in honor of”, and an acknowledgment is sent to the donor and the honoree or family of the deceased. A donation to the foundation directly influences the future of our community. Any contributions are welcomed, and when an occasion arises, remember the foundation. Currently five graduating classes (1979, 1982, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1997) contribute to the Foundation. These classes would like to encourage other graduating classes to also contribute.

SCHOOL WEAPONS WARNING

O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1

Carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property

- (a) As used in this Code section, the term:
- (1) “School safety zone” means in or on any real property owned by or leased to any public or private elementary school, secondary school, or school board and used for elementary or secondary education and in or on the campus of any public or private technical school, vocational school, college, university, or institution of postsecondary education.
- (2) “Weapon” means and includes any pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, or any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any weapon of like kind, and any stun gun or taser as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-106. This paragraph excludes any of these instruments used for classroom work authorized by the teacher.
- (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry to or to possess or have under such person’s control while within a school safety zone or at a school building, school function, or school property or on a bus or other transportation furnished by the school any weapon or explosive compound, other than fireworks, the possession of which is regulated by Chapter 10 of Title 25.
- (2) Any license holder who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who is not a license holder who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, or both.
- (3) Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection involving a dangerous weapon or machine gun, as such terms are defined in Code Section 16-11-121, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 or by imprisonment for a period of not less than five nor more than ten years, or both.
- (4) A child who violates this subsection may be subject to the provisions of Code Section 15-11-63.



LESLIE FOLSOM  
CPS  
Principal



JEANNE DIXON  
CPS  
Assisstant Principal  
PRE-K Coordinator



GABE HAMMOCK  
CES  
Principal



TIFFANY CLEMONS  
CES  
Assistant Principal



RUSTY MEADOWS  
CMS  
Principal



JOHNNY BEARD  
CMS  
Assistant Principal



JENNIFER GREEN  
CMS  
Assistant Principal



DR. ERIC MCFEE  
CHS  
Principal



PAUL DOBSON  
CHS  
Assistant Principal



DR. JOI WILLIAMS  
CHS Assistant Principal

RICHARD HERRIN  
CHS  
Assisstant Principal  
CTAE Director





Cook County Health Department will once again participate in a statewide initiative to have more students vaccinated against the flu by partnering with the Cook County Board of Education to administer the flu vaccine at local schools. In the fall, public health nurses will administer the flu shot during school flu clinics to all students that have returned a signed parental consent form to their school. "Flu shots are available at the health department all year, but each year our staff try to bring these clinics to Cook County schools to make vaccination as convenient as possible for students," states Rebecca Allgood, RN, county nurse manager. "We know that it is extremely rare for a child to get sick in a school setting without spreading it to others. Our hope is that, by administering flu vaccines at the school, we can help prevent students from missing important education and class time."

Some insurance companies will be billed; however, anyone without insurance will not be charged for the vaccine. Parents need to make sure they complete and sign the flu consent form and return it to the school with all other important papers at the beginning of the year. A completed parental consent form must be returned beforehand for a student to receive their vaccine. Vaccines cannot be administered without that consent. In addition to flu vaccinations, the Cook County Health Department wants to remind all parents and students that, as we face the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of all Georgians to do their part to stop further spread of this deadly virus. Our staff encourage you to Practice social distancing – keep at least 6 feet between yourself and other people. Wash your hands – use soap and water and scrub for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (60% alcohol) if soap and water aren't readily available. Wear a mask – The CDC now recommends the use of face masks or simple cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19, especially where social distancing is difficult to maintain (grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.) For more information call Cook County Health Department at 896-7527.

## **COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS PUBLIC NOTICE**

Federal and State regulations require the Cook County School system to have in effect procedures for the identification, location, and evaluation of all students with disabilities who reside in Cook County. The Cook County School System is committed to providing all children with a disability within our district a free and appropriate public education. For further information, or if you suspect that you have a child with a disability, please contact:

**Cook County Program for Exceptional Students**  
**Leslie McElrath, Special Education Director**  
**1102 North Hutchinson Avenue.**  
**Phone: 229-896-2296**  
**E-mail: lmcclrath@cook.k12.ga.us**

## **FERPA AND ITS PROTECTION**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy interests of students. It affords parents the right to access and amend their children's education records, and gives them some control over the disclosure of the information in these records. FERPA generally prevents an education agency or institution from sharing student records or personally identifiable information in these records without the written consent of the parent. A "parent" is defined as a natural or adoptive parent, legal guardian or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of the parent or guardian. When students reach the age of 18, or attend a post secondary institution at any age, they are considered "eligible students", and all the rights afforded by FERPA transfer from the parent to the students. (34 CFR Section 99.3).

Although student files are protected under the law, FERPA does allow the disclosure of student data without parental consent under certain, specified conditions. For example, schools may reveal information from student records to school officials with a legitimate educational interest in the information.

**More information on FERPA can be found at:**  
**[www.ed.gov/policy/genlguid/fj.co/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/genlguid/fj.co/index.html)**  
**or contact Leslie McElrath at (229) 896-2296**

## **Cook County Schools Notice of Rights of Students and Parents under Section 504**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly referred to as "Section 504," is a nondiscrimination statute enacted by the United States Congress. The purpose of Section 504 is to prohibit discrimination and to assure that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to non-disabled students.

For further information regarding Section 504, or if you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact the local system's Section 504 Coordinator or view related information on the school website at: [www.cook.k12.ga.us](http://www.cook.k12.ga.us)

**Cook County Schools**  
**Dr. Courtney Holley, 504 Coordinator**  
**1102 North Hutchinson Avenue.**  
**Phone: 229-896-2296**  
**E-mail: courtneyholley@cook.k12.ga.us**



## COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS CHECK IN/OUT PROCEDURE FOR PRE-K THRU 5TH GRADE

Parents must check students out through the office. Students should not be checked out early except for emergencies, hardships or appointments. Students who routinely check out early will be referred to an administrator.

You will be asked to provide picture I.D. during student check out.

Students may not be checked out after 2:15 p.m. due to regular afternoon traffic congestion. Parents may not remove students from loaded buses.

We do not accept telephone messages that ask for a student to go home a different way than he or she came to school. The message must be in writing from the parent. This is for your child's safety.

### BALLOONS AND FLOWERS

Bus students who receive balloons and flowers at school for special occasions must make arrangements for their parents to pick them up after school.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS

Keeping you informed is a top priority of Cook County Schools. Our schools will continue to use multiple notifications to keep parents informed about school events or emergencies. To guarantee the messaging system is used efficiently, your contact information must be up-to-date at all times. If you have any changes during the year, it is important for you to contact your child's teacher so the information can be updated in our student information system.

## POWERSCHOOL - PARENT ACCESS

Parents are able to access their child's current grades and attendance through the internet. When viewing grades, you can see each assignment and your child's grade on each assignment by clicking on the course grade. To access this option, you can go to the website: [ps.cook.k12.ga.us/public/](https://ps.cook.k12.ga.us/public/). Please do not type "www" or "http" at the beginning of this web address. This website can also be accessed by clicking on the PowerSchool link in the top right corner of any Cook County School's webpage. The district website is [www.cook.k12.ga.us](https://www.cook.k12.ga.us). Here you can find directions to set up your single sign-on account if not already complete. Please look for more information from the school. Should you have any problems, contact the school registrar.

PowerSchool also has a mobile app. You will need to have your account set up before accessing. The code required to identify Cook County is BMHH.

If you have internet access at home or work, you can view this information on your child's progress at any time. If you do not have internet access, you can contact your child's counselor to receive a report through the mail. Please keep your passwords confidential so only you can access the information.

