

Call Out for August 18, 2023

This is Richard Dennis, Superintendent of Elmore County Public Schools.

The second week of school has concluded and most schools have finalized schedule changes. With school starting back, that also means germs, viruses and sickness come with it. We have had quite a few phone calls asking about our most recent COVID guidelines. Now that COVID is no longer a pandemic, but an illness like the flu, we will follow the same guidelines as we would for any sickness. If someone is diagnosed with COVID, they should remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, or until their doctor warrants. Upon return, a mask is not mandatory, but we do encourage universal precautions such as good hand washing and covering your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.

Attendance will be an on going focus in Elmore County as we continue to emphasize the significance of students being present consistently at school. Those students that attend consistently make better grades. Please, work to ensure your student is on time and is in class daily.

Twice this week Elmore County Schools were impacted by Uniti Fiber optic cable damage in different areas of the state. Tuesday the Millbrook/Coosada schools were without internet due to a fiber optic cable being cut and Wednesday our entire school system lost service due to Uniti Fiber outages though out the state of Alabama and panhandle of Florida. This outage also impacted specific Verizon cell towers that are serviced by Uniti Fiber. These were unrelated incidents in different areas of the state and are not common occurrences. If or when this situation occurs again the school system will make a call out to all groups to communicate the outage.

If you would like to receive my call outs and other system-wide communications texted through Remind, visit the Elmore County Public Schools website and follow the registration process.

Have a great afternoon and enjoy your weekend!

*Every Student Empowered, Every Student Succeeds.*

Richard Dennis