



## Coosa Elementary School

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Parents,

I know many of you have hesitations about school starting virtually for our kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. My hope is that as a team we can work together to provide quality instruction to our students virtually. The below video provides more detailed information about what virtual school will entail daily for a student. In addition, instead of mailing teacher welcome letters on August 24<sup>th</sup>, each teacher will be reaching out to you later this week or early next week to schedule a Zoom meeting with you and your child. During this Zoom meeting, teachers will review expectations, daily schedules, available counseling services through Mrs. Bossak, and answer any questions you have concerning the upcoming school year.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/187N0mij5WmKpAigR0BLp\\_T91W6jTg7GV/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/187N0mij5WmKpAigR0BLp_T91W6jTg7GV/view?usp=sharing)

**Device Pickup (grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>):** All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to pick up their laptops on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Students will need to log into their devices while onsite. If students cannot attend with their parent, the parent can log into the device for their child. Usernames and passwords will be available. Anyone who enters the building must wear a mask – don't forget!

**Device Pickup (Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade):** Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade device pickup dates will be scheduled at a later date. These devices are still being prepared for our students by the tech department.

**Technology fee:** A \$20 technology fee will need to be paid by all students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade prior to receiving a device. Parents can pay the fee via check or cash during pickup. You can also pay online prior to pick up at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/beaufortsc/>. Click "Elementary School" and choose "Coosa Elementary" from the drop down. Scroll down and put a check mark beside "Technology Usage Fee K-5" and add to cart. When you are within the shopping cart, click checkout, and it will direct you to create an account or sign in with a previous account. You will be direct to either "select student profile" or "add student." If this is your first time, when you create your student profile, the system asks for your student ID. You can simply create a random number, if you do not know your child's ID number at this time. We will be able to see their name and know you have paid for them. Once your student's profile has been added, select their name from the drop-down menu, and click next. You will then be prompted to enter your credit card number and information to complete the transaction. If you have any trouble or this sounds complicated, please just pay via check or cash. 😊

**Testing and Screening:** During the weeks of August 24<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be inviting groups of students based on availability to complete PreK screenings, Kindergarten Readiness Assessments, Reading Assessments, and MAP testing. All safety precautions will be in place while students are in the building. Students that are invited and available to attend, will need to wear a mask when in the building.

**Pre-K:** As an alternative to face-to-face learning, the PK COVID-19 Planning Committee developed Pre-Kindergarten take home activity packets for at home learning. The lessons and activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate, short (10-15 mins max), standards based, parent-child centered and most of all engaging! The take home activities packets will be used as the "virtual" option for Pre-Kindergarten until we return to face-to-face instruction. At this time, Pre-Kindergarten students are not



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issued a device. At this age, children learn best through interactive play activities. This learning time should be stress free, fun, and engaging! More information will be given during your virtual meeting with your child's teacher.

**Supply Lists:** On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we released the supply lists for each grade level. These lists can continue to be accessed on our school website. Since our goal is to return to in-person learning when possible, we ask that you continue to purchase the necessary items for your child to complete daily assignments and remain organized. At this time, it is not required to purchase items that are not needed to be successful for the virtual learning setting, ie plastic shoebox size container, bookbag, water bottle, change of clothes for our younger students, required amount of pencils, and headphones/ear buds. Please note that these items will be needed upon return to school. I encourage our families that are experiencing a financial hardship to reach out to CES, so we can assist with purchasing items for your child(ren).

**Free and Reduced Meal Applications:** Parents can apply for free or reduced lunch for their child(ren) online at <https://paypams.com/OnlineApp.aspx>. Remember, an application must be filled out yearly to qualify.

**Meal delivery:** Breakfasts and lunches will be delivered via bus routes from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during virtual learning. Your help is needed to establish these routes. Please complete the form located at the link below, if you are interested in receiving meals for your child(ren). (They must be enrolled in Beaufort County Schools). A meal card will be mailed to your home upon sign-up. This card will be required to obtain meals. <https://form.jotform.com/202247331778154>

Sincerely,  
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