## COOK CONTINUES GOOGLE PARTNERSHIP

Cook County School System has joined Google to assist in educating your children. G Suite is a host of applications available to schools for the purpose of educating students and helping teachers organize their digital classrooms, all at no cost to school systems. These applications range from word processing to cloud storage all for free. What does this mean for your child? Once fully implemented by teachers, everything students need will be available on any electronic device. Google Apps are compatible with computers, Chrome books, tablets, and most cell phones. Students will have access to their school work from anywhere at any time! All students in the Cook County School System will have a Google account once parents sign consent in the student handbook or online registration website. Please look for this information to ensure your child has access to age-appropriate apps assigned and monitored by their teachers. G Suite core services comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Many resources, both paid and free, and associated with a single sign-on portal called CLEVER. This allows students to log in a <https://www.clever.com/in/hornets> and be automatically logged into this applications. This allows students and parents to access these resources while only being required to remember the Google login for the student's career in Cook County Schools.

## ROSTERS

Class rosters (assignments) will be posted at the respective schools Monday, July 27th after 3:30 p.m. for Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

## CORONAVIRUS Info

Visit: <https://www.cook.k12.ga.us/>  
For 2020-2021 School Re-entry Plan

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## TO APPLY VISIT:

<https://www.cook.k12.ga.us/prospectiveemployees>

Contact: Dr. Courtney Holley-HR Director

229-896-2296

[courtneyholley@cook.k12.ga.us](mailto:courtneyholley@cook.k12.ga.us)

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## COOK PRE-K INFORMATION

**Pre-K 2020-2021 • School Hours 8:00 – 2:40**

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Backpack • Complete change of clothes • Towel for nap time

### PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

December 2-3, 2020 • April 27-28, 2021

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Pre-K rosters posted for parents at CPS ..... Monday, July 27, 3:30 p.m.

Back to School Open House..... Mon. - Wed. August 3 - 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Field trips, class parties, special events, and Parent and Child Together (PACT) Time scheduled throughout the year.

### BELL SCHEDULE/MASTER SCHEDULE

8:00.....Class begins  
8:05.....Tardy bell rings  
8:10.....Breakfast  
9:20 – 11:35.....Recess (45 minutes per class)  
11:40 – 12:30.....Lunch (30 minutes per class)  
1:00 – 2:00.....Nap time  
2:30 – 3:15.....Student dismissal

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attendance is important in Pre-K! The first step in establishing good school habits and routines is regular school attendance, so your child must be at school unless he/she is ill. A written excuse will be required for all absences. Please send a note with your child when he/she returns to school after being out for any reason. If you take your child to the doctor, please ask the doctor or nurse to write an excuse. Pre-K guidelines require children who do not attend class or are late for an excessive number of days without a medical or other reasonable explanation to be removed from the roster.

### FACULTY AND STAFF:

Leslie Folsom ..... Principal  
Jeanne Dixon.....Asst. Principal, Pre-K Director  
Heather Tomlinson ..... Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Lisa Eppes ..... Parent Involvement Coordinator

#### TEACHERS

Felicia Allen  
Celena Green  
Connie Hilliard  
Heidi McDaniel  
Rebecca Noles  
Cindy Norman  
Hanna Sumner  
Tracy Boyd  
Doraleen Acree  
Lindy Browning

#### TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Rita Walton  
Jessica Touchton  
Whitney Tomlinson  
Keri Ann Colwell  
Renee Brisk  
Carolyn Covington  
Pam Birdine  
Shirley Foster  
Courtney Pearce  
Gwyn Thornton



**Finishing High School is a goal for every student.**

**Improving school attendance improves school success.**

**Victory will be achieved when we all work together.**

**Every Day Counts!**

## STRIVE FOR LESS THAN 5!

**Chronic absenteeism leads to risk of failure and dropping out. Every day you miss school, whether excused or unexcused, you miss opportunities to learn, which limits your success. So this year, strive for less than five!**

**Give your kids the best start they can get in life... An excellent education!**



COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received a 4-Star Rating on the Georgia Department of Education’s School Climate Star Ratings. The School Climate Star Rating shows how well a school is fostering an atmosphere where students feel welcomed, safe and respected. The 1-5 star rating provides school-level data on the following components. Parent, Teacher and Student Surveys, Student Discipline, Safe and Substance-Free Learning, and Attendance.
- Held four awards assemblies where numerous students were recognized for Terrific Kid, Good Citizenship, Exemplary Student, Bee Attitude, Excellence, and 5 Step Protocol.
- Awarded three scooters, one per each nine weeks grading period, to students that exhibited good behavior, attendance, and academics for the school year. Scooters were sponsored by the Adel-Cook Chamber of Commerce.
- Hosted two family nights, Literacy night and STEM night, to encourage positive family interactions.
- Won Math Matters competition for highest average 3 times and highest growth 5 times.

2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

- 4 packages small #2 pencils • 4 jumbo glue sticks (no glue pens)
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors • headphones
- 1 box of Classic Crayola markers • 1 bookbag (no rolling book bags)
- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count) • 1 Crayola water color

OPTIONAL

- 1 large box of tissue • 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- Clorox/baby wipes • Ziploc bags (quart/gallon slide-loc)
- Please do not send pencil boxes or baskets

2020-2021 FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count) • Headphones
- note cards • 2 Boxes (24 Count) # 2 pencils • 1 pair scissors
- 4 Large glue sticks • Small Cap or Bar Erasers • Crayola Watercolors
- Crayola Markers • 2 spiral composition notebooks • Bookbag

OPTIONAL

- Large zip-loc freezer bags (Gallon) • Small zip-loc freezer bags (quart)
- Boys - Hand sanitizer • Box of Kleenex • Clorox wipes
- Girls - Hand soap

\* Your child’s teacher may request additional items.

2020-2021 SECOND GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 2 boxes of 24 count crayons • 2 packs of erasers • Headphones
- pencil box • 1 pair of scissors • 4 large glue sticks • 2 highlighters
- 4 packages of pencils • 1 package of wide ruled notebook paper
- 2 wide ruled composition notebooks • 1 bookbag (NO trapper keepers)

OPTIONAL

- Hand sanitizer • Ziploc bags (girls quart/boys gallon)
  - Large boxes of Kleenex • Clorox/baby wipes
- \*This is a general supply list. Please contact your child’s teacher for additional supplies she may request.

REPORT CARD DATES FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

- October 19th.....1st Nine Weeks Report Cards
- December 17th .....2nd Nine Weeks Report Cards
- March 22nd .....3rd Nine Weeks Report Cards
- May 20th..... 4th Nine Weeks Report Cards

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Leslie Folsom ..... Administration
- Donna Carrol .....Teacher
- Joy Butler.....Teacher
- Kyle Hand ..... Business Rep.
- Cloretta Lane..... Parent
- Phil Morris, Jr..... Business Rep.
- Brett Harris ..... Parent
- Lori Betts ..... Parent
- Misty Dobransky ..... Business Rep.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

September 11, 2020 • November 20, 2020 • February 5, 2021 • April 16, 2021  
Meetings will begin at 11:45 a.m. • All Parents/Guardians Welcome to Attend

PTO OFFICERS

- Shayla Emrich ..... President
- Kerri Colwell ..... Vice President
- Kristie Dixon .....Treasurer
- Katrina Spires..... Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 3rd - 5th ..... Open House (5-7 p.m.)
- August 10th .....First Day of School
- September 1st .....Fall Picture Day
- October 1st..... Fall Picture Retakes
- October 2nd (5-7 pm) ..... Fall Family Bingo Night
- March 5th..... Class and Spring Pictures
- May 6th (6 pm) ..... 2nd Grade PTO Musical
- May 21st ..... Last Day of School (1/2 day)

AWARD ASSEMBLIES

- October 8th..... 1st Nine Weeks Award Assembly
- December 11th ..... 2nd Nine Weeks Award Assembly
- March 19th..... 3rd Nine Weeks Award Assembly
- May 14th..... 4th Nine Weeks Award Assembly

ASSEMBLY TIMES FOR GRADES ARE:

