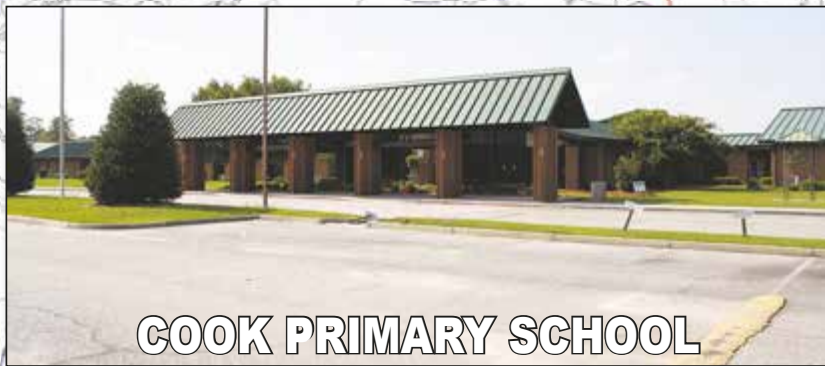


**COOK COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM 2017-2018**

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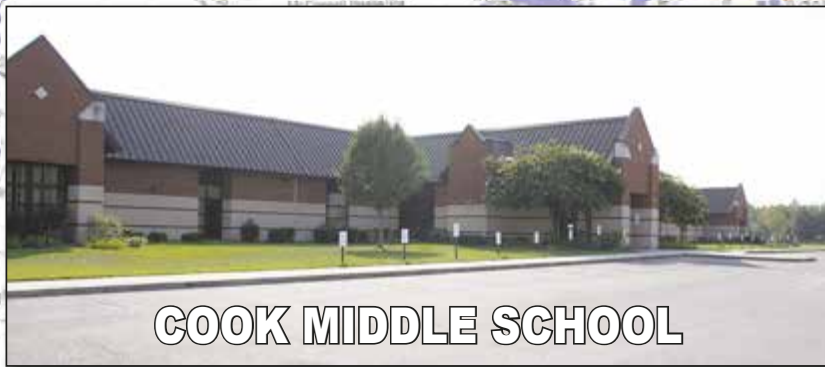
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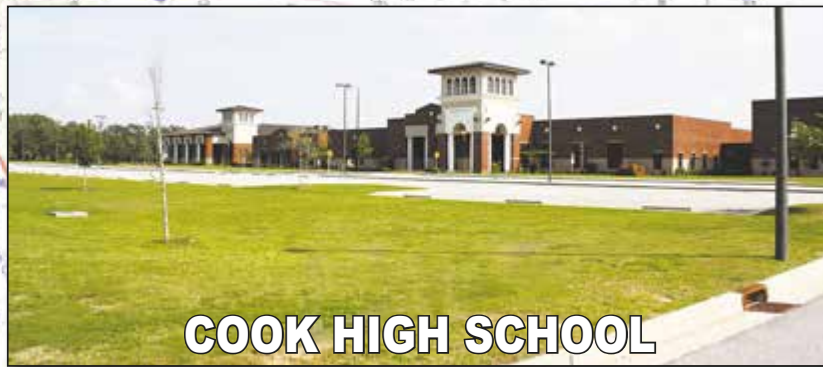
**COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**COOK HIGH SCHOOL**

*“Creating and Inspiring Life Long Learners”*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



**DR. JEFF SHEALEY**  
Superintendent

As the Superintendent for the Cook County School System, I am honored to welcome you back to another exciting and productive school year. The Cook County School System is focused on providing a high quality education for each and every child. For parents/guardians whose students are entering our schools for the first time, a special welcome and a heartfelt thank you for the trust that you have placed in us.

At the beginning of every school year, we know that we will face unanticipated challenges and opportunities as the year progresses. Please know that we always work to address critical issues transparently, involving community members in the difficult decisions that must be made about our classrooms, schools, students, and system. We will also maintain our track record of inclusion and collaboration with our parents and community members in this effort. As the employees educate the children of Cook County, we will continuously strive to improve and implement the changes that the state requires.

We hope parents and community members will continue their strong support of our schools and our employees. Your volunteerism always makes a difference to our classrooms. We need your partnership to continue offering an excellent education to every child. Please communicate with teachers, join us at school events, join the Parent Teacher Organization and support our children by showing that you value the school, its programs and its teachers.

Thank you for your strong support of our school system. Again, it is my privilege to serve you. We are very proud of our accomplishments and are ready to meet the challenges of the upcoming school year.

## COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Cook County Schools will provide an exemplary education to all students in a safe and positive environment.

### VISION STATEMENT

To stimulate learning and creativity that will prepare our students for success and lifelong learning.

### BELIEFS

- Student learning is the highest priority.
- Each student is unique and will be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support and enhance learning.
- A positive, safe and orderly environment enhances and promotes student learning.
- Students should be involved in decision-making, planning and enhancing self-esteem that promotes positive relationships and mutual respect among and between students and staff.
- Students learn best when actively engaged with challenging work.
- Education is a shared responsibility of the entire school community, i.e. students, parents, teachers, administrators and community members.
- A commitment to continuous school improvement is necessary for students to become life long learners.

## 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  
Federal Funds Director

## DEMOGRAPHICS

<i>Student Population:</i>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
Cook Pre-K	164 Students	211 Students
Cook Primary (K-2)	746 Students	754 Students
Cook Elementary (3-5)	741 Students	727 Students
Cook Middle (6-8)	674 Students	688 Students
Cook High School(9-12)	884 Students	873 Students
<b>Total</b>	<b>3209 Students</b>	<b>3253 Students</b>

Composition Of Population  
53% White • 33% Black 8%  
Hispanic • 6% Other 49%  
Female • 51% Male 12%  
Special Ed Services  
8% Gifted Services

County-Wide Employees  
Certified Personnel 248  
Non-Certified Personnel 192  
Total 440

**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 7:45 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. Cook Middle School hours are 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Cook High School Hours are 7:40 a.m. to 3:25 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 eight 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 Accrediation in March 2013. This is the Second 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 AND DEADLINES**

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.

**ACT TEST DATES & DEADLINES (2017-2018)**

JUNE. 10, 2017 - DEADLINE MAY. 5, 2017 • SEPT. 9, 2017 - DEADLINE AUG. 4, 2017  
 OCT. 28, 2017 - DEADLINE SEPT. 22, 2017 • DEC. 9, 2017 - DEADLINE NOV. 3, 2017  
 FEB. 10, 2018 - DEADLINE JAN. 12, 2018 • APR 14, 2018 - DEADLINE MAR 9, 2018  
 JUNE. 9, 2018 - DEADLINE MAY. 4, 2018 • JULY 14, 2018 - DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2018

**SAT TEST DATES & DEADLINES (2017-2018)**

JUNE 3, 2017 - DEADLINE MAY 9, 2017 • AUG. 26, 2017 - DEADLINE JULY 28, 2017  
 OCT. 7, 2017 - DEADLINE SEPT. 8, 2017 • NOV. 4, 2017 - DEADLINE OCT. 5, 2017  
 DEC. 2, 2017 - DEADLINE NOV. 2, 2017 • MAR. 10, 2018 - DEADLINE FEB. 9, 2018  
 MAY 5, 2018 - DEADLINE APR. 6, 2018 • JUNE 2, 2018 - DEADLINE MAY 3, 2018

**COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS 2017-18 CALENDAR**

**SEMESTER 1**

Pre-Planning August 7, 8, 9 & 10  
 First Day of School August 11  
 Labor Day Holiday September 4  
 Fall Break Oct. 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13  
 Thanksgiving  
 Holidays Nov. 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24  
 End of Semester  
 for Students (½ day) December 20  
 Furlough Day  
 (½ day) December 20  
 Christmas Holidays  
 for Students Dec. 21– Jan. 4  
 Christmas Holidays  
 for Staff December 21- January 2

**SEMESTER 2**

In-Service Day January 3 & 4  
 Students Return January 5  
 Martin Luther King Holiday January 15  
 Winter BreakFeb. 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23  
 Student Holiday March 16  
 In-Service For Teachers March 16  
 March Holiday March 19  
 Spring Break April 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6  
 Last Day of School/  
 Graduation May 18 (½ day)  
 In-Service For Teachers May 18 (½  
 day)  
 Post Planning May 21 & 22

**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 PreK/Cook Primary School .....Traci Sellers  
 Cook Elementary School .....Lori Carmine  
 Cook Middle School ..... Angi McClain  
 Cook High School ..... Becky Futch

**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 2017/2018**

- Monday, August 14, 2017 ..... 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 14, 2017 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 11, 2017 ..... 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 11, 2017 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 16, 2017
- (3rd Monday Due To Fall Break) ..... 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 16, 2017 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 13, 2017 ..... 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 13, 2017 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 11, 2017 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- BOE Retreat ..... TBA
- Monday, January 8, 2018..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 22, 2018..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 12, 2018 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 26, 2018 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 12, 2018..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 26, 2018..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 9, 2018 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 23, 2018 ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 14, 2018..... 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 28, 2018..... 5:30 p.m.

*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 In The BOE Room At Cook Middle School**

**COOK COUNTY BOE**



**Frank H. Carter**, Adel Attorney and Board Chairman, 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.



**Maysoe Wiley**, Board Co-Chair, was elected to the Cook County Board of Education in November 2010. He is owner and operator of Wiley's Electric. He enjoys spending time with his family. His term expires December 2018.



**Fairy Grear** 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 2 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.



**Chad Sumner** 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, 2018.



**Jeff Taylor** was elected in 2016. He and his wife, Tess, have 2 children, James, who attends Cook High School, and Julie, who attends Cook Middle School. The Taylors are members of 1st Baptist Church in Adel. Jeff works with The Citizens Bank in Adel.

## BUDGETED FY 2018

### Revenues

Local Taxes .....	\$5,600,000.00
Other Local Services.....	\$74,500.00
State Sources .....	\$19,255,627.00
Federal Sources.....	\$230,000.00
Other Sources .....	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Revenues.....</b>	<b>\$25,161,127.00</b>

### Expenditures

Instruction.....	\$16,539,130.61
Pupil Services.....	\$1,171,946.17
Improvement of Services .....	\$248,763.62
Educational Media .....	\$472,222.37
General Administration .....	\$937,634.11
School Administration.....	\$1,479,232.91
Business Services .....	\$244,131.82
Maintenance and Operation .....	\$2,688,106.57
Student Transportation .....	\$1,372,017.28
Central Support .....	\$34,498.82
Other Support.....	\$24,500.00
Nutrition Services.....	\$00,000.00
Community Services.....	\$00,000.00
Non-Instructional Services .....	\$00,000.00
Facilities & Construction .....	\$00,000.00
Transfers to Other Funds .....	\$122,307.18
Debt Services .....	\$00,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$25,334,491.18</b>

## 2017/2018 COOK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

### COOK BOARD OF EDUCATION

1109 N. Parrish Ave.  
Adel, GA 31620  
Office: 896-2294/2293  
Fax: 896-3443

### COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL & COOK PRE-K

1531 Patterson St.  
Adel, GA 31620  
Office: 549-7713  
549-7715/7716  
Fax: 549-8312  
Cafeteria: 549-6066

### COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1512 North Elm St.  
Sparks, GA 31647  
Office: 549-6250  
549-6251/8567  
Fax: 549-8568  
Cafeteria: 549-8567  
Nurse: 549-8566

### TECHNOLOGY

1109 N. Parrish Ave.  
Adel, Georgia 31620  
Office: 896-2296  
Fax: 896-3443

### COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

1601 N. Elm St.  
Sparks, GA 31647  
Office: 549-5999  
Fax: 549-5986  
Cafeteria: 549-5985

### PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

1102 N Hutchinson Ave.  
Adel, GA 31620  
Office: 896-2296

### COOK HIGH SCHOOL

One Hornet Way  
9900 HWY 37  
Adel, GA 31620  
Office: 896-2213/2587  
Fax: 896-3423  
Cafeteria: 896-4188  
Gym: 896-3632  
Ag/Vocational: 896-3939  
Tech Lab: 896-7352

### COOK MEMORIAL STADIUM

1600 Masee Post Rd.  
Adel, GA 31620  
Press Box: 549-6597/6803  
Field House: 549-7167

### MAINTENANCE

1109 N Parrish Ave.  
Adel, GA 31620  
Office: 549-6556

### TRANSPORTATION

1109 N Parrish Ave.  
Adel, GA 31620  
Office: 549-6556



## COOK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT & ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION 2017/2018

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*Superintendent*

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### Allison Ray

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## PRINCIPALS/ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

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### Leslie Folsom

*Principal*

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### Dr. Joi Williams

*Assistant Principal/Pre-K Director*

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COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Gabe Hammock

*Principal*

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### Leslie McElrath

*Assistant Principal*

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COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Rusty Meadows

*Principal*

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### Annette Brown

*Assistant Principal*

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### Courtney Davenport

*Assistant Principal*

cdavenport@cook.k12.ga.us • Phone: 549-5999

COOK HIGH SCHOOL

### Ross New

*Principal*

rnew@cook.k12.ga.us • Phone: 896-2213/2587

### Paul Dobson

*Assistant Principal*

pdobson@cook.k12.ga.us • Phone: 896-2213/2587

## STATE ASSESSMENTS

### GKIDS:

The Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) is a year-long, performance-based assessment aligned to the state mandated content standards. The goal of the assessment program is to provide teachers with information about the level of instructional support needed by individual students entering kindergarten and first grade. GKIDS will allow teachers to assess student performance during instruction, record student performance in an on-line database, and generate reports for instructional planning, progress reports, report cards, SST, and/or parent conferences. Throughout the year, teachers may assess students and record GKIDS data based on their system's curriculum map or report card schedule. At the end of the year, summary reports and individual student reports will be generated based on the data the teacher has entered throughout the year.

### GEORGIA MILESTONES END OF GRADE AND END OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS:

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (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 language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students in grades 3 through 8 will take an end-of-grade assessment in Language Arts and Math. The content areas of Science and Social Studies will be assessed in grades 5 and 8 ONLY. High school students will take an end-of-course assessment for each of the eight courses designated by the State Board of Education.

*Features of the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include:*

- open-ended (constructed-response) items in language arts and mathematics (all grades and courses);
- a writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessment;
- norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses, to complement the criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison; and
- transition to online administration over time, with online administration considered the primary mode of administration and paper-pencil as back-up until the transition is complete.

## TRANSPORTATION

The Cook County School System Transportation Department is looking forward to another great year. There may be a few changes in bus routes this year. Some bus numbers have changed, and some routes have been combined. The bus that your child rode last year may have changed.

Also, we will have several double runs. A bus doing a double run will pick up and deliver primary and elementary students first. Then it will pick up and deliver middle and high school students. This procedure will be used for morning pickup and afternoon delivery.

Please look for the bus early on the morning of August 11th. Also, please be patient in the afternoon. Afternoon routes may take a little longer than usual the first week of school.

