



# Coosa Elementary School

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Hi, I'm Mrs. Pender,  
your Principal...

And I'm Mrs. Roberts,  
your Asst. Principal!



September 25, 2020


Dear Parents,

Another week in the books...

**Hybrid Start:** Our hybrid schedule will begin on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Students with last names that begin with the letters A-K will attend classes on Monday and Tuesday and students with last names that begin with the letters L-Z will attend Thursday and Friday. All students will attend virtual lessons on Wednesdays. On the remaining 2 days, students will complete independent practice assigned by their teacher. Students who remain in the year-long virtual setting, will continue to attend classes as normal. In an effort to streamline our schedule for siblings that attend other schools, we are following the Beaufort High School scheduled days. However, if you have a child at the middle school and need us to alter your child's schedule at Coosa, please reach out to administration no later than Tuesday, Sept 29. Through today, we have been able to honor individual requests from our families. 😊

## COOSA'S HYBRID SCHEDULE

last Name  
A-K:  
Monday  
& Tuesday



last Name  
L-Z:  
Thursday  
& Friday

Coosa is following the Beaufort High School model.  
Please contact Mrs. Pender by **Tuesday** if your student has a  
necessary change to the hybrid schedule plan.

**Schedules:** Once we transition to hybrid, daily schedules for virtual and face-to-face will align. Virtual and face-to-face schedules will start at 7:45 and end at 2:45. If your child is remaining in a virtual setting, your child's teacher will give you the revised detailed schedule by the close of next week.

**After School Care:** At this time, there will be no afterschool childcare when we return in a hybrid model on October 5. However, the YMCA program may return to Coosa at a later date. If your child has attended Love House Ministries or Hobbit Hill, Too in previous years, we can only suggest that you reach out to them to see if they plan to continue their afterschool programs.



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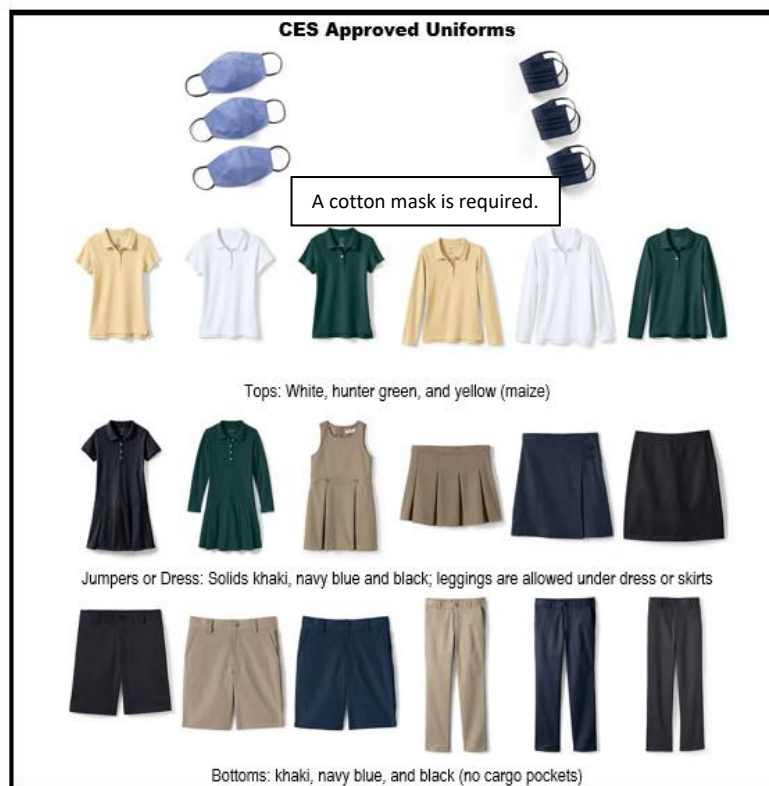
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**Students completing work at home:** We appreciate the support our parents and learning coaches have provided for our students since the start of school. However, we want you to know that it is acceptable for students to not know all skills at this point. It is also appropriate for a student to miss a problem or to need extra assistance from their teacher. Student work provides evidence for the teacher to plan and implement future instruction. As your child is completing independent work, encourage them to work hard, try their best, and use the skills and strategies the teacher has been discussing. It is important for students to problem solve, think critically, and apply skills learned throughout all content areas. 😊

**School Uniforms:** We fully expect for students to comply with the BCSD school dress code. However, given current circumstances, we will permit families to make "best efforts" to comply for a period not to extend beyond one week after the start of the hybrid period. Full compliance is expected by October 12.

**NOTE:** "Best efforts" means that students, if not in full compliance, should maintain attire that reasonably resembles the school dress code.



**Virtual Book Fair:** We have exciting news! The Coosa Media Center will be hosting a Scholastic virtual book fair during the following dates: **Tuesday, October 20 through Monday, November 2**. The virtual book fair will replace the in-person book fair this year. Please look for more details to come!



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**Parkers Fueling the Community Program:** If you do not have a Parkers Rewards and/or PumpPal Card, we encourage you to sign up and select Coosa Elementary School as your beneficiary. Parkers proudly donates 1 cent from every gallon of gas purchased at any of their stores on the first Wednesday of each month. More information can be found on the Parkers website.

**School Improvement Council:** The Coosa Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory council to the principal that is focused on school improvement issues. It is made up of representatives of parents, teachers, and community members. The principal serves as an ex-officio member. The SIC meets on a monthly basis during the school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, the SIC will hold elections for the positions of **Vice-Chair and Secretary**. All nominations forms were due by September 24<sup>th</sup>. Next week, families will have the option to read about possible candidates and vote.

Have a great weekend!

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