



Student Support Services

Parent Update

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PBIS Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

Coweta County will have 29 PBIS schools as of fall 2017. PBIS is a research –based framework that helps to support effective learning environments for students. This framework has been proven to have a positive effect on academic performance, school attendance, and student behavior.

Many of our PBIS schools have seen a significant decrease in discipline referrals as a result of implementing this framework.

Summer Chromebook Update

For families who have chosen to keep chromebooks over the summer, schools are providing online resources and suggestions of ways to productively engage students in continued learning over the summer. Please contact your child's school if you have questions regarding summer learning opportunities.



Students and

SOCIAL MEDIA

As a school system, one of our goals is to help keep parents informed regarding matters that may have an influence on their children. Often, in today's world this includes influences that develop through the use of multimedia technology and social media. It is always important that parents monitor the means of communication being used by their students during these important formative years. It is especially important that this communication is monitored during the summer months when children often have more time that is unsupervised. As a school system, we have continued to see an increase in social problems between our teenagers that develop primarily through social media platforms. I encourage you to be aware of what your child is watching, reading and talking about on social media. There is real danger of exploitation and criminal activity through the use of social media.

One topic that has received attention nationwide in recent months has been the Netflix miniseries based on the novel "13 Reason Why". The miniseries is based on a young adult novel about a high school student who takes her own life. This miniseries, according to the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) is causing alarm from some suicide prevention experts who caution against allowing teenagers to watch the series without adult guidance. The NASP further states that experts have concerns about the "sensationalized treatment of youth suicide that is portrayed in the miniseries." While it is up to each parent to decide the parameters of what their child watches and then speaks about on social media, I wish to remind you that graphic and disturbing content may be very difficult for an impressionable mind to watch, speak about and process in a healthy way without adult guidance.

Please visit the NASP website at www.nasponline.org for more guidance about this miniseries and other related topics. I encourage you to have conversations with your child about this important topic. As always, our school counselors, psychologists and administrators are available to assist with any concerns you may have.

Summer School Registration...

- May 30 & 31, 2017
- At CEC (Central Educational Center)
- 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Middle and High School Students