\*\*8:30 – 1st grade • \*\*9:30 – 2nd grade • \*\*1:30 - Kindergarten



# COOK PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

## 2020-2021 COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF

## CES FACULTY & STAFF

### FRONT OFFICE

ADMINISTRATION/MAIN OFFICE

Mr. Leslie Folsom .....Principal  
Jeanne Dixon.....Assist. Principal  
Mrs. Joy Folsom, Pre-K-12 Curriculum Director  
Jessica Russell .....Academic Coach  
  
Lisa Eppes ..... Parent Coordinator  
Michelle Sedam..... Receptionist  
Cindy Robinson..... Bookkeeper  
Heather Tomlinson ..... Secretary  
Shari Breeden . School System Social Worker  
Ginny Herring .....Nurse  
Almeta Owens .....Counselor  
Kathryn Surrency ..... Secretary  
  
Gage Castleberry .....SRO

KINDERGARTEN

Regina Worley • Cyndee Cowart  
Stephanie Curry • Rachel Bostic  
Mandi Shealey • Marci Baldree  
Brittany Betts • Erin McRae • Katie Eunice  
Kayla Parrish • Amber Williams

FIRST GRADE

Dana Bennett • Melissa Betts  
Joy Butler • Angela Williams  
Melanie Lawrence • Tawuana Inman  
Angela Graham • Regina West  
Brittany Rowan • Stephanie Boykin  
Cindy Wall

SECOND GRADE

Joanna Bryan • Stephanie Butler  
Patricia Chambless • Amy Crosby  
Angela Harry • Sabrina Lindsey  
Taylor Rutland • Brandy Dukes  
Tina Vossfeldt • Mary Ellen Calhooun  
Joanna Padgett

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Leanne Chaney • Donna Hough  
Kathy Harris • Haley Pennington  
Beth Daughtrey • Kelly Faulkner  
Sarah Parten • Connie Smith  
Jessica Daly

STEM ..... Mandy Ward  
ART..... Patti Franklin  
PE ..... Susan Young • Christy Stripling  
GIFTED ..... Elizabeth Rosatti  
MUSIC ..... Ki Golson  
TECHNOLOGY..... Stacy Beard  
ESOL ..... Margaret Smith  
MEDIA CENTER ..... Ray Yody  
ISS .....Bobbie Robinson • Wilma Wright  
RTI/EIP

Kim Sumner  
Becky Beard • Brandi Howze  
Donna Carroll • Julie Griffin  
Marva Jackson

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Jessica Raper • Ana Corona  
Danette Harris • Donna McCall  
Ronard White • Edith Cleghorn  
Barbara Clements • Trisha Williams  
Louise Godwin • Robbie Hester  
LaRae Sills • Annie Walker  
Annie Hooks • Grace Lane  
Kayla Jones • Lori Myers  
Gwen Pierce •Jerdinna Carter  
Jessica Robinson • Kathy Stoddard  
Kali Bennett • Jesseca Judice  
Yvonne Patterson • Patricia Woods

FOOD SERVICE  
Tammy Davis .....Manager  
Dina Wooten • Natalie Morrison  
Renisha Thomas

CUSTODIAL STAFF

Willie Brascher..... Supervisor  
Luchus McMillan • Reggie Morrison  
Satariea Waldon • Lorraine Welding  
Cathy Byron •Ida Mae Holloman

Gabe Hammock.....Principal  
Tiffany Clemons .....Asst. Principal  
Karen Taylor .....Academic Coach  
Debi Brady .....Registrar/Administrative Assistant  
Tanya Cone .....System Head Bookkeeper  
Cathryn Garner .....School Counselor  
Susan Griffin ..... Receptionist/Secretary  
Holly Harrell ..... Parent Coordinator  
Becky Harris ..... Media Specialist  
Janice Jackson ..... Food Services  
Michelle Joiner ..... Nurse  
Chad Mauldin ..... Technology

THIRD GRADE

Catherine Bagley, Abigail Bauch, Jenni Bullard, Laura Connell,  
Kelly Donaldson, JoAnna Larkin, Sebrina Meeler, Rosemary Mitchell,  
Vanessa Mitchell, Ashlee Simmons, Kelly Sumner.

FOURTH GRADE

Kristi Adamson, Charla Hilliard, Heather Lindsey, Andrea May,  
Jennifer McDaniel, Kylee Raulerson, Tina Smith, Jetta Taylor,  
Amber Thompson, Kristina Turner, Morgan Turner, Crystal Wiggins.

FIFTH GRADE

Angie Adams, Jocelyn Arrendale, Christy Baxter, Alana Dixon,  
Staci Howell, Lydia McDaniel, Alisa Pearson, Emily Philpot,  
Veronica Sharpe, Charlene Tabor, Erika VanHouten, Carrie Zeigler.

SPEECH

Beth White, Caroline Brown.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Carla Brown, Leigh Moore, Jamie Shea,

Kacy Williams, Bonni Young.

PARAS

Bridget Brady, Sataria Clayton, Nikki Emrich, Katy Fulghum,  
Becky Hicks, Mary Hill, Teresa Parrish, Anna Smith, Cara Tillman.

SPECIALS/LABS

Valerie Bennett, Clint Carnine, Lori Carnine, Kelley Felts,  
Tracy Gray, Laura Griffin, Kathy Jones, Boone Webster.

# PROMOTION STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

## KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION CRITERIA

- GKIDS- meets 70% or above on Georgia Standards of Excellence
- Classroom performance • Teacher recommendation

## FIRST GRADE PROMOTION CRITERIA

- Report Card: 70% or above in Reading, Language Arts, and Math
- Classroom performance • Teacher recommendation

## SECOND GRADE PROMOTION CRITERIA

- Report card: 70% or above in Reading, Language Arts, and Math
- Classroom performance • Teacher recommendation



**COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION**  
**CES SCHEDULE**

**FIFTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST**

**Tardy Bell .....8:00**  
**Release Bell.....2:40**

**THIRD GRADE SUPPLY LIST**

- Ear buds
  - Book Bag
  - Pencils
  - Erasers
  - Glue Sticks • Scissors
  - Crayons
  - Expo Markers
  - Pencil Pouch (*No Pencil Boxes*)
  - Tissue (*2 Large Boxes*)
  - Hand Sanitizer • Disinfectant Wipes
  - Ziploc Bags (*Gallon Size, Boys - Quart Size, Girls*)
- \*Please see your teacher at Open House for additional supplies.*

**FOURTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST**

- Bookbag
  - Ear buds or headphones (*Dollar Tree - To be left at school*)
  - 3 packs wide ruled loose leaf notebook paper
  - 2 marble notebooks • 2 - 5 subject notebooks w/ pockets • 2 folders with prongs and pockets (*Yellow/Blue*) • 1 large cloth zipper pencil pouch (*No Boxes*)
  - 4 packs #2 pencils (*No Mechanical Pencils or Pens*)
  - Erasers (cap and/or bar) • 1 pack of Expo Markers
  - 1 pack 24 count crayons or colored pencils
  - 1 pack of Highlighters (*4-5 colors*)
  - 6 glue sticks • 1 pair of scissors
  - 2 large boxes Kleenex • 1 box of bandaids
  - 2 packs Clorox or Lysol disinfectant wipes
  - 2 bottles of hand sanitizer (*10 oz or larger*)
- \*Please see your child’s individual teachers at Open House for any additional supplies.*

- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
  - 1 Pack of Glue Sticks
  - 5 Packs of Pencils
  - 1 Pack of Colored Pencils or Crayons
  - 1 Pack of 4 EXPO markers
  - 2 Packs of Notebook Paper
  - 1 Pack of Markers
  - Bandaids
  - Hand Sanitizer
  - Ear Buds
  - 1 box of quart Ziploc bags (*Girls Only*)
  - 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags (*Boys Only*)
  - Clorox Wipes
- \*Please check with your child’s teachers because they may request additional items.*

