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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

START OF THE YEAR	
How can I find school supply lists?	Each grade level has their unique school supply lists. Visit https://www.cobbk12.org/eastside/page/65550/supply-lists to view grade specific supply lists.
When will I know my child's teacher?	Homeroom teacher assignments can be viewed through ParentVue the afternoon before Eagle Day. To protect student information, class lists will not be posted.
When can I meet my child's teacher?	Eagle Day (Meet and Greet) is scheduled for Friday, July 31st. Families will attend based on alphabet of last name. See our website for schedule and times. Families may drop off school supplies to the classroom, visit clubs and activities in the gym, and much more. If you cannot attend Eagle Day, your child may bring their supplies on the first day of school, August 3rd.
What is Parent Orientation?	Parent Orientation is a time for parents to visit the classroom and learn more deeply about the instructional program, volunteer opportunities, and classroom procedures. This adult only meeting begins at 6:00 in the cafeteria. After the whole group portion, parents transition to their child's classroom to hear directly from their teacher. See school website for dates and details.
How do I stay informed?	Be sure to visit East Side's website frequently for updates and events. www.cobbk12.org/eastside Additionally, please follow our school's Instagram & Facebook pages, as well as subscribing to the PTA's weekly newsletter All Eyes on East Side. To subscribe visit https://eastsidepta.membershiptoolkit.com/Home.
ARRIVAL	
What are the school hours?	Instructional day is from 7:50 AM – 2:10 PM.
Can I walk my child to class?	In order to develop independent learners, we ask that all parents refrain from walking their child into the building. Many staff are on hand to assist students in getting to their classrooms each day.
How do I bring my child to school as a car rider?	In order to help carpool run efficiently, all families must stay in their cars and pull up through the carpool lane. Once you stop along the curb, your child will be directed to open their car door and exit the car, with their belongings. We do NOT allow cars to park in the front parking lot to walk their child to the door.
How do I send my child to school on the bus?	BUS is the BEST way to bring your child to school and students who ride the bus are NEVER marked tardy, even if the bus is running late. To find your bus route, visit http://transportation.cobbk12.org/livewqweb/webquery/
Can I park in the neighborhood and walk my child to school?	No, families may NOT park their cars in the neighborhood nor nearby churches to walk their child to school. GADOT has installed signs stating areas where student drop off is not permitted. Families who violate this may receive ticketing violations from officers present.
What if my child is tardy?	If you arrive on or after 7:50, you must park your vehicle and bring your child into the vestibule to sign them in for the school day.
DISMISSAL	
What time is dismissal?	Dismissal begins at 2:10 PM (12:10 PM on CCSD early release days)
How does my child's teacher know his/her dismissal plans each day?	East Side utilize ParentVue dismissal for families to communicate your child's daily dismissal plans. Visit ParentVue- student information- dismissal changes. There you will be able to set your child's daily dismissal and also make changes. Visit https://media.cobbk12.org/media/WWWCobb/medialib/student-dismissal-parent-guide.b22e03111284.pdf for more information.
How do I make transportation changes?	ALL transportation changes MUST be made through the ParentVue application system and MUST be completed by 1:40pm (11:40 early release days) each day. After 1:40 (11:40 early release days), the system does not accommodate changes. NO changes will be accepted via phone/email/handwritten note.
What are car rider dismissal procedures?	Cars line up in single file along the front curb of the school. The student's dismissal barcode (found on ParentVue) must be displayed. Staff will assist in getting your child into your vehicle safely.
What if I do not have my child's ParentVue dismissal barcode?	Due to student safety, we are not allowed to dismiss a student without a barcode being shown. If you do not have access to the barcode via ParentVue, you will be asked to park and go into the front office where you must show your ID to receive your child. Families may show the barcode on their phone or may choose to print a copy of the barcode to keep in their car.
What are bus rider dismissal procedures?	Bus riders are dismissed to the bus port by grade levels by school staff. If there is a second load bus, those students will be supervised by staff until they load their bus for dismissal.
What is ASP (After-School Program?	ASP is an after-school program offered to students from dismissal to 6:00pm daily. This program is run by the ASP director. Students may attend every day or on an as needed basis. Students MUST be registered annually to attend, and registration is $20 each year. To register, visit ParentVue/Eleyo . There is a $10 fee for each day the student attends ASP and payment is made in advance. Students attending ASP are dismissed from classrooms directly to the ASP program.

