

# COVID-19 Community Conversation

Sunflower County Consolidated School District  
September 1, 2020  
6:00 p.m.



**SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SUNFLOWER  
COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT**



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# What's New and What's Next

- Miskia Davis
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# Topics of Discussion

Pre - K

A Day in the Life of a Virtual Student

CARES Monies

Student Schedules

Technology - Equipment

Technology Troubleshooting

Learning Packs

Social/Emotional Contacts

Technology - Waivers/Fees

Virtual Supplies

Technology Training

Handbook

Parent/Student Training

Feeding Sites/Drop Off Locations

# Pre-K

Hybrid at AW James

Traditional at Rosser Early Learning

Transportation will be provided

Must be registered

Daisy Hawkins - Principal

Leigh Ann Reynolds - Director  
of Early Learning

# CARES – \$2,390,198

Private Schools \$96,214

NSA - \$38,222

IA - \$35,586

RM - \$22,406

Canvas and ZOOM - \$288,194.90

Stipends for syllabi \$64,142.70

Hotspots \$106,000

Sanitation/Supplies - \$479,635.20

Technology - \$1,332,000.000

Indirect Cost \$24,011.20

*Does not cover insurance*

# Technology

## Students

K - 5 - Chromebooks

6 - 12 - Laptops

Hot Spots if needed

## Teachers

Laptops

Webcams

Headsets

Hot Spots if needed



# Technology Projected Arrival Dates

Students

September 15, 2020

Teachers

September 1, 2020

Each school site has been equipped to serve as a Hotspot. For those parents who do not have internet access, you may drive up to any school campus and gain access to the internet. You must contact the school office to receive the WiFi access code.

# Learning Packets

Purchased for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies

Purchased for grades Kindergarten - 12th

For students who do not have access to a technological device and/or internet access, contact:

Khalilah Ransom

662.887.1277

[kransom@sunflower.k12.ms.us](mailto:kransom@sunflower.k12.ms.us)

Learning Packets will be provided for students without technology/internet until technology arrives or September 30, 2020, whichever comes last.

Ms. Ransom will handle the dissemination and pick up of learning packets, and once you make contact with her, she will provide you with the details.

# Technology Waivers/Fees

Parents will have to sign technology waivers before students gain access to district issued technology.

Parents will not be able to receive devices without signing the waivers.

The waivers are for appropriate usage of technology and internet and outline responsibilities of parents and students.

There will be a non-refundable \$25 insurance fee for each technology device issued by the district per school year.

The usage fee covers the cost of insurance on devices, and allows for a loaner device to be used in the case of damaged devices.

Parents who choose to opt out of the insurance fee will be responsible for all damages to technology.

Parents have the autonomy to determine how many, if any, devices they want to utilize. For example, a household with three school aged students may only want to use two district issued devices, at a cost of \$25/device.

Parents have the option of utilizing their own technological device, but will be responsible for students' ability to access instructional programs.

Waivers, which are included in the technology handbook, can be found on the district webpage, or picked up from the students' school.

# Policy IJEA

## **Insurance Fees for Take Home District Devices**

Parents/guardians shall pay a non-refundable annual insurance fee for student use of a district device. In the event that an insured device is damaged, there will be an additional fee to cover damages according to the needed repair. See the SCCSD Technology Handbook for estimated repair pricing and deductibles.

Parents who opt not to pay the insurance fee will be liable for any needed repairs and the full replacement cost of the device if the device is damaged beyond repair. Loaner devices will not be issued to students who have not paid the non-refundable insurance fee.

High school seniors must clear all records and pay all fees before they shall be allowed to participate in commencement exercises. All other students must clear all records and pay all fees before they will be allowed to register for the next school year or transfer to another school or school district.

# Insurance

Insurance: \$25/ year

Chromebook - \$376

Laptop - \$588

MiFi Hotspot - \$109

*\$89 for device + \$20/month for internet*

# Technology Training

There will be a Parent/student technology training conducted by the librarians on Wednesday, via ZOOM at 6:00 p.m.

Parents and students will learn how to access our learning management system, CANVAS.

The flyer, containing the ZOOM information will be posted on our district website and social media page by 10:00 a.m.

The district will offer A Day in the Life of a Virtual Student on Friday, September 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

If students/parents attend the 10:00 a.m. session, they will log into Canvas and attend their 1st period class.

If students/parents attend the 1:00 p.m. session, they will log into Canvas and attend their 5th period class.

