



SUNFLOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“United for Excellence”

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Learning Packets: We thank all of you for your patience and support as we are taking some very new steps to start our school year. We fully acknowledge that this week will have a few hiccups here and there, but we are committed to troubleshooting and problem solving. So far, we have seen a large amount of parents opting for the learning packets instead of logging in virtually. We **strongly** encourage those who have technology and internet access to go ahead and begin with virtual learning. The packets are short-term and may not be 100% aligned with what the teachers are teaching right now. We wanted to use this blast to further explain the packets.

- Learning packets are designed for students and families that do not have access to the internet.
- Learning packets will no longer be available once all of our technology has been delivered and distributed.
- Learning packets should be a last resort for student learning.
- Learning packets are simply to continue learning; and the learning packet may not contain the same information taking place in the classroom right now.
- If you select the learning packet option, teachers will not be available to provide assistance because they will be teaching virtually.
 - If learning materials (workbooks, textbooks, etc...) were distributed from the schools, they may be a resource to assist with the learning packets; however, they are aligned with what is being taught virtually, not necessarily what is in the weekly packet.
- Exceptional education students seeking assistance with the learning packets are to reach out to the Exceptional Education Department by calling (662) 884-1200.

- 11th and 12th grade students who pick up a learning packet will receive ACT math, science, ELA (which contains social studies), as well as reading and grammar. These packets are designed to support our students with the ACT exam.
- Elective packets will be given with next week's packets.

So how is attendance accounted for if I am using a packet?

For students who use packets, attendance is tracked based on the days that the packets are picked up and returned. It is important that packets are picked up on Fridays from the assigned locations and returned on that same day. If packets are picked up later than Friday, students are counted absent for the days prior. Packets picked up after 1:00p.m. are counted as absent for that day.

Examples:

- A) If a parent picks up a packet on Friday and returns the packet the next Friday, the student is counted present all week.*
- B) If a parent misses pick up on Friday and picks up the packet on Tuesday, the student is counted absent for that Monday.*
- C) If a parent picks up a packet on Friday but does not return it the next Friday, the student is considered absent for the full week.*
- D) If a parent picks up a packet on Monday at 1:15 p.m., the child is counted absent for that Monday.*

This will go into effect for next week. Packets are being printed based on the parents/students who picked up packets on last week. If packets run out and stop a parent from getting the packet on Friday, this will not be counted against the student's attendance. **Tuesdays at 12:00 pm will be the absolute latest that a parent will be able to get a learning packet (just remember that the child would be counted absent for Monday).**

Completed packets can be dropped off at the locations listed below. Packets must have the student's name, grade and school, and must be dropped off by 2:00 p.m.

Sunflower County Consolidated School

School	Pick up/Drop Off Location
AW James	AW James Parking Lot
Drew Hunter	Drew Hunter Back Parking Lot
Ruleville Elem	Thomas E Edwards' Tiger Lane (Behind high school)
Ruleville Middle	Thomas E Edwards' Tiger Lane (Behind high school)
Thomas Edwards Sr. High	Thomas E Edwards' Tiger Lane (Behind high school)
East Sunflower	ESE Front Entrance
Moorhead Central	MC Front Entrance
Inverness Elem	IES side Parking Lot
Lockard Elem	Front of Gentry Gym
Carver Elem	

Merritt Jr. High	
Gentry High	

Learning Packet Pick-up/Drop-off Sites

Note: All persons should remain in vehicles. “Walk up” pick-ups are not allowed.

Remember Learning packets are for those students WITHOUT devices or internet connectivity.

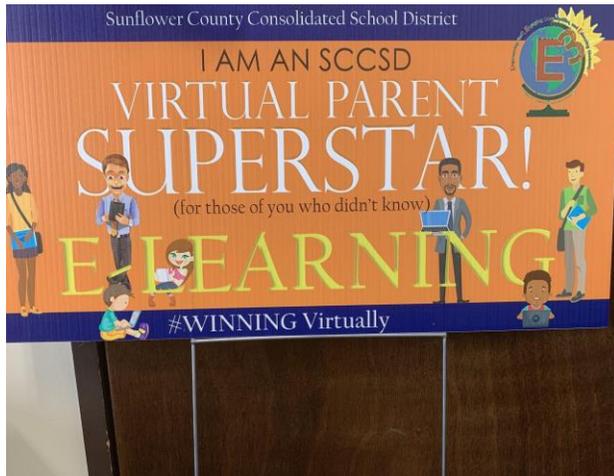
Completed packets are due each Friday of the same week between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. using the same method and location as pick-up.

- New Packets will be issued every Friday and should be returned the following Friday.
- The return of the packet will determine a student’s attendance for that week of work.
- Parent should make sure that the student’s name, grade, and school is on the front of learning packet section.
- Special Education Students who do not have internet access will continue to receive support services through other methods.

Please contact Khalilah Ransom or Betty Towery at (662) 884-1277 or email kransom@sunflower.k12.ms.us or btowery@sunflower.k12.ms.us for questions/concerns.

Virtual Parent Superstars: This yard sign is one that parents who meet certain Virtual Learning criteria will have an opportunity to win for their yard! The first sign will go to the parent at each school site that registered first!

Periodically, we will let you know of the criteria to win one of these exclusive signs! If multiple parents win, then a drawing will be conducted!



General Information: School contact information as well as school websites can be found here:

<http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us/?PN=Schools2>. The Central Office's (Hwy 49) number is 662.887.4919 and the Administrative Building's number is 662.884.1200. If you have additional questions or concerns that a specific school or office is unable to assist you with, please email sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us. The district website is www.sunflower.k12.ms.us and will have all pertinent information. If you are on Social Media, please check out our district's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TEAMSCCSD/?ref=bookmarks> (search "TEAMSCCSD"). Also follow us on Twitter @SCCSD2. Parents/Guardians please update your contact information so that you will be able to receive district information through our call and text systems. Be sure to "Subscribe" to our YouTube Channel (SCCSD Media) and "Like" and "Follow" our Facebook page!