

Cook High School

Back-to-School Information



Phone : 229-896-2213

Website: chs.cook.k12.ga.us



2024-2025

ADMINISTRATION

Principal..... Dr. Joi Williams
 Athletic Director Mr. Paul Dobson
 Assistant Principal Mr. Gabe Hammock
 Assistant Principal Mrs. Paula Simmons
 Instructional Coach.....Mrs. Jesse Beale
 CTAE DirectorMr. Richard Herrin

GUIDANCE/STUDENT SERVICES

Guidance Counselor.....Mrs. Brittney Allen
 Guidance Counselor.....Mr. Blake Suggs
 Graduation Coach/E3.....Mrs. Lisa Heard
 Special Education Coordinator..... Mrs. Jodi Robbins
 Registrar.....Mrs. Braye Walker
 School Nurse.....Mrs. Allison Edwards
 Media SpecialistMrs. Allison Tolman
 Technology Specialist..... Mr. Zack Weeks
 ISS Mr. Derrick Saulsberry
 School Social Worker Mrs. Shari Breeden

OFFICE STAFF

Bookkeeper Mrs. Katrina Bostic
 Administrative Assistant Mrs. Chris Harris
 Administrative Assistant Mrs. Samona Durr
 Administrative Assistant Mrs. Lauren Spires
 Athletic Administrative Assistant..... Mrs. Sonja Thomas

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Tonya Gregory (Chair)
 Tetyana Ard - Melissa Calkins
 Shelli Phillips - Jill Swanson
 Phillip Walker

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Chris May (Chair)
 Zach Folsom - Kyle Hanson
 Laura Howard - Marie Joiner
 Jason Owen

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Tabith Jenkins (Chair)
 Buck Carter - Bill Durrance
 Heather Dykes—Debbie Kelley
 Michael Novack

FINE ARTS/FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Jacob Fortner (Chair)
 Harlee Bell - Cesar Garcia Heather
 Morris - Elizabeth Powell
 Ruthanna Wickham

FACULTY & STAFF

MATH DEPARTMENT

Thalia Elliott (Chair)
 Courtney Beaver - Ashley Doyle Becky
 Futch - Kimberly McCann
 Kevin Norman - Rhonda Reynolds

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Cornelius Brown - Dustin Larkin
 Karen Loreda - Adrienne Swearingen
 Kelly Taylor - Luis Tyson
 Tammy Walker - Joanne Warren
 Ronard White - Will Wilson
 Anabeliz Melendez (ESOL)

CTAE DEPARTMENT

Contance Thomas (Chair)
 Josh Bryan - Lori Carter
 Ren Hester - Ty McDowell
 Jenny Pitts - Marsha Tillman
 Justin Watson - Hope Weaver
 Brandon White

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Becky Hicks - Emily Holton
 Kay Leverett - Beth Willis

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Clemmie Foster (Chair)
 Rusty Beale (Credit Recovery)
 Jackson Dean - Adam Gray
 Clifford Pettiford - Byron Slack
 Chad Wheeler - Charlie Wiggins

CAFETERIA

Ellie Cain - Cheryl Miley
 Mitty Jones - Gloria Knighton
 Cassandra McDonald
 Lisa Merine - Alice Turner

CUSTODIAL

Maxine Cross - Toni Cross
 Cheryl Dozier
 Jessica Espinoza
 Melissa Hadley - Vivian Logan
 Maria Moore - Sabrina Newsome
 Ben Freeman (Maintenance)

STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICERS

Howie Lorette - Leah Morris



2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

8:15 - 9:39.....1st Block
 9:45 - 10:15.....Advisement
 10:21 - 11:45.....2nd Block
 11:51 - 1:48.....3rd Block
 11:45 - 12:10 - 1st Lunch
 12:15 - 12:40 - 2nd Lunch
 12:45 - 1:10 - 3rd Lunch
 1:23 - 1:48 - 4th Lunch
 1:54 - 3:15.....4th Block

PARENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- The lane nearest the sidewalk directly in front of the school is for student drop-off only.
- Drivers should pull as far down as possible along the curb (there is a sign posted where this begins) in lieu of waiting to drop off students directly at the front entrance. This will prevent traffic from backing up at the entrance to the school.
- No drop-offs should occur in the two lanes nearest the front parking lot.
- Please be reminded that the speed limit in front of the school is 5 mph. Although some students may have to walk a few feet further, this process will speed up the flow of traffic directly in front of the school in the mornings. This will also help with afternoon drivers, especially those that arrive early before school has ended.
- We thank all drop-off drivers for adhering to this process for the benefit and safety of all of our students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Joi Williams..... Principal
 Mr. Gabe Hammock Asst. Principal
 Mr. Paul Dobson..... Athletic Director
 Mrs. Paula Simmons Asst. Principal
 Mrs. Brittney Allen Guidance Counselor
 Mrs. Blake Suggs Guidance Counselor
 Mrs. Jesse Beale Instructional Coach
 Mrs. Heather Morris..... CHS Teacher of the Year 2024-2025
 Mrs. Shamika Durden..... Business Member/Parent
 Dr. Mike McCartney..... Business Member

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Freshman Orientation (9th Grade Students Only) will be Friday, August 2. Parents need to drop students off at CHS at 9:00 am and pick them up at 11:45 noon.

GRADUATION

To be eligible for participation in graduation ceremonies, students must have completed all requirements for a diploma and all state assessment requirements.

11TH GRADE MCV4 REQUIREMENTS:

Cook County Health Department wants to remind all Cook County parents and students that before starting the 2024-2025 school year, all students entering or transferring into 11th grade will need proof of a meningococcal booster shot (MCV4), unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that affects the brain and the spinal cord. It is spread through saliva and can be contracted by sharing food, drinks or makeup, kissing, sneezing and coughing. Meningitis can cause shock, coma and death within hours of the first symptoms. MCV4 or meningococcal conjugate vaccine, is a two-dose booster shot. It helps protect against four types of the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease (serogroups A, C, W and Y). While most people who get the vaccine do not have any serious side effects it is always a possibility. The most common side effects include redness or pain where the shot was given and occasionally a fever. These side effects typically go away within 1-2 days. A full immunization guide is available on the [Georgia Department of Health](https://www.ga.gov/health) website.

Ask your pediatrician or local health department about other shots your child may need including an annual flu vaccine; and catch-up immunizations, including chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and hepatitis B. Parents can visit the health department or their child's physician to receive a full list of their required vaccines. If your child does not have health insurance or their health plan won't cover these vaccines, call your local health department and ask about getting no cost or low cost vaccines.

STUDENT PARKING PASSES AND LOCKER SCHEDULE

Students attending Cook High School during the 2024-25 school year may purchase parking permits and/or school lockers according to the following schedule:

Class	Day	Date	Time
WBL	Monday	July 22	9:00 – 11:00 am
Seniors	Monday	July 22	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Juniors	Tuesday	July 23	9:00 – 11:00 am
Sophomores	Tuesday	July 23	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Freshmen (lockers only)*	Friday	Aug 2	(Freshman Orientation)

* Freshmen are not allowed to park on campus, so they may not purchase a parking permit.

1st Semester

Pre-Planning	July 30 - August 6
First Day of School	August 7
Open House	August 15
September Holiday	September 2
In-Service for Teachers	September 3
Senior Cap and Gown Assembly	September 4
Senior Product Ordering	September 11
Fall Break for Students	October 11 - 14
In-Service for Teachers	October 15
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 25 - 29
End of Semester for Students	December 20 (½ day)
Christmas Holidays for Students	December 23 - Jan 3

2nd Semester

Teachers Return/In-Service	January 6 & 7
Students Return	January 8
Open House	January 16
January Holiday	January 20
Winter Break	February 17
In-Service for Teachers	February 18
Sophomore Ring Assembly	February 19
Sophomore Ring Ordering	February 24
Cap & Gown/Senior Product Delivery/FINAL	March 3
March Holiday	March 17
In-Service for Teachers	March 18
Spring Break	March 31 - April 4
Graduation	May 22
Last Day of School	May 23 (½ day)
Memorial Day Holiday	May 26
Post Planning	May 27 - 28

