

2020-2021 Parent Information



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Welcome

We are so excited to be welcoming your child to Coats-Erwin Middle School for the 2020-2021 School Year!

If you have any questions regarding the information in this presentation, please email our principal - Mrs. Sharon Johnson (sjohnson@harnett.k12.nc.us). If you have questions about buses, please email our Assistant Principal - Mr. Tre Perry (tperry@harnett.k12.nc.us). All answers will be posted on our Coats-Erwin Middle School website.

Vision & Mission

Our Vision

Our vision is for every student to be a productive citizen for a globally competitive world.

Our Mission

The mission for Coats Erwin Middle School is to nurture our students in their social, academic, and physical development by providing high quality instruction.

School Transportation

- Students who ride buses are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner.
- Students who misbehave on the bus may be suspended from the bus indefinitely
- **RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT.**

Bus assignments will be provided at the CEMS 7th/8th Grade Open House Night, as well as on the first day of school.

School Hours

7:20 am – First Bell

7:35 am – Tardy Bell

(students must be in class before tardy bell rings)

2:45pm Dismissal Bell

Students who report to school after 7:35 a.m. must check in through the office with a parent/guardian and receive a note to class.

- 1. Students leaving during the school day must be checked out through the office by the person picking them up.**
- 2. Students must be picked up by a parent or guardian; or they must bring written permission from the parent or guardian if they are being picked up by someone else.**
- 3. Parents or designee picking up students must present photo ID and report directly to the office to sign them out. Students will be called from class on the intercom. Photo ID is required to enter the building.**
- 4. No student will be released to the office before the parent or designee arrives.**
- 5. Any student who leaves campus before 11:15 am and does not return to complete the school day will be counted as absent for that day.**
- 6. Under no circumstances will a student be released from class without following the above check-out procedures.**

Student Dress Code

School dress contributes to the school atmosphere. A clean, neat, appropriately dressed student advertises the fact that he/she respects him/herself in a way designed to win respect from others. Students are earnestly advised to dress with good taste, and in so doing, contribute to the general pride of the school. Coats-Erwin Middle School has a dress code which will be provided to you and your child in the parent/student handbook.

Cell Phone Policy

- **Students are permitted to bring cell phones to school, but the phone must remain off and in a locker. Phones are not to be visible at anytime, unless directed by a teacher. This means a phone cannot be sticking out of their back pocket or back pack.**
- **If a student has a cell phone out, or if the phone is visible during the school day without permission, students will be asked to place it in their locker (1st time). If seen again, the phone will be confiscated and taken to the main office. A parent will be contacted.**
- **At any time, if a student has an electronic device that is causing a disruption to the learning environment, their device will be confiscated immediately.**

Classes

Students will go to six classes each day:

Four “core classes” (Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies) AND Two “elective classes.”

- **One elective will be PE/Health: Girls and boys are in separate PE/Health classes, and alternate PE and Health every two weeks.**
- **The second elective can be art, computer, band, or chorus:**
 - **If students wish to take band or chorus, they must sign up; each is a year-long class.**
 - **Students who do not sign-up for band or chorus may be placed in art or computer skills; each is a semester-long class. If a student is placed in art first semester, they will switch to computer second semester (and vice versa). Students may also be placed in band or chorus which is a year-long class.**

ATHLETICS

6th graders are able to try out for the following sports:

Fall Season:

Volleyball

Cheerleading (fall & winter sport)

Boys Soccer

Winter Season:

Girls/Boys Basketball

Spring:

Softball

Baseball

Girls Soccer

Co-Ed Golf

Students must have a current physical on file in order to try out for a sport.

There will be no physical night this year

After 1st semester, eligibility is determined by grades and attendance

BAND & CHORUS

All rising 6th graders will have access to our music education program and are welcome to sign up for band or chorus.

No previous music experience is required - you do not need to know how to read music to join band or chorus.

Students are accepted into band regardless of whether or not they have previously played a musical instrument.

Students can participate in sports and music education at the same time; sports do not interfere with music education.

Band Instruments

Instrument sign-up options:

- **Flute**
- **Clarinet**
- **Trumpet**
- **Trombone**
- **Students wanting to play drums (percussion) must start on a wind instrument**

Detailed information regarding Band and Chorus will be posted on the Coats Elementary and Erwin Elementary websites. Please visit your respective school website to gain more information.

Band/Chorus Contact Information

If you wish to sign up for chorus, please contact:

Joelle Page at
jpage1@harnett.k12.nc.us .

If you wish to sign up for band, please contact:

John Page III at
jpage4@harnett.k12.nc.us or
910-891-8461.

You may also contact Gina Jernigan, Data Manager, at gjernigan@harnett.k12.nc.us to sign your child up for band or chorus.

Dual Immersion Program

- **This Spanish class will be during our EXCEL block (so students will still get two electives, as well as their dual immersion class)**
- **It is a 45-minute class**
- **Students will have grades (Passing/Failing)**
- **We follow a Spanish program:**
 - Conexiones I - 6th Grade**
 - Conexiones II - 7th Grade**
 - Conexiones III - 8th Grade**

Miscellaneous

- **Lockers**
 - Two visits--Homeroom AM & PM
 - Extra supplies kept here
- **Bookbags**
 - 2 binders; 2 Interactive Student Notebooks (ISNs) - these are marbled composition notebooks that students cut out and glue work into; pencil pouch
- **Laptops**
 - Parents and students will sign a contract
- **Agendas**
 - Area for students to write down their homework each day
 - Behavior Chart - teachers will review with students
- **PowerSchool**
 - Parent portal
 - Process for signing up (ability to sign up at open house)

Attendance

Our Attendance Policy is outlined in the student handbook.

Being at school is extremely important for students to get the instruction that they need.

Please be mindful that tardiness and early checkouts also contributes to students missing valuable instruction time.

School Counseling Program

Mission: to advocate for, collaborate with, facilitate for, and motivate all students.

- **Services are provided to promote the success of all students by assisting with social-emotional, academic and career needs, while adhering to the ethical standards of the American School Counselor Association.**
- **Services are provided through individual sessions, small group sessions, and classroom guidance**

Mrs. Kathryn Englander ~ kenglander@harnett.k12.nc.us

6th Grade Orientation

- **CEMS 6th Grade Orientation will be Friday, August 7th from 9AM - 12PM.**
- **Parents are invited to attend with their child.**
- **More information will be forthcoming.**