



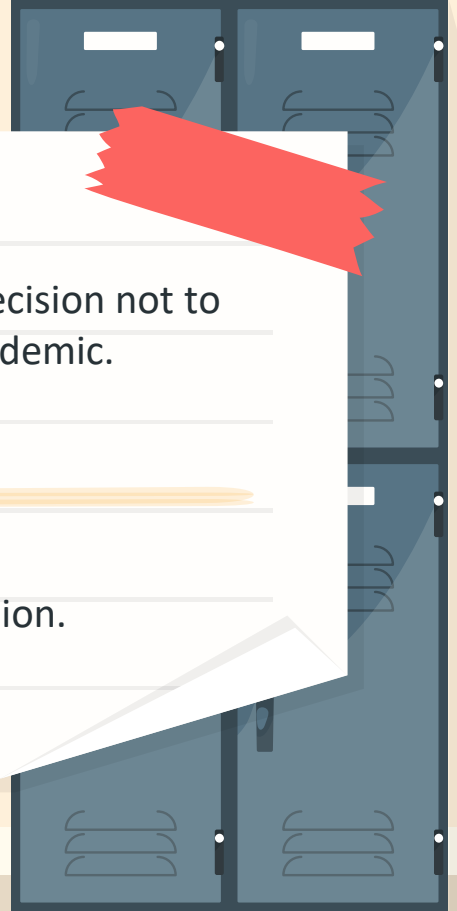
ECMS Not to Locker





East Cobb Middle Schools came together and made the decision not to assign student lockers in the hallway during the pandemic.

We have agreed that we will continue with this decision.





WHY?!

“My child is so looking forward to using a locker! It’s a right of passage!”





First, you need to know that East Cobb Middle School's feeder elementary schools do not use lockers, nor does Wheeler High School, our only feeder high school.





**Your student
will use a PE &
music locker
in the locker
rooms.**



The Advantages of NOT using a hallway locker:

When we did not assign hallway lockers, we found that:

- Student behavior and office discipline referrals from the hallway decreased
- Students do not congregate in the hallways at lockers. When they did congregate at lockers, we saw much more horseplay, “mean” behaviors and inappropriate language from our students.
- Students get to class faster, so we have increased the amount of instructional time in each class.

The Advantages of NOT using a hallway locker:

- Students now have all the materials needed for class with them in their bookbag. Previously, if a student left something needed for class in their locker, they were not allowed to go to the locker during class to get it. The result of which caused:

~More anxiety for students

~A lower Grade

~More anxiety for parents

~A student's day to be ruined

The Advantages of NOT using a hallway locker:

- There were fewer student injuries. Previously, students with bottom lockers inevitably stood up without looking and banged their heads into the open top locker, causing the student to have to go to the clinic, miss class time, be embarrassed, etc.
- Fewer students missed their bus in the afternoon. During afternoon dismissal, students in all grades would miss their bus because they could not open the locker as it would jam frequently.
- Less trash in the halls.
- Fewer tardies to class due to talking & playing at the locker, and fewer unexcused tardies to class due to jammed lockers.

The Advantages of NOT using a hallway locker:

- Fewer items are in the lost and found. Students now keep their pencil pouches and loose supplies in their bookbag, so they are not left in the halls and unclaimed in the Lost & Found.
- Parents do not have access to lockers to assist in your student's organization. Parents do have access to your student's bookbag and can assist in keeping it clean and organized.
- Carrying everything in the bookbag ensures that your student will have everything they need at home to complete their homework & to study.

Possible solutions to acknowledged disadvantages



Weight

1. Limited issuance of textbooks
2. Clean out folders each quarter
3. Limit the number of library books at once

Lunch Box & Water Bottle

3. Use a disposable bag
4. Lightweight, small water bottle to refill

Instrument

2. Instruments are not carried to & from school every day.
3. Instruments are dropped off in the music room in the morning and are not carried from class to class.

Jacket

4. Middle Schoolers prefer to wear a hoodie all day
5. Light jacket that can be carried in draped in straps of the bag

