

Coweta County School System



Dear Parents,

The Coweta County School System (CCSS) is committed to the safety of its students and employees. This commitment to safety is made evident by the variety of safety initiatives that are currently ongoing throughout the district. Some of these initiatives include:

School-based Efforts:

Full-time School Resource Officers (SROs) in every CCSS school, entrance modifications at elementary and middle schools that are designed to restrict access, the addition of surveillance cameras across the district, and the installation of the SHIELD system at district elementary schools.

Health Efforts:

"Stop the Bleed" medical kits were provided for all CCSS schools in 2017 through a grant secured by the Coweta County Fire Department (CCFD) and the Coweta County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). The kit provides supplies for use in the event of an injury causing massive blood loss. The CCFD also provided training for a medical team at each school. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units are in all schools and training occurs on these devices. Each school employs a nurse on site to support student and staff needs.

Training and Community Collaboration:

A district-wide Safety Committee meets periodically to assess safety related issues and provides input for school safety. Included are representatives from: Coweta County Sheriff's Department, Newnan Police Department, Coweta County School System, Newnan Fire Department, Coweta County Fire Department, Coweta County Emergency Management, U.S. Secret Service. The district also hosts an annual "Safety Summit" that brings school and district administrators together with our local public safety partners to plan for the upcoming school year.

Support for Mental/Emotional/Social Well-being:

Coweta County School System employs teams of system level social workers, psychologists, a mental health coordinator and a juvenile court liaison in order to identify and serve students in need of mental, social or emotional support. Trained evaluators assess students using a variety of tools in order to provide safety plans for students if needed or provide support based upon needs. Local agencies also work collaboratively with the school system to meet the needs of students.

Join the Efforts:

Students, parents, and community members can anonymously report concerns in one of the following ways:

1. By calling your local school administrator or the Coweta County School System at 770-254-2800. Please ask for Student Services and Safety.
2. By calling the GADOE School Safety Hotline at **1-877-SAY-STOP**. Depending on the urgency of the call, the hotline operator contacts the appropriate law enforcement agency and the local school system. The local school system is asked to inform the Georgia Department of Education of the outcome and subsequent actions taken in conjunction with the call. Of course, not all hotline calls are emergencies. The hotline is also a valuable information resource for educators, administrators, parents, and anyone who may have questions regarding safety in Georgia schools.

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3. By downloading the See Something/Send Something App. This is a smartphone app that directs citizen concerns to local law enforcement. [See Something, Send Something](#) operates nationwide, allowing citizens to report suspicious activity and join in the fight against terrorism and criminal activity. You can click on the link above to download the app to your smartphone.

Providing a safe environment for our students and employees is a top priority of the Coweta County School System. Local school safety teams, school and district administrators, and public safety personnel meet regularly to plan and educate one another to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We will continue to update you about ongoing school and system safety initiatives as they occur.

Sincerely,

Evan Horton
Superintendent