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Greg Folsom ..... Business
- Deidre Thompson..... Business
- Kim Boling ..... Business
- Scott Freeman.....Parent
- Phil Morris.....Parent
- Kelley Felts..... Faculty
- Kathy Jones ..... Faculty

**OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION AT CES**

Tuesday, August 4th ..... 10:30 to 11:30 or 5:00 to 6:00  
(Students with last names beginning with A - F)

Wednesday, August 5th ... 10:30 to 11:30 or 5:00 to 6:00  
(Students with last names beginning with G - M)

Thursday, August 6th..... 10:30 to 11:30 or 5:00 to 6:00  
(Students with last names beginning with N - Z)

*\*To assist us in following CDC guidelines, we request only 1 parent or guardian to attend with each student.*

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL • AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**REPORT CARDS**

10/19/2020 • 12/17/2020  
3/19/2021 • 5/18/2021

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

9/04/2020 • 11/11/2020  
2/05/2021 • 4/21/2021

**AWARDS ASSEMBLIES**

3rd Honors Day - 5/18/21 • 4th Honors Day -  
5/19/21 • 5th Honors Day - 5/20/21

**1ST SEMESTER**

08/10/2020 • 12/18/2020

**2ND SEMESTER**

01/06/2021 • 05/21/2021

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Renaissance Rocks - Kick Off 8/14/20
  - School Pictures - 8/26/20
- 4th Grade Musical - 11/19/20
  - Class Pictures - 2/24/21
  - Field Day – 5/14/21

**PTO OFFICERS**

President ..... Bonni Young  
Vice President ..... Amber Morris  
Treasurer..... Leigh Sears  
Secretary ..... Lindsey Flowers

**3RD GRADE PROMOTION CRITERIA**

1. Georgia Milestones; Achieve a level 2, 3, or 4 on the Language Arts and Math sections
2. Lexile: 520L-820L
3. Report Card: a yearly average of 70% or higher in Reading/Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science and Social Studies
4. Classroom Performance
5. Teacher Recommendation
6. Georgia Milestones Retest - ELA

**4TH GRADE PROMOTION CRITERIA**

1. Georgia Milestones; Achieve a level 2, 3, or 4 on the Language Arts and Math sections
2. Lexile: 740L-940L
3. Report Card: a yearly average of 70% or higher in Reading/Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science and Social Studies
4. Classroom Performance
5. Teacher Recommendation

**5TH GRADE PROMOTION CRITERIA**

1. Georgia Milestones; Achieve level 2, 3, or 4 on the Language Arts and Math sections
2. Lexile: 830L-1010L
3. Report Card: a yearly average of 70% or higher in Reading/Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science and Social Studies
3. Classroom Performance
4. Teacher Recommendation
6. Georgia Milestones Retest - ELA, Math





# COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## 2020-2021 COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

***DUE TO RECENT EVENTS WITH COVID-19, WE FEEL IT IS NECESSARY FOR EACH STUDENT TO HAVE HIS/HER OWN SET OF SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR.***

### 6TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

2 - 1" Binder (2 binders)	10 Folders with Brads for the year
4 Packs Notebook Paper	4 Glue Sticks
1 Pack Pens (Blue or Black)	1 Marble Composition Book
Hand Held Pencil Sharpener	Scissors
1 Pack Colored Pencils	Pack of 5 Dividers
5 Packs Pencils	Highlighters (2)
Cap & Bar Erasers	
Headphones/Ear buds ( <i>Required</i> ) - <i>Used Daily</i>	
Basic Calculator ( <i>Required</i> ) <i>No Scientific calculators</i>	

### 7TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

1 - 2" Binder With Rings	
3 - 1" Binders With Rings	Glue Sticks
2 Expo Whiteboard Markers	Colored Pencils
Notebook Paper	Marble Notebook
Pencils & Pens	Scissors
1 Large Pack of Dividers	Highlighters - 4 Different Colors
Ear Buds or Headphones	
Basic Calculator or TI 30XL	

### 8TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

2 - 1" Ring Binders With Rings	Pencils
Pens	Notebook Paper
6 Pocket Folders Without Brads	2 Highlighters
1 Marble Notebook	Color Pencils
8 Pack Dividers	Glue Or Glue Sticks
Ear Buds/Headphones	TI30 XS Calculator
Markers/Crayons	Scissors
2 Expo Whiteboard Markers	2" Binder For Algebra

\* Items needed in all grades and Connections classes:

Bottled Water, Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer and Sanitizing Wipes.

## COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION CRITERIA POLICY

The Promotion Criteria for Cook Middle School is listed below to determine if a student will be promoted to the next grade level:

### STATE REQUIRED TESTS

- All students must pass FOUR OUT OF FOUR sections. (8th Grade) and TWO OUT OF TWO (6th and 7th grade)
- Eighth grade students who do not pass the Language Arts/Lexile score and/or Math sections MUST re-take and pass the test(s) if the opportunity for remediation is given.

### REPORT CARDS

- All students must achieve a Yearly Average of 70 or above in FOUR OUT OF FOUR academic areas. (ELA \* Reading count as one)
- All students must achieve a combined yearly average of 70 or above in Connections classes.

### ATTENDANCE

- Students may not have more than 10 unexcused absences for the school year.

### APPEALS PROCESS

- If a student does not meet the promotion criteria policy, the placement committee will make a recommendation for each student.

### 2020 - 2021 CMS COUNCIL MEMBERS & MEETINGS

Cook Middle School invites all parents to share ideas and concerns with their School Council representatives for the purpose of building partnerships with school, families, and the community. Parents are encouraged to contact the council representatives below to submit their ideas and suggestions.

Dates:

Quarter 1: August 26 @ Noon • Quarter 2: November 18th @ Noon  
Quarter 3: February 17th @ Noon • Quarter 4: April 14 @ Noon.

**All Meetings Are Held At The Cook Middle School Conference Room.**

### 2020-21 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Rusty Meadows (Chairman) • Samona Durr (Community Representative)
- Col. Ronald Mitchell (Community Representative)
- Business/Community/Parents: • Penny Bullard-Eller • Brent Dixon • Nick Griffin
- School Representatives: Lyn Martin • Audrey Stacks

## COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Orientation for all Cook Middle School students will be held virtually via Facebook and the CMS school website.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 29th at 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Cook Middle School website or CMS Facebook Page

**Purpose:** To orientate students and their parents/guardians to Cook Middle School and the changes that have evolved pertaining to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Cook County Return to School Plan for 2020-2021 will be presented with guidelines for student learning, as well as the safety of all students and faculty.

## Open House/Parent Distance Learning Sessions at CMS

Open House/Parent Distance Learning meetings will be assigned based on last names and class assignments. These assigned times will be posted on the rosters that will be posted on July 27th. Date assignments are August 4th, 5th, and 6th from 6:00 till 7:00. There will be two sessions on Friday, August 7th for parents that are not able to attend on their assigned day. Times will be from 9:30-10:30 and 1:30 - 2:30.