The classes the students attend is based on their individual schedules.

Friday  
September 4, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.

**Sunflower County Consolidated Schools**  
presents



# **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A Virtual Student**

**What does virtual learning look like?- PARENTS this is your chance!**

**FRIDAY,**  
September 4, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

Students/parents will be able to log into the District's learning management system, CANVAS, and experience what a virtual learning day will look like. Students/parents will log into 1st period.


**FRIDAY,**  
September 4, 2020  
1:00 p.m.

Students/parents will be able to log into CANVAS and experience what a virtual learning day look like. Students/paents will log into 5th period.

**Now is your chance!**

Join SCCSD to experience a typical day in the life of a virtual student.

**How does it work?**

1. Login into Clever.
2. Click Canvas icon. 
3. Click 1st period class at the 10:00 a.m. session. (based on schedule)
4. Click 5th period class at the 1:00 p.m. session. (based on schedule)
4. Select Zoom on left hand side.
5. Join Zoom meeting.

**Find out helpful tips and how to help your child prepare virtually.**

**PLEASE REPORT ANY ISSUES TO**  
**canvas@sunflower.k12.ms.us OR**  
**CALL 662-887-1277**

# Student Schedules

Student schedules can be retrieved via Active Parent.

Student schedules can also be retrieved from the students' schools.

The suggested virtual schedule on the website is a recommendation. However, students will be responsible for logging in to each of their classes according to their actual school schedules.

Attendance will be taken based on students logging into Canvas.

Students must attend 5 of their 7 classes to receive credit for being present each day.

Parents will be notified, daily, if their students are absent from virtual classes.

All teachers have office hours, whereas parents can communicate via phone and/or ZOOM conferences.

Contact your child's school for teacher office hours.

Exceptional Ed students will have intentional sessions with Exceptional Ed teachers based on their IEPs and IEP goals.

Student assignments will be provided by their classroom teachers, with deadline dates and grading criteria.



# Technology Troubleshooting

Technology troubleshooting will be handled by the district technology team and the Director of Virtual Learning.

Each school has a technology technician who will field technology calls, and address issues.

Technology contact information will be posted on our website and social media pages.

# Social/Emotional Support

Students will be contacted regularly throughout the first quarter to assess where they are and how they are doing.

Counselors will reach out to parents and students daily via SchoolStatus.

Vulnerable students, to include former alternative school students, exceptional education students, etc., will be contacted weekly by the Exceptional Education staff and/or Ms. Ransom and the IAAC staff.

Social/Emotional Wellness Committee is creating community groups to assist with the social/emotional needs of our parents and students, caused by the trauma associated with the pandemic.

# Feeding

Student meals will be prepared daily at the school sites.

Students will be provided breakfast and lunch.

Breakfast for the following day will be provided with the lunch, so as students/parents will only have to come to the school once a day for both meals.

Either the parent or student may come to the school to pick up the meals.

Meals will be transported to rural areas.

Lunch schedules and pick up areas will be posted on the district web page, as well as social media outlets.

Lunch schedules can also be picked up at the individual schools.

Students must provide their lunch numbers when retrieving lunches.

# Housekeeping

Students are not required to wear uniforms, but are required to dress appropriately for school.

Disciplinary expectations are the same for virtual school.

If viewing or attending school with your students, please be mindful of interruptions. If you have questions, please add them to the chat or reach out to teachers during their office hours and refrain from interrupting instruction.

Students will need paper and writing utensils. Headphones or earbuds are strongly recommended but not required.

The school handbook will be approved at our Board meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and will then be uploaded to our website.

Virtual learning will take place from 7:30 - 3:30 p.m., with classes beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Student integrity will be a key component in how prepared our students are when they return to traditional learning.

# Housekeeping

**Registration will reopen tomorrow, September 2, 2020, and will close on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 12:00 noon.**

As a safety precaution to our staff, visitors will not be allowed in the buildings after Thursday, September 3, 2020, at noon. School contact can be made via school phones, email or SchoolStatus.

Closing Thoughts.....

**THIS IS REAL SCHOOL!!!**

# Closing Thoughts.....

Positive parental support and engagement can make a bad situation better.

Negative parental support and engagement can make a bad situation worse.

Which category do you fall in?.....

# For further questions, please reach out via:

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- ❑ [@SCCSD2](#)
- ❑ [facebook.com/TeamSCCSD](https://www.facebook.com/TeamSCCSD)
- ❑ (662) 887-4919