If you have any questions or concerns about transportation, please contact the Transportation office at 229-549-6556.

Dear Parents,

With numerous school activities, we realize it can be difficult to keep track of fees and payments to the school district. To help simplify payment of school meals, Cook County School Nutrition has enrolled in an internet-based service called My School Bucks. This service is a website where you can pay for your child's meals and extra items using your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Participation in this service is voluntary; you may enroll at any time.

My School Bucks enables parents to keep track of their child's account balance. In addition, the website offers Automatic Replenish. This is optimal for the student whose spending varies from day to day. With Automatic Replenish, when the student's account balance goes below a specified amount, another specified amount is then deposited into the student's account via credit card. Using "Automatic Replenish" eliminates the student from having a depleted account. Conversely, your credit card will not be charged until the student's balance goes below the specified amount.

My school Bucks also enables you to view your student's participation report, which means you can monitor your child's spending and see exactly what he/she is eating each day (via the Participation Report link).

To get started, you will first need to enroll at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). You will be asked to enter your email address and a password which will be used each time you log in. Please note that a valid email address is required and that My School Bucks stores any necessary personal information in a secure, offline database which is accessed only to process payments and send payment confirmations via email.

Please visit [www.schoolnutritionalfitness.com/index.php?sid=1472856756093](http://www.schoolnutritionalfitness.com/index.php?sid=1472856756093) or Google "Cook County Nutrition Website" for more information. If you have questions that are not answered on the website, we encourage you to use the "Contact" link for My School Bucks. We hope you find this service a convenient alternative.

**[www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)**



**Conveniently pay for school meals and fees**

#### Charge Policy

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to deposit money into their meal account at the beginning of the month, whereby a draft of the account may be made on a daily basis as the meal or extra items are purchased. Parents may go online to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) and pay online for meals with no additional fee charged to their card.

Charging of meals or extra items is not allowed for students or adults. If parents do not use My School Bucks, cash or check will be accepted. Returned checks will result in a fine as charged by the bank to the school system.

## 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 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.

This year only Cook Primary, Cook Elementary, and Cook Middle Schools will operate under CEP. This means all students can eat breakfast and lunch at "no cost." Cook High School was not eligible to operate under CEP and must complete Free/Reduced Meal Applications. 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 2017-18 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.

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..... Lisa Heard  
 Cook County PreK/Primary School..... Lisa Eppes  
 Cook Elementary School..... Shari Breeden  
 Cook Middle School ..... Brenda Johnson  
 Cook High School ..... Contact Counselors Office  
*Parent Coordinators will host four Lunch and Learns during the 2017-2018 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 2016 Honor’s Day at Cook High School, scholarships awarded through the Educational Foundation totaled \$93,000 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 acknowledgement 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, and 1991) 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



**JOI WILLIAMS**  
CPS Assistant  
Principal  
Pre-K Director



**GABE HAMMOCK**  
CES  
Principal



**LESLIE MCELRATH**  
CES Assistant  
Principal



**RUSTY MEADOWS**  
CMS  
Principal



**ANNETTE BROWN**  
CMS Assistant  
Principal



**COURTNEY DAVENPORT**  
CMS Assistant  
Principal



**PAUL DOBSON**  
CHS  
Assistant  
Principal



**ROSS NEW**  
CHS  
Principal



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 vaccine during school flu clinics to all students that have returned a signed parental consent form to their school. "We want to make sure as few students are getting sick from the flu as possible," states Rebecca Allgood, RN, County Nurse Manager. "By helping students to get the flu vaccine in a convenient way, we hope it will help lower the absenteeism rate during the flu season."

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.

"For a student to get the vaccine, the completed parental consent form must be returned beforehand," says Allgood. "We cannot administer the vaccine without that consent."

For more information, call the Cook County Health Department at 896-7527.

## **COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS PUBLIC NOTICE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

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. These students may be preschool students, private school students, public school students, homeless/migrant students, charter school students, children served in community programs such as rehabilitation centers or day care centers, and/or home school students.

Cook County has developed a comprehensive plan in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004), and the plan is on file at the Cook County Special Education office. The plan assures that all children with a disability will receive a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. For further information, or if you suspect that you have a child with a disability, please contact:

**Cook County Program for Exceptional Students**  
**Emily Dishman, Special Education Director**  
**1102 North Hutchinson Avenue.**  
**Phone: 229-896-2296**  
**E-mail: edishman@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 Emily Dishman at (229) 896-2296**

## **Cook County Schools Notice of Rights of Students and Parents under Section 504 2017-2018 School Year**

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**  
**Emily Dishman, 504 Coordinator**  
**1102 North Hutchinson Avenue.**  
**Phone: 229-896-2296**  
**E-mail: edishman@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/](http://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 going to the link on the Cook County School's district website which is [www.cook.k12.ga.us](http://www.cook.k12.ga.us). Letters will be mailed to the student's home address with your private username and password. If you have already set up your personalized account, you should be able to log in with no problem. If you have not completed this step, then you will need the information on the letter to set up your single sign-on account. Detailed information on how to set this up can be found at [www.cook.k12.ga.us](http://www.cook.k12.ga.us). Once at this site, choose Technology, Resources, and the PowerSchool Parent Portal Directions. Directions for setting up PowerSchool Parent Portal app are also found here.

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.

## GEORGIA'S COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PERFORMANCE INDEX RELEASED

Former State School Superintendent Dr. John Barge released the first-ever Georgia College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) that measures schools and school districts on an easy-to-understand 100 point scale. The CCRPI is the new accountability system that replaces the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) measurement in Georgia. The U.S. Department of Education granted Georgia's waiver from NCLB on Feb. 9, 2012.

Cook County Schools Received The Following Scores For 2016:

- Cook Primary School N/A (*There was not enough information to report scores for K-2 schools.*)
- Cook Elementary School 65.3
- Cook Middle School 73.7
- Cook High School 74.8

State Averages Were:

- Elementary Schools 71.7 (*K-5 grades averaged together*)
- Middle Schools 71.5
- High Schools 75.7

The CCRPI will help parents and the public better understand how schools are performing in a more comprehensive manner than the pass/fail system previously in place under AYP. Interpreting The CCRPI Results

The Index includes scores that easily communicate to the public how a school is doing. Each school receives a score out of 100 points, just like what students receive in their classes.

A school and district's overall score is made up of three major areas: Achievement (50 points possible), Progress (40 points possible) and Achievement Gap (10 points possible). In addition to the three major areas, some schools receive "Challenge Points" to add to their score (up to 10 points). They receive these points if they have a significant number of Economically Disadvantaged students, English Learner students and Students with Disabilities meeting expectations. They also receive points for going beyond the targets of the CCRPI by challenging students to exceed expectations and participate in college and career readiness programs. In the future, schools will also receive ratings based on their financial efficiency and school climate, but these ratings will be for the public's information only and will not factor into the school's overall CCRPI score.

The Index supports the state's and Cook County Schools core educational principles:

- exemplary student achievement that prepares all for success in college and careers
- effective teaching and leadership in all schools
- innovative school improvement, particularly in low performing schools
- reduction in the duplicative reporting requirements for local school districts

## ROSTERS

Class rosters (assignments) will be posted at the respective schools Friday, August 4th after 3:00 p.m. for K thru 8th Grade.

## COOK JOINS GOOGLE

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. 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)



Is your child uninsured?

Our accident plan may be the answer to protecting your children.

**We are designed to be affordable and online enrollment in the accident plan takes only minutes! Choose from a variety of accident plans and options such as:**

**• 24-hour • At School • Extended Dental • Football**



Visit us online at [www.hsri.com](http://www.hsri.com) and click on K-12 student insurance to see what plans your school offers.