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Can my child walk home from school with an adult?	Yes, students who live near the school may walk home with an adult. The adult accompanying the walker must walk to the side parking lot (near the dumpsters). The adult must show the child's ParentVue dismissal bar code to the staff member prior to retrieving their child.
Can my child walk home alone without an adult?	Yes, our older students who live near the school may walk home alone- but MUST have parent permission in writing each year. To request that your child walk home, as a 'self-release walker', you must send in a handwritten note (signed by the enrolling adult) giving your child permission to walk home alone. Please note that a crossing guard is present to assist students in crossing Indian Hills Parkway, but that there is no adult supervision for self-release walkers.
How do I get my child's ParentVue dismissal bar code?	Log into ParentVue-dismissal. There you may access your child's bar code. The enrolling adult may share this barcode (as a screenshot) with any adult they wish to pick up their child. Please note this adult(s) must also have release to permission marked in your child's ParentVue information system. Families may show the barcode on their phone or may choose to print a copy of the barcode to keep in their car.
Can I check my child out early?	Early check outs MUST occur prior to 1:45 PM (11:45 early release days). After 1:45 PM (11:45 early release days), we cannot dismiss any student early. To check your child out early, you must come into the vestibule to sign your child out. The person checking the student out must be listed on their enrollment form and must show ID. It is helpful to email your child's teacher letting them know they will be checking out early for the day.
Can my child go home with a friend?	Due to bus capacity, students are NOT permitted to ride the bus home with a friend. Students may be picked up as car rider or walker by another adult, however that adult MUST have the student's ParentVue bar code electronically or paper copy and must be listed as an emergency contact.
Do you offer after-school Clubs?	East Side BEST Clubs are organized and run by the School's Foundation. Information regarding Club offerings and registration dates will be communicated at Eagle Day (meet and greet). To attend a BEST club, students must be pre-registered for the ASP program.
ATTENDANCE	
What if my child is absent?	When a child returns to school after an absence, please provide a note to the teacher indicating the absence dates and reason. You may also email this note to your child's teacher AND attendance clerk, Susan Vavra (susan.vavra@cobbk12.org). Visit the cobb county website for student attendance policy and information on excused/unexcused absences.
What if my child will be absent for an extended period?	Email the teacher and attendance clerk, Susan Vavra (susan.vavra@cobbk12.org). Include the dates of the absences and the reason. Per CCSD policy, if a student is absent (unexcused absences) for 10 days consecutively, he/she will be withdrawn and must re-enroll upon their return.
CLINIC	
What if my child gets sick/injured at school?	The clinic is staffed by a RN/LPN from 7:20-2:30 daily. Children who become ill or injured at school are given basic health care by the nurse. Guardians are contacted should an injury or illness occur.
What if my child needs to take medicine at school?	Parent are required to bring the medication to school in the pharmacy container and complete a "Authorization to give medication" form annually with the school nurse. All medication must be given by the school nurse. Students are not allowed to transport medication.
SCHOOL OPERATIONS	
Can I use the playground after school?	School campuses are not open for public use. To request permission to utilize school grounds, reach out to the CCSD facility use department.
How will I know if school is cancelled due to weather?	CCSD may occasionally close school due to inclement weather and other factors. Announcements will be made via CTLS, news and radio stations.
What if school is dismissed early unexpectedly?	If school is dismissed early due to weather, CCSD will send the announcement via CTLS message and other avenues. ASP does not occur if schools are closed early due to weather.
What if my child forgets something they need for school that day?	To shape responsible individuals, the ONLY forgotten items allowed to be delivered to students are eyeglasses, medication, and lunchboxes. We are NOT able to accept forgotten homework, projects, or water bottles.
What if my child leaves something at school?	If a student leaves something at school, he or she can retrieve it the following school day. Students and guests are not permitted to reenter classrooms after dismissal to obtain forgotten items.
Is there a lost & found?	We do have a lost and found closest that is maintained and cleaned out periodically. Lost jackets, lunchboxes, and other items will be delivered to the lost and found. Please LABEL all items with your child's first and last name to assist in easy identification of lost items. Families may visit the lost and found during ASP hours by checking in at the ASP desk. The Lost & Found is cleaned out the day prior to any school break including Fall, Thanksgiving, Winter, February, and Spring breaks.