**CMS 2020-2021 DATES TO REMEMBER  
SEMESTER 1**

July 27 .....Rosters Posted with Open House/Parent Session assignment  
July 29 .....Virtual Orientation to CMS  
August 4-6.. Open House/ Parent Sessions for Distance Learning 6:00 - 7:00  
August 7 ..Parent Sessions for Distant Learning 9:30 - 10:30 and 1:30 - 2:30  
(For parents that have not attended a parent meeting at night)  
August 10 ..... First Day of School  
August 18..... Title 1 Mtg/PTO  
August 26.....School Council Meeting Noon  
September 8.....Labor Day  
September 9..... Teacher PL Day  
September 10 .....Progress Reports Q1  
September 14-18..... Homecoming Week  
October 5-9 .....TSA Week  
October 8 .....Quarter 2 Begins  
October 9-13 .....Fall Break  
October 10 ..... Teacher PL Day  
October 12 .....TSA Tech Day  
October 16 ..... Report Cards Q1  
October 27 .....TAPSS  
October 26-30 .....Red Ribbon Week  
October 27-31 ..... Washington DC Trip  
October 28 .....Q1 Virtual Awards Program  
November 12 .....Progress Reports Q2  
November 18 ..... School Council Meeting at Noon  
November 23-27 .....Thanksgiving Holidays  
December 2-4 .....Jr. Beta Convention in Savannah  
December 18 .....End of Semester 1 - 1/2 Day For Students  
December 19 - January 5 .....Christmas Holidays

**SEMESTER 2**

January 5..... Teacher PL Day  
January 6..... Quarter 3/Semester 2 Begins  
January 13.....Report Cards Q2/Sem 1  
January 18..... MLK Holiday  
January 27.....TAPSS  
January 28.....Q2 Virtual Awards Program  
February 8 .....Q3 Progress Reports  
February 12-15 .....Winter Break  
February 17 ..... School Council Meeting at Noon  
February 20-27 ..... FFA Week  
March 12..... Teacher PL Day  
March 12-15 ..... School Closed For Students  
March 18..... Report Cards Q3  
March 18-20 ..... TSA State Leadership Conference  
March 23.....TAPSS  
March 24.....Q3 Virtual Rewards Program  
April 5-9 ..... Spring Holidays  
April 14 ..... School Council Meeting at Noon  
April 19 - 23 ..... Georgia Milestones EOG for ELA and Math  
May 10 - 12 .....Georgia Milestones EOG for Honors 9th Lit  
May 13 - 14 ..... Georgia Milestones EOG for Honors Algebra  
May 12 - 13 .Georgia Milestones EOG for 8th Grade Science & Social Studies  
May 17 - 18 ..... Georgia Milestones EOG for Honors Physical Science  
May 18.....Hornet Pride Day - Virtual  
May 19 - 20 ..... Georgia Milestones retest in 8th ELA and Math  
May 21.....End of Q4/Semester 2; 1/2 Day For Students

\* Other dates to be added throughout the year.

**CMS POLICY FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

*Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy*

*Electronic Devices include but are not limited to the following:*

- Cell Phone
- Earbuds/Headsets
- Smart Watches
- Camera
- IPod/MP3
- Tablets/IPad
- Any device capable of recording, viewing or transmitting information

*Cell phones and all electronic devices and accessories must be turned off, out of sight from 7:00am-3:00pm. Students may access their phones only after exiting the building after dismissal.*

*Emergency phone calls can always be made in the main office (229) 549-5999; so, cell phones are not needed during school hours. If parents must contact their child, they should call the school office. The school office staff is excellent at relaying emergency messages from parents to students.*

*We understand that many of the electronic devices are very important to our students; however, they are a huge distraction to the educational process and in some cases can be a safety issue. Texting and videoing has become a major distraction and cannot be tolerated at school.*

*A student is considered “USING” a cell phone if the phone rings, vibrates, or the student is looking at and/or touching the electronic device. Text messages and/or social media posts with a timestamp during the school day are considered use of the electronic device. If a student is observed by an adult with a cell phone or electronic device during the school day, consequences will be assigned accordingly. Cell phone and electronic device consequences will reset each grading period per administration discretion.*

*Violation 1 - Maximum demerits for the week per team/Loss of earned free time/parent contact by teacher*

*Violation 2 - Maximum demerits for the week per team/Loss of earned free time/parent contact by teacher*

*Violation 3 - Maximum demerits for the week per team/Loss of earned free time/parent contact by teacher*

*Violation 4 and each subsequent offense - Office Referral*

*\*Excessive Referrals will be considered Disregard of Direction violation*

*Cook Middle School is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged electronic items or accessories and school officials will not investigate these matters.*

*If the cell phone is used as a tool to instigate bullying, terroristic threats, sexual misconduct, it will result in a Tier 3 violation.*



COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FACULTY AND STAFF 2020-2021

Principal .....Rusty Meadows  
Assistant Principal..... Jennifer S Green  
Assistant Principal.....Johnny Beard  
Academic Coach.....Peggy Fulghum

SIXTH GRADE ACADEMICS:

Rusty Beale, Susan Exum, Jennifer Harris, Jenny Hood,  
Sarah Jacobson, Adam Jones, Tabatha Jones,  
Tonya McDaniel, Lisa Myers, Teara Powell, Brooke Webb

SEVENTH GRADE ACADEMICS:

Jeri Anna Bearden, Tony Harrison, Greg Hasecuster, Taylor  
Hendricks, Diedra Kruase, Kayla McIntosh, Kelli Mead, Kevin  
Patel, Daniel Smith, Luis Tyson

EIGHTH GRADE ACADEMICS:

Josh Bryan, Kayla Craft, Wanda Dobson, Deena Griffin,  
Jonathan McDaniel, Heather McIntyre, Dawn Morris, Bradley  
Patterson, Rachel Serrano

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Bonnie Boone 8th • Drew Bryan 6th  
Melissa Duke 7th ¶ Jamere Durr 7th  
Judy Lippincott 6th, 7th, & 8th  
Heather Roberts 6th • Candi Rountree 8th  
Dawn Stevens 6th, 7th, & 8th  
Oliva Wilder - 6th, 7th, & 8th

MEDIA SPECIALIST

Melissa Harrison

COUNSELORS

Lyn Martin & Blake Suggs

ESOL

Tracy O’Quinn

SPEECH

Brittany Dozier

PACES

Wanda Dobson

MTSS

Chris Craft

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Audrey Stacks

CONNECTIONS

Agriculture - Ren Hester  
Art - Sherri Youngblood  
Band - Jacob Fortner  
Basic Skills - Chris Craft  
Computer Science - John Smith  
Healthcare Science - Stephanie Pattereson  
Physical Education - Jeremy Brown  
Physical Education - Audrey Stacks  
Technology - Mike Huffstetler  
Weightroom - Corey Green

Office Staff

Bookkeeper  
Joni Huffstetler

Secretary

Betty Coleman • Linda Tennant

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

Dennis Hicks

SCHOOL NURSE

Patsy Boone

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Antonio Carter

PARENT-SCHOOL RESOURCE

Cloretta Lane

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Paul Turner

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Larry Cannon, Linda Collier,  
Sharon Durden, Isabelle Johns,  
Kaitie Lee, Faith Lovett,  
Doretha Robinson, Ellar Simmons,  
Almaree Thomas, Destry Walker, Beth Wright

LUNCHROOM STAFF

Manager: Jeff Stalvey

Staff

Brenda Davis • Kay Gray  
Jane Robinson • Cassandra Sims  
Judy Stalvey

CUSTODIAL STAFF

Head Custodian: Mary Way  
Staff

Carolette Durden • Edward Harley  
Shirley Williams • Gloria Keeley  
Vera Pettigrew • Ralph Thomas

Teresa Wooten

CMS MASTER SCHEDULE 2020-2021

6TH GRADE

Power Hour ..... 8:00-8:55  
Block 1..... 8:55 - 9:50  
Connections ..... 9:50 - 11:20  
Lunch ..... 11:20-11:55  
Block 2..... 11:55-12:55  
Block 3..... 12:55-1:50  
Block 4 w/ Computer Hookups ..... 1:50-3:00

7TH GRADE

Connections ..... 8:00-9:30  
Power Hour ..... 9:30-10:25  
Block 1..... 10:25-11:20  
Block 2 w/ Lunch ..... 11:20-12:55  
Block 3..... 12:55-1:50  
Block 4 w/ Computer Hookups ..... 1:50-3:00

8TH GRADE

Power Hour ..... 8:00 - 8:55  
Block 1..... 8:55-9:50  
Block 2..... 9:50-10:45  
Block 3 w/ Lunch ..... 10:45-12:20  
Block 4 w/ Computer Hookups ..... 12:20-1:30  
Connections ..... 1:30-3:00