## COOK PRE-K INFORMATION

**Pre-K 2017-2018 • School Hours 7:45 – 3:15**

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Backpack • Complete change of clothes • Towel for naptime

### PARENT CONFERENCE DATES

December 5 – 7, 2017 • May 1 – 3, 2018

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Pre-K rosters posted for parents at CPS .. Tuesday, August 1, 3:00 p.m.

Pre-K Parent Orientation ..... Thursday, August 3, 6:30 p.m.

Back to School Open House..... Wednesday, August 9, 3:00-5:00 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

7:45.....Class begins

7:50.....Tardy bell rings

7:55.....Breakfast

9:30 – 11:45 ..... Recess (45 minutes per class)

11:50 – 12:45 .....Lunch (30 minutes per class)

1:00 – 2:00 .....Nap time

2:45 – 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:

Dr. Joi Williams .....Pre-K Director

Heather Tomlinson ..... Secretary/Bookkeeper

Lisa Eppes ..... Parent Involvement Coordinator

#### TEACHERS

Felicia Allen  
Heidi McDaniel  
Rebecca Noles  
Cindy Norman  
Brooke Rountree  
Mandi Shealey  
Hanna Sumner  
Rhonda Duggan

#### TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Rita Walton  
Lisa Daughtrey  
Renee Brisk  
Carolyn Covington  
Courtney Taylor  
Sylvia Mathis  
Pam Birdine  
Valorie Edwards  
Michelle Bullard



## STRIVE FOR LESS THAN 5!

**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!**

**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, and Excellence.
- Awarded four scooters, one per each eight 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, Science night and Math night, to encourage positive family interactions.
- Held a successful Fall Festival to promote student and parent togetherness.

### 2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

- 4 packages small #2 pencils • 4 jumbo glue sticks (*no glue pens*)
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors • 1 small trifold plastic mat
- 1 box of Classic Crayola markers • 1 bookbag (*no rolling book bags*)
- 2 packs of 4x6 index cards • 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (*24 count*)
- 1 Crayola water color • 1 package large pink erasers

### OPTIONAL

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

### 2016-2017 FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (*24 count*)
- 2 Boxes (24 Count) # 2 pencils • Blunt tip scissors (Fiskars)
- 4 Large glue sticks • Bar Erasers • 2 spiral composition notebooks • Bookbag

### OPTIONAL

- Large zip-loc freezer bags (Gallon) • Small zip-loc freezer bags (*quart*)
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer • 1 bottle liquid hand soap
- Clorox wipes • Crayola markers • Headphones or earbuds
- \* Your child's teacher may request additional items.

### 2016-2017 SECOND GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 2 boxes of 24 count crayons • 2 big pink erasers
- 1 pair of scissors • 4 large glue sticks
- 4 packages of pencils • 1 package of wide ruled notebook paper
- 2 wide ruled composition notebooks • 1 bookbag (*NO trapper keepers*)

### OPTIONAL

- Soap/hand sanitizer • Ziploc bags (girls quart/boys gallon)
- Large boxes of Kleenex • 1 - 1 inch binder • Earbuds or headphones
- \**This is a general supply list. Please contact your child's teacher for additional supplies she may request.*

### REPORT CARD DATES FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

October 16th.....	1st Eight Weeks Report Cards
December 15th .....	2nd Eight Weeks Report Cards
March 20th.....	3rd Eight Weeks Report Cards
May 16th.....	4th Eight Weeks Report Cards

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Leslie Folsom .....	Administration
Tracy Gray .....	Teacher
Joy Butler.....	Teacher
Eric Gordon .....	Business Rep.
Heidi Rountree .....	Parent
Phil Morris, Jr.....	Parent
Misty Dobransky .....	Business Rep.
Lori Betts .....	Parent
Tim Sellers .....	Business Rep.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

September 15, 2017 • December 1, 2017 • February 9, 2018 • April 20, 2018  
*Meetings will begin at 11:45 a.m. • All Parents/Guardians Welcome to Attend*

### PTO OFFICERS

Bonni Young.....	President
Kerri Colwell .....	Vice President
Leigh Sears .....	Treasurer
Tiffany Bullard.....	Secretary

### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 9th .....	Open House (3-5 p.m.)
August 11th .....	First Day of School
September 21st .....	Fall Picture Day
October 19th.....	Fall Picture Retakes
October 27th.....	Fall Festival
December 1st .....	2nd Grade PTO Musical
March 22nd .....	Class and Spring Pictures
April 27th.....	Kindergarten PTO Musical
May 18th.....	Last Day of School (1/2 day)

### AWARD ASSEMBLIES

October 6th.....	1st Eight Weeks Award Assembly
December 15th .....	2nd Eight Weeks Award Assembly
March 9th.....	3rd Eight Weeks Award Assembly
May 11th.....	4th Eight Weeks Award Assembly

### ASSEMBLY TIMES FOR GRADES ARE:

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

# COOK PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

## 2016-2017 COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF

**ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Leslie Folsom.....Principal  
Dr. Joi Williams.....Assist. Principal  
Mrs. Joy Folsom, K-5.... Curriculum Director

**MAIN OFFICE**

Lisa Eppes ..... Parent Coordinator  
Karen Bryan ..... Receptionist  
Cindy Robinson..... Bookkeeper  
Heather Tomlinson ..... Secretary  
Lisa Heard .... School System Social Worker  
Ginny Herring .....Nurse  
Almeta Owens .....Counselor  
Kathryn Surrency ..... Secretary

**KINDERGARTEN**

Stephanie Boykin • Cyndee Cowart  
Stephanie Curry • Allison Davis  
Patti Franklin • Marci Baldree  
Brittany Ellis • Linda Griffin  
Kayla Parrish • Angela Williams

**FIRST GRADE**

Dana Bennett • Melissa Betts  
Joy Butler • Brandy Dukes  
Angela Harry • Tawuana Inman  
Angela Joiner • Regina Marshall  
Brittany Rowan • Nacole Knutson  
Cindy Wall • Katie Eunice

**SECOND GRADE**

Joanna Bryan • Stephanie Butler  
Patricia Chambless • Amy Crosby  
Cathy Carter • Sabrina Lindsey  
Tracy O'Quin • Amber Cheshire  
Gina Sumler • Tina Vossfeldt  
Mary Ellen Calhooun • Joanna Padgett

**SPECIAL EDUCATION/EIP**

Leanne Chaney • Tracy Gray  
Kathy Harris • Marva Jackson  
Beth Daughtrey • Kelly Faulkner  
Sarah Parten • Connie Smith  
Karen VanBrackle • Becky Beard  
Kim Sumner • Haley Pennington

**PE**

Susan Young • Christy Stripling

**GIFTED**

Elizabeth Rosatti

**MUSIC**

Jackie Baker • Ki Golson

**TECHNOLOGY**

Laural Heard/Stacy Beard

**ESOL**

Margaret Smith

**MEDIA CENTER**

Ray Yody

**ISS**

Bobbie Robinson • Wilma Wright

**LEAPFROG LAB**

Cindy Ensley

**RTI LAB**

Donna Carroll • Jereanna Bearden

**PARAPROFESSIONALS**

Camely Avila • Velma Baldree  
Ronnie Brinson • Amy Bush  
Rose Carter • Edith Cleghorn  
Barbara Clements • Trisha Williams  
Louise Godwin • Robbie Hester  
Annie Hooks • Grace Lane  
Lori Myers • Loretta Pewee  
Gwen Pierce • Shirley Pinkney  
Jessica Robinson • Kathy Stoddard  
Gwyn Thornton • Julie Weeks  
Phyllis Yearby • Jerdinna Carter  
Ana Corona