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May students receive gifts?	Students are not permitted to receive gifts/deliveries while at school.
Will my student have recess?	Students receive 20 minutes of recess daily as part of their class schedule, weather permitting. To see CCSD recess policy and weather guidelines, visit https://media.cobbk12.org/media/WWWCobb/medialib/idbc-r.4cf0da37134.pdf
Is there a dress code?	All CCSD students shall be required to maintain the level of personal hygiene necessary to ensure a healthy school environment and to refrain from any mode of dress that contributes to a disruption of school functions. Visit https://media.cobbk12.org/media/WWWCobb/medialib/59ff1d28177.pdf to view the CCSD dress code.
What if I move out of East Side's attendance zone, yet want to remain at this school?	Current East Side families who move out of our attendance zone DURING the school year, must report the move to the school, change their attendance on ParentVue, and apply for a continuation of enrollment through the district (should they wish to remain at ES). Due to the large size of our school and limited space, continuation of enrollment requests will ONLY be approved through the remainder of the current semester or remainder of the current school year, depending on the date of the move. After the transfer is expired, students must attend the school that they are zoned for. If a family moves over the summer, the student will be required to attend their zoned school.
May I request a classroom change for my child?	Much time is dedicated to building each classroom and many factors are considered. Once class assignments are communicated to families, placement changes will NOT be made and requests for class changes will not be accommodated.
What if I have a concern with my child's teacher/classroom/etc.?	Should you have a concern with your child's classroom, teacher, etc. your first point of contact should always be the homeroom teacher. Please email the teacher requesting a phone call and/or conference to discuss your concerns. Should you continue to have concerns after that initial conference, please continue to share those with the homeroom teacher. Additionally, after making first contact with the teacher, should you need more assistance with a situation, you can contact the grade level school counselor and/or grade level assistant principal.
Does the school practice what to do in the event of an emergency, fire, etc.?	School safety is our first priority, and every Cobb school must practice regular safety drills including fire, weather, and intruder. Prior to the drill occurring, students will be informed that it is a practice drill. Families are not notified when drills occur as directed by CCSD.
How do I get in touch with my child's teacher or school counselor?	Email is the best method to reach your child's teacher, school counselor, or other school staff and you should receive a response within twenty-four hours. All email addresses can be found on our school website: www.cobbk12.org/eastside You may also utilize the ParentSquare app and communication tool to send messages to your child's teacher.
Can my child bring their cellphone or smartwatch to school?	Following board policy JCDAF, students in grades K-8 are not permitted to access personal electronic devices while on school grounds/school buses, including but not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, tables, etc. Any student found in violation of this policy shall be subject to progressive discipline following the CCSD Student Code of Conduct. A student whose IEP, 504, or medical plan mandates the use of personal electronic devices shall be permitted to access the device as needed following their medical, IEP, 504 plan.
VISITOR/VOLUNTEER	
Can I volunteer during the school day?	PTA and Foundation offer many volunteer opportunities. Additionally, classroom teacher's offers additional volunteer opportunities that support instruction and school events. All volunteers must be pre-arranged by the teacher, PTA, or Foundation and must show ID when signing into the school.
Can I visit my child's classroom during the day?	To protect instructional time, classrooms are not open to visitors during the instructional day, excluding special events/activities. Any visitor who is on campus for any reason MUST sign in at the front office and show proper identification to seek permission to be on school grounds.
How can I get involved in the school?	The best way to get involved in our school is through our very active PTA and/or Foundation. To learn more about these organizations, please visit their websites below: PTA: https://eastsidepta.membershiptoolkit.com/Home Foundation: https://www.eastsideelementaryfoundation.org/
CLASSROOM OPERATIONS	
How will I receive communication from the school or teacher?	Teachers and staff will utilize CTLS parent to send regular communication to families and homeroom teachers send weekly newsletters to their class. You may view these via email and/or through an app. For more information and directions, visit https://www.cobbk12.org/page/87031/ctls-parent-support.
How will I receive my child's report card?	Report cards will be viewable four times a school year through the ParentVue system. Paper copies will NOT be sent home.

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May I send a birthday treat for my child and the class?	Should families wish to recognize their child's special day, you have the option to send in a birthday treat with your child OR order a birthday treat through the cafeteria. Families should contact the homeroom teacher to schedule the treat, date, and details.
Can my child pass out party invitations at school?	We do not permit party invitations to be distributed at school unless the entire homeroom class is receiving an invitation.
How do I sign permission slips for field trips?	CCSD utilizes the ParentVue system for permission slips for field trips. All students must have a permission slip completed by the guardian giving him/her permission to participate.
CAFETERIA	
How do I pay for my child's lunch?	CCSD utilizes MySchoolBucks for families to add money to your child's meal account. Student meal prices are as follows: $3.75 lunch daily. Families may also send money with their child in a labeled envelope.
Can I eat lunch with my child at school?	Lunchroom visitors are not allowed the first month of school, the last month of school, nor on early release dates. From the dates of September-April (excluding early release dates) one guest is welcome to join their child for lunch. The guest and their student (no friends) are to sit at the visitor tables on the stage. Guests are NOT permitted to bring fast food for lunch but may purchase lunch from our cafeteria for $5.25 or may bring a packed lunch from home.
How do I view lunch menus?	https://www.cobbk12.org/foodservices/page/35131/menus
Does East Side serve breakfast?	Due to county regulations, East Side does not participate in the breakfast program.

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