



CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

Dear CCHS Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Calhoun County High School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve academic success at their highest potential. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your student's education.

The district, school and community are diligently preparing to safely and effectively provide sound instruction and nurturing to the students of Calhoun County High School. Based upon guidance from public health officials and The AccelerateED Task Force, the district has established three models for reopening:

- *School-Based eLearning*: Students participate in eLearning (Students off site) five days a week with their scheduled teachers online.
- *School Based Hybrid*: This model incorporates both in-person learning and the eLearning component. Students report to school two days a week and participate in eLearning three days a week.
- *Calhoun County Public Schools Acellus Virtual Learning (Year-Long Commitment)* : Instruction will be delivered through a proficiency-based, personalized learning platform with the support of our highly qualified teachers.

Calhoun County High School will open school this school year using the School- Based eLearning model. It is important for students and parents to understand the mandatory attendance and grading policies as established by the South Carolina Department of Education Uniform Grading Policies as well as Calhoun County Public Schools expectations will be strongly enforced. In addition to the school based eLearning model we will also be moving away from the traditional 7 period day to a 4 x 4 model. In the 4 x 4 model most students will attend 4 classes per semester. The duration of each class will be 90 minutes. The student will receive an additional 4 classes for second semester totaling 8 classes for the school year.

We will be having registration for the new school year on August 3, 2020, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and August 4, 2020, 9:00 am – 11:30 am. It is very important for parents and students to attend registration. During this time parents will have the opportunity to register for School Based eLearning or Calhoun County Public School Acellus Virtual Learning. Laptops, student schedules, online access codes to classes, and supply lists will be distributed. Social distancing guidelines will be enforced during Registration. A virtual grade level open house will be scheduled to discuss expectations for academics at a later date. We ask that you make every effort to attend the virtual grade level open house as well.

The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 17, 2020. Students should be ready to begin instruction at 8:15 am. We have the best students in the state and the most talented, student-centered teachers. Therefore, we will continue to work together to ensure teaching and learning in a personalized format for all students.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Ready to begin the school day and follow his/her schedule.
- Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Shares virtual school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

Below are important dates and information about the upcoming school year at Calhoun County High School.

- Registration: August 3, 2020, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and August 4, 2020, 9:00 am -11:30 am
- Registration Fees: \$15.00
- Technology Fees: \$25.00
- Virtual Grade level Open House: TBA

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office at (803)-874-3071

Regards,

Milton Howard
CCHS Principal