DATES TO REMEMBER

2024-2025 COOK HIGH SCHOOL CELL PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones and all electronic devices and accessories must be turned off, out of sight and cannot be used during class time, unless permission is given by the teacher. Students found in violation of this policy will be penalized as follows:

1st Offense 5 days Restricted Lunch
 2nd Offense 10 days Restricted Lunch
 3rd Offense 2 days Block ISS
 4th Offense and beyond 1 day ISS

AREAS OF STUDY UNITS REQUIRED

(I) English/Language Arts	4
(II) Mathematics	4
(III) Science	4
(IV) Social Studies	4
(V) CTAE and/or Foreign Language and/or Fine Arts	3
(VI) Health and Personal Fitness	1
(VII) Electives	4
TOTAL UNITS	24

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Students must meet diploma requirements in three areas: Assessments, courses, and credits.

- **Courses:** students must complete specific course requirements as outlined by the graduation rule and local requirements.
- **Credits:** students must earn 24 units as a minimum requirement.

GENERAL LOCAL POLICIES

- A student will be placed in regular, advanced, and support courses beginning in the ninth grade based upon standardized, criterion-referenced, and formative assessment data; grades; achievement; other evidence of mastery of the Georgia Standards of Excellences; and teacher/guidance recommendations
- To be eligible for participation in graduation ceremonies, students must have completed all requirements for a diploma and all state assessment requirements.



COOK HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES: Individual teachers will provide supply lists the first day of school.

LOCKERS: The high school is equipped with very large lockers. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a locker for \$10 (covers the entire year) to secure and store their valuables. PE Lockers are available for \$5 per semester.

CHROMEBOOKS: Every student will be provided a school-issued Chromebook. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain this Chromebook in working condition. The student can take this Chromebook to the media center at any time if the Chromebook is not working correctly. If it is deemed intentional by the administration of Cook High School that a student has made the Chromebook inoperable by manipulation of software or hardware, the student and/or parent/guardian will be liable for the labor cost of restoring the Chromebook to working order or will be liable for the replacement cost of the Chromebook.

ATHLETICS Teem Sports Available at Cook High School

Fall

Cross Country	Tonya McDaniel
Football	Byron Slack
Softball	Rusty Beale
Cheerleading	Morgan Turner
Volleyball	John Smith
ESports	TBA

Winter

Boys Basketball	Jeremy Brown
Girls Basketball	Clemmie Foster
Cheerleading	Samona Durr
Wrestling	Destry Walker
Fishing	Corey Green

Spring

Baseball	Rusty Beale
Golf	Dustin Larkin
Boys Soccer	Luis Tyson
Girls Soccer	Hayley Pickle
Tennis (Boys & Girls)	Clifford Pettiford
Track (Boys & Girls)	Cornelius Brown
ESports	TBA

COOK HIGH SCHOOL 2024-25 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Fri Aug 2	Valdosta #	Valdosta	8:00 pm
Fri Aug 16	Berrien	Nashville	7:30 pm
Fri Aug 23	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	7:30 pm
Fri Aug 30	Brooks	Adel	7:30 pm
Fri Sept 6	Callaway	Hogansville	7:30 pm
Fri Sept 13	Cairo	Adel	7:30 pm
Fri Sept 20	Irwin ^(H)	Adel	7:30 pm
Fri Sept 27	Open		
Fri Oct 4	Pierce*	Blackshear	7:30 pm
Fri Oct 11	Tattnall*%	Adel	7:30 pm
Fri Oct 18	Open		
Fri Oct 25	Appling*@	Adel	7:30 pm
Fri Nov 1	Crisp*	Cordele	7:30 pm

Scrimmage ^(H) Homecoming * Region Game
 %Recreation Night @ Senior Night

MEMORIAL STADIUM POLICY

To ensure the safety of all coaches, players and fans, No one is allowed on the field until all players have entered the field house.