CONNECTIONS

7-1 Connections ..... 8:00-8:45  
7-2 Connections ..... 8:45-9:30  
6-1 Connections ..... 9:50-10:35  
6-2 Connections ..... 10:35-11:20  
Lunch/Lunch Duty/Planning ..... 11:20-1:30  
8-1 Connections ..... 1:30-2:15  
8-2 Connections ..... 2:15-3:00

LUNCH

1st Lunch 8th Grade ..... 10:50-11:20  
2nd Lunch 8th Grade ..... 10:55-12:25  
1st Lunch 6th Grade ..... 11:20-11:50  
2nd Lunch 6th Grade ..... 11:30-12:00  
1st Lunch 7th Grade ..... 12:00-12:30  
2nd Lunch 7th Grade ..... 12:05-12:35

PARENT’S GUIDE TO PEER PRESSURE

- Do I seek ways to develop and encourage my teen to have friendships with positive role models, mentors or leaders in the community?
- Do I know who my child’s friends are and have I met their parents?
- Do I know where my son/daughter is at all times? What measures have I taken to make sure they are safe?
- Have I been encouraging my teen to become more independent, responsible and accountable for his/her actions?
- Do I make it a practice to reinforce that it’s okay to be different?
- Have I been setting the example of how to embrace diversity by striving to have friends of all races, backgrounds, and social classes?
- Do I praise and teach my teen assertiveness?
- Do I discipline my teen accordingly or am I shielding him/her from the natural consequences that come along with certain behaviors?
- Have I spoken to the school’s guidance counselor to learn about the latest trends and potential problems my teen could be facing?
- Do I foster an ‘open door’ policy and make it a priority to sit down and talk openly with my teen at least twice a week?

# CMS DRESS CODE 2020-21

Conventional dress worn in a traditional manner is the norm for approved dress at Cook Middle School. It is the student’s responsibility to come to school fully clothed and to wear clothes that are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code. Extremes in dress and groom-ing are not permitted.

- Hats, hoods, and sunglasses are not permitted inside the building during school. IF SEEN, these items will be confiscated.
- Clothing should be fitted so there is no midriff or underwear showing when standing, bending, seated, or moving.

All pants must be worn at the natural waistline. Sagging pants (worn below the waistline) are not permitted. If belts are worn, they must be buckled. Zippers must be zipped, and fasteners must be fastened.

The following items of clothing are NOT PERMITTED:

- Outer clothing which resembles sleepwear or underwear, pajama-type pants or bed-room shoes or slippers (Shoes are required at all times.)
- Fanny Packs
- Tank tops or shirts with shoulder straps narrower than two (2) inches, (Females).

Midriff tops, low-cut tops and one-shoulder tops, see-through blouses covering bras/ tube tops

- Pants should be worn at the same length on both legs. Pants may not be tucked into socks
- Sleeveless shirts for males
- Miniskirts and short shorts – Shorts and skirts must be longer than mid-thigh length. No tight or sagging sweatpants or wind suits. They are to be worn appropriately.
- NO HEAD COVERINGS (male or female) unless documented religious apparel. In-cluding Hoodies
- Females may only wear hair “bands” 1/2 inch in width or less. Large bows are not permitted.
- NO BANDANAS OF ANY COLOR.
- Towels, hand cloths, curlers, combs, sunglasses and metal chains
- Bike pants, or other apparel that is extremely tight fitting
- Leggings, jeggings, joggers or any skin-tight pants, must be covered with long loose tops approaching the mid-thigh length.
- Clothing/jewelry with profanity, vulgarities, or other offensive language, references to alcohol or drug use,
- Gangs, social clubs, weapons, or sexually suggestive items
- Clothing/jewelry that could be used as a weapon. No piercings with sharp points.
- Cut-out jeans with holes above the knees. No skin can show. If there are holes in pants above the knee, leggings or shorts must be worn under the pants.
- Any clothing with group, club, or organization names on them, unless the group(s) are approved as school
- Non-prescription glasses or Glasses with no lens
- Face masks worn for medical purposes are permitted but must not cover the eyes.

Note: Administrator discretion applies to all the above.

Dress code discipline will be enforced by both teachers and administrators. Discipline will be assigned and, if necessary, students will be loaned shirts or scrubs to wear or a parent/guardian will be called to bring a change of clothes. Students will not be allowed to remain in the classroom with inappropriate clothing.

Dress Code Consequences:

Violation 1 - Warning/Parent Contact/Change of Clothes/Documentation in Educator Handbook

Violation 2 - Tier 1 Referral/Change of Clothes/Parent Contact

Violation 3 - Tier 1 Referral/Change of Clothes/Parent Contact

Violation 4 and subsequent violations - Disregard of Directions - Tier 2 Referral

# 30 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER

When meeting with your child’s teacher(s), it is often helpful to prepare questions to discuss your child’s aca-demic development. Below is a list of possible topics to ask your child’s teacher(s).

1. Is my child an active participant in your class?
2. How does the school help students who need extra assistance?
3. Do you feel that my child is being challenged?
4. How does my child interact with other students?
5. What would you describe as being some of my child’s strengths?
6. What would you consider being some of my child’s weaknesses?
7. What can I do at home to help support my child’s education?
8. What is the best time for you to meet with parents?
9. What is your preferred method of communication with parents?
10. How can I regularly monitor my child’s progress?
11. Does my child work well with other students?
12. How does my child behave socially?
13. Have you needed to correct my child’s behavior at any time?
14. How will my child’s grade in your class be determined?
15. Do you have a blog, website, or homework hotline?
16. How will I know if my child is on track for promotion to the next grade?
17. What opportunities exist for parents to be involved or volunteer at the school?
18. As my child’s teacher, do you see any concerns?
19. What is the quality of my child’s work?
20. How can parents learn more about what is being taught in the classroom?
21. What is my child expected to accomplish by the end of the year?
22. Does my child turn in assignments on time?
23. Does my child come to your class prepared every day?
24. How much time should my child spend on homework each night?
25. How does my child respond to instructions or directions?
26. Is my child performing at grade level?
27. Is my child working to the best of her/his ability?
28. How is my child’s attendance?
29. Do you have any recommendations?
30. What is the behavior/discipline policy for your class?

# SUCCESSFUL HOMEWORK STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN

1. Schedule homework/home study on a regular basis with your child.
2. Check your child’s work and provide immediate feedback.
3. Help him or her with corrections.
4. Make homework a top priority
5. Provide necessary supplies and a quiet homework environment.
6. Provide praise and positive support when homework is complete.
7. Help return homework to class by the due date.
8. Be aware of grade level and teacher standards for work and behavior.
9. Be aware of the unit of study your child is involved in and check for understanding.
10. Check to be sure your child’s backpack and pocket folder are emptied daily.
11. Provide a place in your house for all papers that require parental attention.
12. Encourage your child to place homework and other items in the backpack to return to school.
13. Organize a space for your child with good lighting and materials for completing homework.
14. Minimize interruptions.
15. Encourage and praise your child to stay on task and complete work.
16. When appropriate, encourage your child to work independently on activities.
17. Set rules of conduct during study time.
18. Contact your child’s teacher if problems arise when completing homework.
19. Check your child’s work before it is placed in the backpack.
20. Attend school functions and parent conferences.
21. Increase your child’s level of home responsibilities when appropriate.
22. Make learning a priority in your home!



