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Please review these important reminders to help you and your scholar have a successful school year:

- **Student school hours are 7:40 am to 2:40 pm;** supervision is provided from 7:10 am to 3:10 pm. Please review the Red (A)/Black(B) day calendar on our website.
- **Student Schedules:** Students may access their **schedule** on **FOCUS**. Upon arrival on campus, on the first day of school, students will be greeted by CCHS faculty and staff, and we will assist them with finding their first-period class and answer any questions they may have. First-period teachers will distribute a hard copy of the final/official student schedules in class. A scheduling concern form will be shared with students and posted on our website. Scheduling concerns should be limited to class placement, duplicate classes, and/or missing a required class.
- **FOCUS Parent Portal:** Please create a parent portal account to ensure we have the most updated information and to access your student's records. Instructions are posted on the BCPS website: [Information and Technology / Focus - Student Information System](#)
- **Back to School Forms:** The yearly Back to School forms are required for each student annually. Parents and guardians will access the forms via [FOCUS](#) parent portal. Please complete these before the first day of school.
- **Student IDs are mandatory:** Please remember that all **students must wear their school ID to gain entrance to our campus**. Students who did not pick up their new 2024-2025 IDs this week should bring an ID from last school year (middle school ID for 9th graders), and we will ensure that they receive a new 2024-2025 school ID during the first week of school. **Student IDs must be worn to campus daily, and students must keep them on throughout the school day.** Students must display them at all times while on campus.
- **Entry Points for Students:** As an added layer of security metal detectors are being implemented at our school this year. **Metal detectors** are now installed in all BCPS high schools at school entry points to screen students and visitors for weapons and other prohibited items. Students must present their ID and pass through the system to be screened. Most can carry their backpacks through the metal detectors without setting off an alert. They do not need to empty their pockets or remove cellphones, keys, loose change, belts or other everyday metal items. Large metal items may trigger an alert. These items include laptops, umbrellas, 3-ring binders and musical instruments. Students must remove

those items, place them on an adjacent table for inspection, and retrieve them after they clear the screening process. Students who alert the system when passing through the metal detectors will be screened separately. School staff will be available to support them during this process. It's a fast and simple process that serves as an added layer of protection for our school.

Parents and guardians, please discuss this **new school entry process** with your high school student. The screening may result in slight delays at entry, so please allow extra time at arrival and ensure your student never brings weapons or other prohibited items to school. Visit browardschools.com/metaldetectors for more information.

- **Disconnect to Reconnect:** The School Board of Broward County is proud to be an "A" Rated School District and is taking an important step to elevate student learning by providing a distraction-free environment. **Starting this year, during the school day, students will Disconnect to Reconnect.** Effective this year, the use of wireless devices during the school day, including passing periods and lunchtime, is not permitted. All wireless communication devices must be powered off or in airplane mode from bell to bell. Cell phones, laptops, headphones, smartwatches and all other wireless devices must be turned off unless directed otherwise by a school employee for instructional purposes. As students and families adjust to this standard, the first two weeks of school, August 12-23, 2024, will serve as a grace period during which students can understand the new policy without disciplinary consequences. The Wireless Communication Devices Policy will be implemented and enforced beginning Monday, August 26, 2024. Find more information and answers to frequently asked questions by visiting [com/wirelessdevices](https://www.browardschools.com/wirelessdevices)
- **Back-to-School Forms:** Please review the [Code of Student Conduct Handbook and](#) complete the required mandatory forms by accessing the [Back-to-School Forms.](#) **The mandatory forms** are the Code of Conduct Acknowledgement, the Emergency Contact Information, the Media Release, the Student Housing Questionnaire, and other Opt-Out forms. Create a FOCUS
- **Dress Code:** Please review the [BCPS Dress Code](#) Policy with your student. I appreciate your support.
- **Breakfast and Lunch:** Breakfast is served from 7:05 AM to 7:35 AM. Cooper City High School is happy to announce the Food and Nutrition Service Department will continue to provide all students with **FREE breakfast and lunch** under the Universal Free Breakfast Program and Universal Free Lunch Program Pilot Year 2 for the 2024-2025 school year. As this is a Program Pilot it is vital that households continue to **apply online** at www.mvschoolapps.com for secure the Universal Free Lunch Program Pilot for the next school year along with additional district opportunities. To qualify for additional programs, complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application along with the District Disclosure Form. Second Meals will be charged at the adult meal prices at \$4.75. Households are encouraged to create an account for each student through My School Bucks at www.myschoolbucks.com for the purchase of additional

meals and/or a la carte items. For more information on Meal Benefits, contact Food and Nutrition Services at 754-321-0250.

- **School supplies:** each teacher will provide this information to their students on Monday and Tuesday. We suggest that students bring a notebook or a folder with paper and a pen/pencil on the first day of school.
- Visit our website for the **traffic flow** map for the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. Thank you for your patience as we all re-establish morning and afternoon routines. **Please plan on arriving early and remember that traffic will be heavy.** BSO will assist us with the morning and afternoon traffic. Additional back-to-school information—including **lunch and transportation**—is posted on our website.
- **Safety and Security:** As always, at Cooper City High School, **safety and security** remain our top priority: **if you see something, say something.** We all play a role in safety here at CCHS as we aim to provide the highest quality education in a safe and secure environment. Our partnership is essential for ensuring the safety and security of our school community. With new processes and procedures in place, we ask that you review all the information in the First Quarter Newsletter and visit the websites included to review the information shared. We encourage you to also use the various tip reporting methods available <https://www.browardschools.com/securitytips>
- Become a **Partner in Education with CCHS:** [PIE INTEREST FLYER \(browardschools.com\)](#)
- **Communication:** Stay connected with us through our school website, social media channels, and regular newsletters. I appreciate and value your partnership and encourage you to contact me and my team anytime with questions, concerns, and ideas. We are collaborative partners in your child's educational journey, ensuring safety, well-being, and academic success. [You can contact us at CCHS](#) to address your questions, comments, and concerns, and you are invited to follow us on X and Instagram [@Principal_CCHS](#) for updates and bookmark our CCHS [website](#).
- **CCHS PTSA:** Please visit <https://coopercityhsptsa.memberhub.com/store> to join PTSA and/or purchase Cowboy Spirit Wear (i.e.: CCHS Hoodies, T-shirts, hats, magnets).
- **School Advisory Council:** Please join us for a School Advisory Council (SAC) and School Advisory Forum (SAF) meeting in the **Media Center on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 3:00 PM.** We invite parents and guardians of students currently enrolled at our school to become voting members for the 2024-2025 school year. The SAC is composed of parents, teachers, community members, school administrators, non-instructional support staff, and other stakeholders who meet regularly to establish priorities, set annual objectives, and monitor action steps for school improvement. We look forward to your input and participation at our SAC meetings. Thank you for being engaged with Cooper City High School's staff in

supporting and sustaining the excellence of our scholars. Positive stakeholder involvement enhances student achievement and well-being.

- **Open House:** Join us for the 2024-2025 Open House on **Tuesday, August 27th**, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. This event is a great opportunity to meet teachers, staff, and other parents, and to learn more about your child's educational journey.
- Additional [Back-to-School / 2024/25 Information and Resources](#)