**FOOD SERVICE**

Laura Mason .....Manager  
Bexzina Allen • Arnita Brown  
Tammy Davis • Reatha Roberson  
Patsy Strickland

**CUSTODIAL STAFF**

Willie Brascher..... Supervisor  
Luchus McMillan • Reggie Morrison  
Opal Corbett • Lorraine Welding  
Cathy Byron • Edward Harley  
Johnny Redding • Ida Mae Holloman  
Deanna Hicks • Santera Waldon

Hammock, Gabe.....Principal  
McElrath, Leslie.....Asst. Principal  
Robinson, Charline..... Instructional Coach  
Garner, Cathryn..... School Counselor  
Cone, Tanya ..... Office/ Bookkeeper  
Joiner, Michelle..... Nurse  
Jackson, Janice ..... Food Services  
Franks, Sherry ..... Office/Receptionist  
Brady, Debi ..... Office/Secretary  
Breedon, Shari ..... Parent Coordinator

**THIRD GRADE**

Connell, L.	Felts, K.	Bryan, J.	Moore, R.
Donaldson, K.	Ward, M.	Lawrence, M.	Sumner, K.
Hilliard, C.	Bagley, C.	Meeler, S.	Larkins, J.

**FOURTH GRADE**

Adams, A.	Holt, A.	Faircloth, J.	Smith, T.
Luck, L.	Taylor, K.	May, A.	Tisby, C.
Strickland, M.	Wiggins, C.	Mitchell, V.	

**FIFTH GRADE**

Atkinson, S.	Mitchell, L.	Dixon, A.	Baxter, C.
Exum, S.	Howell, S.	Philpot, E.	McCall, A.
Williams, W.		Sellers, T.	Ashley, J.

**SPEECH**

White, B.	Brown, C.
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**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Sheffield, D.	Young, B.	Williams, K.	Shea, J.
Moore, L.	Brown, C.	Taylor, K.	

**PARAS**

Fletcher, B.	Patterson, Y.	Bruner, R.
Clayton, S.	Medley, P.	Harnage, C.
Hill, M.	Hicks, B.	Dobbins, N.

**SPECIALS/LABS**

Webster, B.	Jones, K.	Dixon, J.
Carnine, L.	Griffin, L.	
Underwood, J.	Carnine, C.	

## 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

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

## COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

### CES MASTER SCHEDULE

1st Period .....	7:50 - 8:45
2nd Period .....	8:45 - 9:40
3rd Period .....	9:40 - 10:35
4th Period .....	10:35 - 11:25
5th Period .....	11:25 - 12:15
6th Period .....	12:15 - 1:05
7th Period .....	1:05 - 2:00
8th Period .....	2:00 - 2:55

### THIRD GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- Book Bag • 2 Packs Wide Rule Notebook Paper
- 2 Packs Pencils • Erasers (*Cap and/or Bar*)
- 8 Glue Sticks • Scissors • Crayons (*24 Count or Larger*)
- Pencil Pouch (*Large Size, No Pencil Boxes*)
- Tissue (*2 Large Boxes*) • Handsanitizer (*10 Oz or Larger*)
  - Disinfecting Wipes

- Ziploc Bags (*Gallon Size, Boys - Quart Size, Girls*)

*\*Please see your teacher at Open House for additional supplies.*

### FOURTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 6 folders with prongs and pockets  
(*1 each of red, blue, green, yellow, purple, and orange*)
- 2 - 2 Inch Binders (*No Trapper Keepers*)
- 1 zipper pencil pouch (*No Boxes*)
- 2 marble notebooks
- 4 packs #2 pencils  
(*No Mechanical Pencils or Pens*)
- Erasers
- 2 packs Clorox or Lysol wipes
- 1 pack 24 count crayons or color pencils
- 2 packs wide ruled notebook paper
- 2 boxes Kleenex • 4 jumbo glue sticks
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 1 box gallon bags (*Girls Only*)
- 1 box quart bags (*Boys Only*)
- 1 pack Expo Markers • 1 box of Band-Aids
- Highlighters (*4-5 different colors*)

*\* These Are Basic Supplies; Teachers May Ask For Additional Items.*

### FIFTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Packs of Glue Sticks
- 4 Packs of Pencils
- 1 Pack of Color Pencils
- 1 Pack of EXPO markers
- 2 Notebook Paper
- Hand Sanitizer
- Ear Buds for Lab
- 1 box of quart Ziploc bags (*Girls Only*)
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags (*Boys Only*)
- 1 Container of Clorox Wipes

*\*See Homeroom Teach at Back to School.*

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Greg Folsom .....	Business
Tony Betts .....	Business
Kim Boling .....	Business
Jrotha Jackson.....	Parent
Gerald Jackson .....	Parent
Jeanne Dixon.....	Faculty
Catherine Bagley.....	Faculty
Kathy Jones .....	Faculty

## OPEN HOUSE

Cook Pre-K & Cook Primary.....	August 9th • 3-5 PM
Cook Elementary.....	August 9th 4-6 PM
Cook Middle School ( <i>Grade 6</i> ) .....	August 10th • 3-5 PM
Cook Middle School ( <i>Grade 7-8</i> ) ....	August 10th • 3-5 PM
Cook High School .....	August 17th • 6-7 PM

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL • AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**REPORT CARDS** **3RD GRADE PROMOTION CRITERIA**

10/23/2017 • 12/18/2017  
 • 3/13/2018 • 5/15/2018

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

9/08/2017 • 11/13/2017  
 • 2/05/2018 • 4/18/2018

**AWARDS ASSEMBLIES**

Grades and times will be in student's adenda

**1ST SEMESTER**

12/18/2017 • 12/19/2017

**2ND SEMESTER**

5/16/2018 • 5/17/2018

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Renaissance Rocks - Kick Off 8/18/17
  - School Pictures - 10/03/17
  - Class Pictures - 2/28/18
- 4th Grade Musical - 11/16/17
- Field Day – 5/9/18

**PTO OFFICERS**

PTO members will elect officers  
 at the first meeting – 9/7/17 @ 5:30

1. State Mandated Assessment; Achieve a level 2, 3, or 4 on the Language Arts and Math sections
2. Report Card: a yearly average of 70% or higher in Reading/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies
3. Classroom Performance
4. Teacher Recommendation

**4TH GRADE PROMOTION CRITERIA**

1. State Mandated Assessment; Achieve a level 2, 3, or 4 on the Language Arts and Math sections
2. Report Card: a yearly average of 70% or higher in Reading/Language Arts , Math, Science and Social Studies
3. Classroom Performance
4. Teacher Recommendation

**5TH GRADE PROMOTION CRITERIA**

1. State Mandated Assessment; Achieve level 2, 3, or 4 on the Language Arts and Math sections
2. Report Card: a yearly average of 70% or higher in Reading/Language Arts , Math, Science and Social Studies
3. Classroom Performance
4. Teacher Recommendation

# COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## 2017-2018 COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

### 6TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

1 - 1.5-2" Binder (One only)	15 Folders with Brads
Loose Leaf Paper As Needed	Glue Sticks As Needed
Pens As Needed	1 Marble Composition Book
Hand Held Pencil Sharpener	Scissors
Colored Pencils	Pack of 5 Dividers
Pencils As Needed	Highlighters
Kleenex	Hand Sanitizer
Headphones/Earbuds ( <i>Required</i> )	
4 Function Calculator ( <i>Required</i> )	

### 7TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

3 1.5" Binders	Calculator ( <i>Basic or Scientific</i> )
2 Expo Whiteboard Markers	Colored Pencils
Notebook Paper	Marble Notebook
Pencils	Pens
Glue Sticks	
Ear Buds/Headphones ( <i>Must Be Replaced When Smashed In Book Bag</i> )	
•• <i>More supplies will be needed in connections and throughout the year.</i>	

### 8TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

2 3 Ring Binders	Pencils
Pens	Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
1 Subject Spiral Notebook	Highlighters
Marble Journal	Color Pencils
2 8 Pack Dividers	Glue Stick
Ear Buds/Headphones	TI30XS Calculator
8-Gold SS 1 Pack Of 25 Manilla Folders	

### 7TH - 8TH GRADE PACES SOCIAL STUDIES

5 Pocket Folder With Brads (Inexpensive Ones Are Fine) • Paper • Color Pencils Or Markers • Pencils & Pens. As work is completed on various projects, additional materials may be required. If needed, students will be notified several days in advance.