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

COOK HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION  
COOK HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Eric McFee .....Principal  
Dr. Joi Williams .....Asst. Principal  
Mr. Paul Dobson .....Parent/Asst. Principal  
Mr. Richard Herrin.....CTAE Director/Asst. Principal  
Mr. Cleve Edwards..... PE/Health Teacher & Boys Athletic Director  
Mrs. Paula Simmons .....PE Dept. Head & Girls Athletic Director  
Mrs. Lisa Heard ..... Guidance Counselor  
Mrs. Brittney Allen ..... Guidance Counselor  
Mr. Kip McLeod ..... Instructional Coach  
Mrs. Shelli Phillips..... CHS Teacher of the Year 2020-21  
Mr. Tom Thomas ..... Business Member  
Mrs. Latoya Turner ..... Business Member  
Dr. Mike McCartney.....Business Member (Adel Dental Associates)

**2020-2021 COOK HIGH SCHOOL CELL PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**  
Cell phones and all electronic devices and accessories must be turned off, out of sight and cannot be used during class time, unless permission is given by the teacher. Students found in violation of this policy will be penalized as follows:  
1st Offense: 5 days Restricted Lunch.  
2nd Offense: 10 days Restricted Lunch.  
3rd Offense: 2 days of Block ISS.  
4th Offense and beyond: 1 day of ISS.

**GRADUATION**  
To be eligible for participation in graduation ceremonies, students must have completed all requirements for a diploma and all state assessment requirements.

**FRESHMAN ORIENTATION & VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**  
Freshman Orientation and Virtual Open House will be held during the week of August 3rd - August 7th. Teachers will be communicating directly with parents to schedule times for online and in-person sessions with students and parents.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**  
Progress Reports will be sent out on the following dates:  
September 4th, November 11th, February 5th, April 21st.

**2020-2021 COOK HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE**  
8:15-9:45 .....1st Block  
9:50-11:20 .....2nd Block  
11:25-1:40 .....3rd Block  
11:20-11:40 .....1st Lunch (11:20 - 11:40)  
11:50-12:10 .....2nd Lunch (11:50 - 12:10)  
12:20-12:40 .....3rd Lunch (12:20 - 12:40)  
12:50-1:10 ..... 4th Lunch (12:50 - 1:10)  
1:20-1:40 .....5th Lunch (1:20 - 1:40)  
1:45-3:15 .....4th Block

**PARENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES**  
The lane nearest the sidewalk directly in front of the school is for student drop-off only. Drivers should pull as far down as possible along the curb (there is a sign posted where this begins) in lieu of waiting to drop off students directly at the front entrance. This will prevent traffic from backing up so much along the entrances to the school. No drop-offs should occur in the two lanes nearest the teacher parking lot. Please be reminded that the speed limit in front of the school is 5 mph.  
  
Although some students may have to walk a few feet further through this process, this will speed up the flow of traffic directly in front of the school in the mornings. This will also help with afternoon drivers, especially those that arrive early before school has ended. We thank all drop-off drivers for adhering to this policy for the benefit and safety of all of our students.

STUDENT PARKING PASSES AND LOCKER SCHEDULE				
Students attending Cook High School during the 2020-21 school year may purchase parking permits and/or school lockers according to the following schedule:				
Class	Day	Date	Time	Location
WBL	Tuesday	August 4	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	CHS
Seniors	Tuesday	August 4	1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	CHS
Juniors	Wednesday	August 5	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	CHS
Sophomores	Thursday	August 6	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	CHS
* Freshmen	Thursday	August 6	1:30 – 3:00 P.M.	CHS
* Freshmen are not allowed to park on campus, so they may not purchase a parking permit.				

**COOK HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY & STAFF**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Principal ..... Dr. Eric McFee  
Assistant Principal..... Mr. Paul Dobson  
Assistant Principal..... Dr. Joi Williams  
CTAE Director ..... Mr. Richard Herrin  
Boy’s Athletic Director .....Mr. Cleve Edwards  
Girl’s Athletic Director..... Mrs. Paula Simmons  
Instructional Coach ..... Mr. Kip McLeod

**GUIDANCE/STUDENT SERVICES**

Guidance Counselor ..... Mrs. Lisa Heard  
Guidance Counselor .....Mrs. Brittney Allen  
School System Social Worker..... Mrs Shari Breeden  
Registrar ..... Ms. Braye Wilkes  
School Nurse..... Mrs. Allison Edwards  
Media Specialist ..... Mrs. Allison Tolman  
ISS Director ..... Mr. Clifford Pettiford

**OFFICE STAFF**

Bookkeeper..... Mrs. Katrina Bostic  
Administrative Assistant..... Mrs. Chris Harris  
Administrative Assistant..... Mrs. Samona Durr  
Administrative Assistant..... Mrs. Freida Joiner  
Athletic Administrative Assistant ..... Mrs. Sonja Thomas

**FACULTY**

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

Shelli Phillips (*Chair*)  
Tetyana Ard - Melissa Calkins  
Makunda Ewing - Tonya Gregory  
Phillip Walker

**SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

Heather Lindsey (*Chair*)  
Bill Durrance - Tabitha Jenkins  
Debbie Kelley - Michael Novack - Britt Wall

**FINE ARTS/FOREIGN  
LANGUAGE**

Sandra Sawyer (*Chair*)  
Cesar Garcia - Heather Morris  
Elizabeth Powell - Ruthanna Wickham  
John Newsome

**MATH DEPARTMENT**

Becky Futch (*Chair*)  
Jessi Beale - Thalia Elliott  
Nick Kean - Kimberly McCann  
Kelsie Mitchell - Alice Pendleton  
Rhonda Reynolds

**SOCIAL STUDIES  
DEPARTMENT**

Laura Howard (*Chair*)  
Zach Folsom - Mary Garcia  
Eve Lawhorn - Chris May  
Leif Purvis

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Kelly Taylor (*Chair*)  
Tracy Bledsoe - Cornelius Brown  
Julie Hoffman - Carolyn Kaiser  
Dustin Larkin - Carrie Parker (ESOL)  
Jacki Swanson - Tammy Walker  
Will Wilson

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Paula Simmons (*Chair*)  
Tommy Blackshear - Phillip Brown  
Ryan Durham (Credit Recovery)  
Cleve Edwards - Clemmie Foster  
Josh Jacobson - Jamie Rodgers  
Gregg Williams (Credit Recovery)

**CTAE DEPARTMENT**

Marsha Tillman (*Chair*)  
Abbie Halbig (*Chair*)  
Lori Carter - Hannah Getz  
Matt Holley - Jeff Mclean  
Jenny Pitts - Constance Thomas  
Hope Weaver

**PARAPROFESSIONALS**

Yessenia Bautista - Kay Leverett - Ollie McKinnon  
Jontavius Randall - Joanne Warren - Beth Willis

**COOK HIGH DATES TO REMEMBER:**

August 4 & 5..... Freshman Orientation  
August 10.....School Begins  
August 3-7..... Virtual Open House  
September 8.....Teacher In-Service  
October 9-12 .....Fall Break  
October 13 .....Teacher In-Service  
November 23-27 .....Thanksgiving Break  
December 7-15.....EOC  
By December 17 .....Final Exams  
December 18..... End of 1st Semester - 1/2 Day  
December 21-January 3..... Christmas Break  
January 4.....Teacher In-Service  
January 21..... Open House  
February 12-15 ..... Winter Break  
February 16 .....Teacher In-Service  
March 12.....Teacher In-Service  
March 15..... Holiday  
March 27..... Prom  
April 5-9 .....Spring Break  
April 26 .....Honors Night 6:00 pm  
May 4, 6, 12, 14..... AP Testing  
May 7.....Honors Day 9:00 AM  
May 10-18 .....EOC  
May 18-20 .....Final Exams  
May 21.....Credit Recovery  
May 21..... End of 2nd Semester - 1/2 Day  
Graduation 8:00 pm

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

Students must meet diploma requirements in three areas:  
assessments, courses, and credits.

- Courses: students must complete specific course requirements as outlined by the graduation rule and local requirements.
- Credits: students must earn 24 units as a minimum requirement.