## 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 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 FIVE OUT OF FIVE academic areas.
- 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.

### 2017 - 2018 CMS COUNCIL 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.

Date:

August 29, 2017 • November 14, 2017

February 13, 2018 • April 17, 2018

*All meetings will take place in the CMS front conference room at 12:00 Noon.*

### 2017-18 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Rusty Meadows • Samona Durr • Anthony Gill
- Lyn Martin • Ron Mitchell • Rachel Serrano
- Audrey Stacks • Melissa Williams

### COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Orientation for all incoming sixth graders will be held on Thursday, August 10th from 3:00 till 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. A variety of exciting activities are planned for sixth graders and their parents/guardians.

**Date:** Thursday, August 10th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Cook Middle School Cafeteria

**Purpose:** To orientate students and their parents/guardians to Cook Middle School. This meeting will be an opportunity to meet team teachers and to receive information about changes that occur when moving from the elementary school to the middle school. Hope to see you there!



**CMS 2017-2018 DATES TO REMEMBER****SEMESTER 1**

August 10.....	Open House 3:00-5:00 All Grades
August 10.....	Sixth grade Orientation In Lunchroom
August 11.....	First Day of School
September 4.....	Labor Day Holiday
September 9.....	Miss CMS
September 13.....	Progress Reports
September 25-29.....	Homecoming Week
October 9-13.....	Winter Break
October 16.....	End of Quarter 1
October 23.....	Report Cards
October 23-27.....	Red Ribbon Week
October 24.....	TAPPS
October 25.....	Quarter 1 Awards Program
October 26.....	PBIS reward for Quarter 1
October 31-Nov 3.....	Washington Trip
November 1-3.....	Washington Trip
November 16.....	Progress Reports
November 20-24.....	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 29-Dec 1.....	Jr. Beta Convention
December 1.....	Jr. Beta Convention
December 18.....	7th Grade Field Trip
December 20.....	End of Quarter 2; End of Semester 1; 1/2 day for students
December 21 - January 2.....	Christmas Holidays

**SECOND SEMESTER**

January 3 & 4.....	In-service For teachers/Holiday for students
January 5.....	Semester 2 begins; Report cards go home
January 9.....	TAPPS
January 10.....	Quarter 2 Awards Program
January 11.....	PBIS reward for Quarter 2
January 15.....	MLK Holiday
February 7.....	Progress Reports
February 9.....	Valentines Dance; Tentative
February 19-23.....	Winter Break
March 12.....	End of Quarter 3
March 16.....	Teacher In-Service; Student Holiday
March 19.....	Holiday
March 20.....	Report Cards
March 27.....	TAPPS
March 28.....	Quarter 3 Awards Program
March 29.....	PBID Reward for Quarter 3
April 2-6.....	Spring Holidays
April 16-27.....	Tentative Georgia Milestone Testing
April 24.....	Progress Reports
April 26-28.....	FFA Convention
May 3.....	Quarter 4 Student of the Week Awards Program
May 8.....	7th Grade Field Trip
May 11.....	8th Grade Dance
May 15.....	Math Day
May 16.....	Hornet Pride Day, PBIS reward for Quarter 4
May 17.....	Decade Show
May 18.....	Last Day of School, 1/2 day for students; Graduation

**CMS POLICY FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Electronic devices that cause a disruption in academic instruction are not appropriate for possession or use while at school. The definition of electronic devices includes but is not limited to cell phones, pagers, Ipods, MP3 players, cameras, and video games.

The regulations of electronic devices include the following:

- All electronic devices must be kept out of sight in the student's pocket, purse, or book bag at all times throughout the school day (6:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.). This includes hallways, lunchroom, and gym.
- All electronic devices must be turned off at all times throughout the school day. (Strict prohibitions on ringing and vibrating).
- They must be out of sight and turned off at all times while riding a school bus to and from school.

Emergency phone calls can always be made in the main office or nurse's station thus eliminating the need for cell phones at school. If parents must contact their child, they should call the school's main office. The school's office staff is excellent at relaying emergency messages from parents to students.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

1st Offense : One Period Of Lunch Detention.

Repeated Offenses Or Refusal To Put The Phone Away Will Result In "Disregarding Directions" Office Referral.

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.

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 has become a major distraction and cannot be tolerated at school.

*Note: Cell phones used by students after 3:15 p.m. must be outside of all school buildings.*

## COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF 2017-2018

Principal ..... Rusty Meadows  
 Assistant Principal.....Annette Brown  
 Assistant Principal..... Courtney Davenport  
 Instructional Coach ..... Peggy Fulghum

### TEAM 6 BLACK

Iris Cannon  
 Tonya Gregory  
 Amy Howell  
 Tonya McDaniel

### TEAM 6 GOLD

Ben Davis  
 Jenny Hood  
 Lisa Myers

### TEAM 6 WHITE

Jennifer Harris  
 Tabatha Jones  
 Robyn Mullican  
 Michael Sneed

### TEAM 7 BLACK

Violet Daugharty  
 Tony Harrison  
 Angi McClain  
 Heather McIntyre

### TEAM 7 GOLD

Fayris Francis  
 Kayla McIntosh  
 Clair Youngblood

### TEAM 7 WHITE

Charles Burleson  
 Christy Cox  
 Diedra Krause

### TEAM 8 BLACK

Josh Bryan  
 Kayla Craft  
 Jennifer Green

### TEAM 8 GOLD

Deena Griffin  
 Bradley Patterson  
 Rachel Serrano  
 John Smith

### TEAM 8 WHITE

Joanathan McDaniel  
 Ryane Meadows  
 Dawn Morris

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Tracy Boyd • Annette Brown  
 Courtney Davenport • Melissa Duke  
 Amanda Holt • Judy Lippincott  
 Susan McLaughlin • Will McPherson  
 Candi Rountree

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Jay Andrews • Jeremy Brown  
 Audrey Stacks

### MEDIA SPECIALIST

Melissa Harrison

### COUNSELOR

Lyn Martin

### BAND

Eric Fancher

### Office Staff

Secretary  
 Betty Coleman • Joni Huffstetler

### Bookkeeper

Jackie Moore

### CONNECTIONS

Art: Sherri Youngblood  
 Computer Lab: Vickie Ashley  
 Exp. In Ag: Jeff McLean  
 Exp. In Tech: Mike Huffstetler  
 Exp. In Basic Skill: Chris Craft  
 Health Science: Stephanie Patterson

### NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

Dennis Hicks

### SPI COORDINATOR

Chris Craft

### PACES

Wanda Dobson

### IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Larry Cannon

### ESOL

Melissa Duke • Amanda Holt • Angi McClain

### LUNCHROOM STAFF

Manager

Jeff Stalvey

### Staff

Brenda Davis • Melissa Missildine  
 Jane Robinson • Patsy Strickland  
 Cassandra Sims

### CUSTODIAL STAFF

Head Custodian

Mary Way

### Staff

Carolette Durden • Gloria Keeley  
 Vera Pettigrew • Ralph Thomas  
 Mickie Tucker • Teresa Wooten

### CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Joy Folsom

### PARAPROFESSIONALS

Dianna Burgman • Linda Collier  
 Danette Harris • Faith Lovett  
 Doretha Robinson • Ellar Simmons  
 Linda Tennant • Almarie Thomas  
 Destry Walker • Beth Wright

### SCHOOL NURSE

Patsy Boone

### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Deputy Denise Foss

### PARENT-SCHOOL RESOURCE

Brenda Johnson

## COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER SCHEDULE 2017-2018

### 6TH GRADE

Block 1..... 7:45 - 9:05  
 NEST ..... 9:05-9:28  
 1st Connections (*Math/Rdg Conn*) ..... 9:30-10:15  
 2nd Connections ..... 10:15-11:00  
 Lunch..... 11:00-11:30  
 Block 2..... 11:30-12:45  
 Block 3..... 12:45-1:50  
 Block 4..... 1:55-3:15

### 7TH BLACK

1st Connections ..... 7:45-8:30  
 2nd Connections (*Math/Rdg Conn*) ..... 8:30-9:15  
 Block 1..... 9:35-10:45  
 Block 2..... 10:45-11:55  
 Block 3 (*7B Gifted to Dobson*) ..... 11:55-1:40  
 Lunch ..... 7B - 12:00-12:30 • 7 Gold - 12:10-12:40 • 7 White - 12:20-12:50  
 Block 4 (*7G & 7W Gifted to Dobson*) ..... 1:40-2:50  
 NEST..... 2:50-3:15

### 8TH GRADE

NEST (*8B & 8W Gifted to Dobson*)..... 7:45 - 8:05  
 Block 1 (*8G Gifted to Dobson*) ..... 8:05-9:20  
 Block 2..... 9:20-10:35  
 Block 3..... 10:35-12:25  
 Lunch ... 7Black - 11:20-11:50 • 8 Gold - 11:30-12:00 • 8 White - 11:40-12:10  
 Block 4..... 12:25-1:45  
 1st Connections (*Math/Rdg Conn*) ..... 1:45-2:30  
 2nd Connections ..... 2:30-3:15

### CONNECTIONS

7th Grade Connections..... 7:45-9:15  
 6th Grade Connections..... 9:30-11:00  
 8th Grade Connections..... 1:45-3:15

### RESOURCE MATH

8th Grade Connections (*Mrs. Rountree*) ..... 8:05-9:20  
 7th Grade Connections w/Lunch (*Mrs. Brown*)..... 11:55-1:40  
 6th Grade Connections (*Mrs. Brown*) ..... 1:55-3:15

### PACES 7TH/8TH

8 Black and 8 White ..... 7:45-9:20  
 8 Gold ..... 9:20-10:35  
 7 Black w/Lunch ..... 11:55-1:40  
 7 Gold and 7 White..... 1:40-2:50

### 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 academic 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?

### 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?

### 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!

# COOK HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Ross New .....Principal  
 Mr. Paul Dobson .....Asst. Principal  
 Dr. Dede Megahee .....CTAE Director  
 Mr. Cleve Edwards..... PE/Health Teacher & Boys Athletic Director  
 Mrs. Paula Simmons .....PE Dept. Head & Girls Athletic Director  
 Mrs. Kathryn Warren ..... Guidance Counselor  
 Mrs. Becky Futch ..... CHS Teacher of the Year 2017-18  
 Mr. Tom Thomas .....Parent  
 Mrs. Latoya Turner .....Parent  
 Mr. Glenn Simmons ..... Business Member (Cook Co. Rec. Dept)  
 Dr. Mike McCartney.....Business Member (Adel Dental Associates)

## 2017-2018 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: 2 full days ISS.

## GRADUATION

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

## OPEN HOUSE

Back To School Open House will be Held August 17th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be sent out on the following dates: September 18th, November 27th, February 12th, and April 23rd.

## 2017-2018 COOK HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

7:55-9:30 .....1st Block (95 Minutes)  
 9:36-10:12 .....Advisement (36 Minutes)  
 10:18-11:48 .....2nd Block (90 Minutes)  
 11:48-12:13 ..... 1st Lunch (ELL-12:43 Class 12:19-1:49)  
 12:48-1:13 ..... 2nd Lunch (ELL-12:43 Class 11:54-12:48) And (1:19-1:49)  
 1:24-1:49 .....3rd Lunch (ELL-1:19 Class 11:54-1:24)  
 1:55-3:25 ..... 4th Block (90 Minutes)

## COOK HIGH SCHOOL

## 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 2017-18 school year may purchase parking permits and/or school lockers according to the following schedule:

Class	Day	Date	Time	Location
Seniors	Monday	August 7	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	CHS
Juniors	Tuesday	August 8	1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	CHS
Sophomores	Wednesday	August 9	1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	CHS
* Freshmen	Thursday	August 10	1:30 – 3:00 P.M.	CHS

*\*Freshmen will be able to see where their classes are located, meet their teachers, have any questions answered and receive their schedules.*

## COOK HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY & STAFF

### ADMINISTRATION

Principal ..... Mr. Ross New  
 Assistant Principal..... Mr. Paul Dobson  
 CTAE Director ..... Dr. Dede Megahee  
 Boy’s Athletic Director .....Mr. Cleve Edwards  
 Girl’s Athletic Director..... Mrs. Paula Simmons

### GUIDANCE/STUDENT SERVICES

Guidance Counselor ..... Mrs. Kathryn Warren  
 Guidance Counselor ..... Mr. Keith Hall  
 School System Social Worker..... Mrs. Lisa Heard  
 Registrar ..... Mrs. Michelle Sedam  
 School Nurse..... Mrs. Allison Edwards  
 Media Specialist ..... Mrs. Kendal Daughtrey

### 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

Jill Swanson (*Chair*)  
 Tetyana Ard • Lea Hazel  
 Shelli Phillips  
 Dorothy Reynolds  
 Jeremy Tucker • Phillip Walker  
 Jeremy Williams  
 Julie Rogers (ESOL)

#### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Kelly Taylor (*Chair*)  
 Bill Durrance • Tabitha Jenkins  
 Debbie Kelley  
 Michael Novack • Britt Wall

#### FINE ARTS/FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Sandra Sawyer (*Chair*)  
 Scarlett Eirish • Heather Morris  
 John Newsome • Wendy Pollock

#### MATH DEPARTMENT

\*Becky Futch (*Chair*)  
 Tracy Bledsoe • Paige Gordon  
 Nick Kean • Kelsie Mitchel  
 Jeff Mole • Kayla Moore  
 Rhonda Reynolds

#### SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Laura Howard (*Chair*)  
 Matt Dobson • Zach Folsom  
 Renee Kroll • Chris May  
 Leif Purvis

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Julie Hoffman (*Chair*)  
 Vanessa Byron • Dustin Larkin  
 Myra Fussell • Anthony Judge  
 Jamie New • Jacki Swanson  
 Tammy Walker

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

\* Paula Simmons (*Chair*)  
 Tommy Blackshear  
 Cleve Edwards • Clemmie Foster  
 Bill Wiles • Bobby Jones  
 Corey Green • #Gregg Williams

#### CTAE DEPT.

\*Marsha Tillman (*Chair*)  
 \*Richard Herrin (*Chair*)  
 Lori Carter • Hope Weaver  
 Hannah Getz • Abbie Halbig  
 Matt Holley Jenny Pitts  
 Constance Thomas

### PARAPROFESSIONALS

Thomas Arnold • Yessenia Bautista • Toby Dorminey (ISS)  
 Beth Willis • Michelle Griffin • Ollie McKinnon • Letitia Vick  
 Joanne Warren \*Department Chairs #Credit Recovery Teacher

## COOK HIGH DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 11.....School Begins  
 August 17.....Open House 6-7 pm  
 October 9-13 .....Fall Break  
 December 7-14..... \*EOC  
 December 11-18..... \*Final Exams/SLOs  
 February 19-23 ..... Winter Break  
 April 2-6 .....Spring Break  
 April 14 ..... Prom  
 April 23 .....Honors Night 6:00 pm  
 April 30 .....Honors Day 9:00 am  
 May 3-10 ..... \*EOC  
 May 9-15 ..... AP Testing  
 May 15-16 ..... \*Final Exams  
 May 17-18 .....Credit Recovery  
 May 18..... Last Day of School  
 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
- Students must be enrolled a minimum of seven (7) semesters during the regular school terms to be considered a candidate for graduation.
- To be eligible for participation in graduation ceremonies, students must have completed all requirements for a diploma and all state assessment requirements. Students who earn a Certificate of Performance are not allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

## 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.

## 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
<b>TOTAL UNITS .....</b>	<b>24</b>

### FALL SPORTS

Football • Softball • Cheerleading • Cross Country

### WINTER SPORTS

Basketball • Wrestling • Cheerleading

### SPRING SPORTS

Baseball • Golf • Tennis • Track • Soccer

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### 2017 CHS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 11	Lee Co. #	Leesburg	7:30
Aug. 18	Brooks	Adel	7:30
Aug. 25	Tift	Tifton	7:30
Sept. 1	Brunswick	Brunswick	7:30
Sept. 8	OPEN		
Sept. 15	Berrien	Nashville	TBA
Sept. 22	Thomasville	Adel	7:30
Sept. 29	Early Co. &	Adel	7:30
Oct. 6	Worth *	Sylvester	7:30
Oct. 13	Dougherty *	Albany	7:30
Oct. 20	Crisp *!!	Adel	7:30
Oct. 27	OPEN		
Nov. 3	Monroe *+	Adel	7:30

# Scrimmage \* Region Game & Homecoming  
+ Senior Night !! Rec League 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.

### 2017 CHS VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 4	Lowndes (Scrimmage)	Valdosta	5:30
Aug. 5	KICKOFF WEEKEND	Adel	
Game 1: Webster Co. 12:00; Game 2: Irwin Co. 6:00; Game 3: Turner Co. 8:00			
Aug. 17	Dougherty *	Albany	5:30
Aug. 22	Worth *	Adel	5:30
Aug. 24	Crisp •	Cordele	5:30
Aug. 29	Berrien	Adel	6:00
Aug. 30	Monroe	Adel	5:30
Sept. 5	Dougherty *	Adel	5:30
Sept. 7	Worth *	Sylvester	5:30
Sept. 8	Jeff Davis Tourney	Hazlehurst	
Game 1: Wheeler Co. 4:00; Game 2: Telfair Co. 6:15			
Sept. 9	Lowndes Tourney	Valdosta	TBA
Sept. 12	Crisp *	Adel	5:30
Sept. 14	Monroe *	Albany	5:30
Sept. 19	Berrien	Nashville	6:00
Sept. 21	Dougherty *	Albany	5:30
Sept. 26	Worth *	Adel	5:30
Sept. 28	Crisp *	Cordele	5:30
Oct. 3	Monroe *#	Adel	5:30
Oct. 11	1st Round AAA Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Oct. 18	2nd Round AAA Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Oct. 26	State AAA Finals	Columbus	TBA

\* Denotes Region 1-AAA Game

# Denotes Senior Night

### 2017 CHS JR VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 4	Jeff Davis	Adel	4:30
Aug. 7	Lanier Co. (DH)	Lakeland	4:30
Aug. 14	Lanier Co. (DH)	Adel	4:30
Aug. 15	Colquitt Co.	Moultrie	4:30
Aug. 21	Colquitt Co.	Moultrie	4:30
Aug. 22	Worth Co.	Sylvester	4:00
Aug. 28	Berrien	Adel	4:30
Aug. 30	Lowndes	Valdosta	4:30
Aug. 31	Tift Co.	Adel	5:00
Sept. 7	Worth Co.	Adel	4:00
Sept. 12	Crisp Co.	Cordele	4:00
Sept. 18	Berrien	Nashville	4:30

# Educational Apps for Families



## Bill Nye the Science Guy



An interactive, multifaceted science app that will get kids excited about science. Available for iPhone, iPad Touch, and iPad.

## Blue Planet Tales



Offers an educational approach to the past with read along stories that include brightly colored and attractive characters children love. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, and Android.

## BrainPOP Featured Movie



Each day, there is a new animated documentary spanning everything from planet Mars to Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android, and Apps for Windows.

## Duolingo



PC Magazine awarded this app the Editors' Choice for Language Learning. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, and Android.

## Google Earth



Allows kids to explore the globe with a touch of a finger. Available for iPhone, iPad Touch, and iPad.

## iTunes U



This app offers access to free educational content from top schools and prominent libraries around the world. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad.

## Kapital



Teaches students about the stock market by allowing them to practice trading with a \$100k virtual portfolio. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad.

## Marble Math Lite: Multiplication



This app combines the fun of a maze game with the challenge of practicing multiplication skills. Available for iPad.

## Monster Physics Lite



Colorful graphics and fun missions make this app engaging, as kids explore principles of physics. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad.

## NASA App



Official NASA app, jam-packed with information on the U.S. space program and astronomy. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, and Android.

## News-O-Matic



This kid-friendly current events app boils down the daily news into simple articles that are appropriate for kids. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad.

## Parent Toolkit



This app helps parents to navigate their child's growth and development from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade in the classroom and beyond. Text TOOLKIT to 33733 to get the app on your mobile device!

## Read Me Stories



With this app, a new eBook for kids is added every day. Each word is highlighted as the voice tells the story so that kids can learn to read along. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, and Android.

## SAT Word Slam Free



This app helps build SAT vocabulary by providing helpful mnemonic hints in the form of rhymes, audio, and signature "Remember This" clues. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad.

## Sushi Monster



An entertaining and stimulating math app from Scholastic that provides clever and challenging addition and multiplication practice. Available for iPad.

## SwipeSppeare



This app puts Shakespeare plays into plain and simple English. It also has engaging features such as a searchable Shakespeare Dictionary, a biography, study guides and lesson plans. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android, and Apps for Windows.

## VideoScience



A growing library of over 80 hands-on Science lessons that demonstrate easy to recreate experiments designed to inspire and excite kids of all ages. Available for iPad.

## Weird but True



This app, by the National Geographic Society, teaches kids about all their favorite subjects — animals, weather, space, history, and more. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad.

## WWF Together



The app offers information on tons of species, including elephants, whales, and kids can learn how far they live from their favorite animals, play with on-screen origami animals, or try out "tiger vision." Available for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad.

 Elementary Level
  Middle School Level  
 High School Level

Parent  
Engagement  
Program



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