**GENERAL LOCAL POLICIES**

- A student will be placed in regular, advanced, and support courses beginning in the ninth grade based upon standardized, criterion-referenced, and formative assessment data; grades; achievement; other evidence of mastery of the Georgia Standards of Excellences; and teacher/guidance recommendations
- To be eligible for participation in graduation ceremonies, students must have completed all requirements for a diploma and all state assessment requirements.

**COOK HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Individual teachers will provide supply lists the first day of school. The high school is equipped with very large lockers. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a locker for \$10 (covers the entire year) to secure and store their valuables. PE Lockers are available for \$5 per semester.

Student Parking permits are \$20 and will be available on a first come first serve basis during scheduled days for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. Freshmen are not allowed to park on campus.



**AREAS OF STUDY  
UNITS REQUIRED**

(I) English/Language Arts .....	4
(II) Mathematics .....	4
(III) Science.....	4
(IV) Social Studies .....	4
(V) CTAE and/or Foreign Language and/or Fine Arts..	3
(VI) Health and Personal Fitness .....	1
(VII) Electives .....	4
TOTAL UNITS .....	24

**FALL SPORTS**

Football • Softball • Football Cheerleading  
• Cross Country • Volleyball

**WINTER SPORTS**

Basketball • Wrestling • Basketball Cheerleading

**SPRING SPORTS**

Baseball • Golf • Tennis • Track • Soccer  
• Bass Fishing

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2020 CHS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 14	Lanier #	Adel	7:30
Aug. 21	Ware	Waycross	7:30
Aug. 28	OPEN	OPEN	7:30
Sept. 4	Pelham	Adel	7:30
Sept. 11	Brooks	Adel	7:30
Sept. 18	Randolph-Clay &	Adel	7:30
Sept. 25	Brantley	Adel	7:30
Oct. 2	Worth *	Sylvester	7:30
Oct. 9	Berrien *	Adel	7:30
Oct. 16	Thomasville *	Thomasville	7:30
Oct. 23	Early * +	Adel	7:30
Oct. 30	Fitzgerald *	Fitzgerald	7:30
Nov. 6	OPEN	OPEN	7:30
# Scrimmage * Region Game & Homecoming + Senior Night			



**MEMORIAL STADIUM POLICY**  
To Ensure The Safety Of All Coaches,  
Players and Fans, No One Is Allowed  
On The Field Until All Players Have  
Entered The Field House.

CHS 2020-2021 Calendar - Semester 1	
Monday - Friday	July 27 - August 7 Pre-Planning
Tuesday - Wednesday	July 4 & 5 Freshman Orientation
Monday	August 10 Classes Begin
Monday - Friday	August 3 - 7 Visual Open House
Monday	September 7 Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday	September 8 Teacher In-Service
Wednesday	September 9 Progress Reports
Friday	September 18 Homecoming Game
Thursday	October 8 End 1st 8 Weeks
Friday - Tuesday	October 9-13 Fall Break (Students)
Friday - Monday	October 9-12 Fall Break (Teachers)
Tuesday	October 13 Teacher In-Service
Wednesday	October 14 Grade Verification Reports Printed
Thursday	October 15 Grade Verification Reports Due
Friday	October 16 Report Cards Printed
Monday	November 11 Progress Report
Monday-Friday	November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break
Monday-Tuesday	December 7-15 EOC Testing
Thursday	by December 17 Final Exams
Friday	December 18 End of 1st Semester 1/2 Day
Wednesday-Monday	December 23-January 4 Christmas Break

CHS 2020-2021 Calendar - Semester 2	
Monday	January 4 Teacher In-Service
Monday	January 4 Verification Reports Printed/Due
Tuesday	January 5 Report Cards Printed
Tuesday	January 5 Students Return
Monday	January 18 MLK Jr. Day
Thursday	January 21 Open House
Friday	February 5 Progress Report
Friday-Tuesday	February 12-16 Winter Break (Students)
Tuesday	February 16 Teacher In-Service
Friday-Monday	February 12-15 Winter Break (Teachers)
Thursday	March 11 End 3rd 8 Weeks
Friday	March 12 Student Holiday Teacher In-Service
Monday	March 15 Holiday
Tuesday	March 16 Verification Reports Printed
Wednesday	March 17 Verification Reports Due
Thursday	March 18 Report Cards Printed
Saturday	March 27 Prom (CHS)
Monday-Friday	April 5-9 Spring Break
Wednesday	April 21 Progress Report
Monday	April 26 Honors Night
Monday-Wednesday	May 3-7 & 11-12 EOC Testing
Tuesday-Friday	May 4, 6, 12, & 14 AP Testing
Friday	May 7 Honors Day
Friday	by May 14 Senior Finals
Tuesday-Thursday	May 18-20 Final Exams
Friday	May 21 End of 2nd Semester • 1/2 Day Graduation 8:00 pm
Monday-Thursday	May 24-27 Post Planning
Tuesday	May 25 Verification Reports Printed
Tuesday	May 25 Verification Reports Due



# Educational Websites for Families



## Amazing Kids Magazine

[mag.amazing-kids.org](http://mag.amazing-kids.org)

A kid-created online magazine dedicated to helping kids realize their amazing potential.



## AppInventor

[www.appinventor.org](http://www.appinventor.org)

This site helps beginners program mobile apps for android by offering tutorials and an on-line book.



## Between the Lions

[www.pbskids.org/lions](http://www.pbskids.org/lions)

Based on the the award-winning television program; this site combines fun games, songs, and stories for early readers.



## Building Big

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/buildingbig/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/buildingbig/index.html)

Explore the history behind the worlds greatest feats of engineering and the learn about the architects who designed them.



## CIA for Kids-Games

<https://www.cia.gov/kids-page>

Kids can find out what the CIA is all about, by playing games and solving puzzles.



## Discovery Education

[www.discoveryeducation.com/parents](http://www.discoveryeducation.com/parents)

Free family resources that provide high quality, relevant material for parents and children.



## DOGOnews

[www.dogonews.com](http://www.dogonews.com)

Kids can catch up on current events with news stories written just for children.



## EPA Environmental Kids Club

[www.epa.gov/students](http://www.epa.gov/students)

Learn about pollution, global warming, and recycling at this site from the Environmental Protection Agency.



## Helping Your Child Series

[www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/hyc.html](http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/hyc.html)

Provides parents with tools and information to help their children succeed in school and life.



## Kids Reads

[www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com)

Offers reviews of the best new books & authors for kids.



## Money as You Grow

[www.moneyasyougrow.org](http://www.moneyasyougrow.org)

Learn important lessons about financial responsibility for all ages.



## Mocomi

[www.mocomi.com](http://www.mocomi.com)

This website is packed with educational content, interactive stories, and fun activities.



## NASA Kids Club

[www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home](http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home)

Junior astronauts will have a blast exploring this fun and exciting website.



## National Geographic Kids

[kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com)

Kids can read the newest edition of this magazine on-line, check out the contests, polls, games and even virtual adventures.



## Ocean Portal

[www.ocean.si.edu](http://www.ocean.si.edu)

Discover the sea through a fun-filled blog, media gallery video, and current museum happenings.



## SciGirl

[www.pbskids.org/scigirls](http://www.pbskids.org/scigirls)

A great site for girls interested in science. SciGirls includes games, project ideas, videos and more.



## Starfall

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

A great site for early readers that offers reading games and tools.



## TIME for Kids

[www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com)

This site offers news articles, games, polls, and a homework help section.



## Volunteer Match

[www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)

A safe and secure site where teens can find volunteer opportunities.



## Wildlife Filmmaker

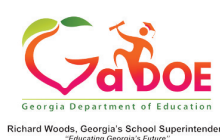
[www.animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals](http://www.animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals)

From National Geographic, this site allows kids to make animal movies using short clips of a wide variety of animals.



 Elementary Level  Middle School Level  
 High School Level

Parent  
Engagement  
Program



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