FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the hours at Cooper?
Start time is 7:20 a.m. End time is 2:10 p.m.

How much time do I have between classes?
Passing time is 5 minutes between classes.

What school supplies are needed at Cooper?
One 2-inch binder, 8 color dividers, 3-hole punch zipper bag for pencils, pens, etc., and college-ruled paper.

How will a Chromebook help me at Cooper, and how do I receive it?
Teachers will be integrating more online work for students. They will be using online tools to give better, more immediate feedback. Students fill out paperwork and submit an insurance fee to receive one from the media center.

Does Cooper have an advisory and what happens there?
During the school year, you meet once weekly for 50 minutes. Advisory lessons include: personal development issues such as values, leadership, goal setting, and study habits. Four-year planning will include personality/career interest inventories, developing resumes, researching scholarships, and transcript requests to colleges.

Does a parent/guardian need to call in an absence?
A parent/guardian is required to call each time a student is absent. Call our attendance line at 763-504-8510.

Who do I call if I have questions about my schedule?
Your grade level counselor is in charge of making sure your schedule meets your needs. You should make an appointment in the guidance office to discuss changes to your schedule.

How many credits do I need to graduate from Cooper?
The minimum is 48 credits at the end of your senior year. A credit is issued at the end of each semester when you pass a class.

What happens if I get behind in my school work?
Hawk’s Nest is an after school program that meets Monday–Thursday from 2:15–4:45 p.m. in room 203. It is for students who want extra help to get caught up with assignments, get assistance from a licensed teacher or re-do summatives.

When are the grading periods?
There are two grading periods when your student’s grades are permanently entered onto the official transcript. Semester 1 in mid-January, and Semester 2 in mid-June.

How do I put money into my lunch account?
Money may be put in your lunch account at any time during the school year by phone via the PAMS lunch system by calling 1-888-994-5100 or at www.pamslunchroom.com. All families receive a lunch application at the time of registration to determine if families are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

Does Cooper have open lunch?
Open Lunch is available for students in grades 11 and 12. An application is available in the main office.

Can I use my cell phone or music listening device in school?
Students are allowed to use their phones or music listening devices during passing time and lunch.

Does Cooper have a dress policy?
YES! The expectations are as follows:
- No sagging pants
- No exposed underclothing
- Shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh and size appropriate
- No offensive pictures/slogans which promote drug/alcohol abuse, or weaponry

What do I need to bring if I have physical education?
You will need to bring a t-shirt, shorts or sweatpants, and tennis shoes from home (gym locks will be provided).

Is transportation available after a sport or activity is finished?
Yes. Activity buses depart at 4:15 and 5:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday to a bus stop near your home.

Can I drive my car to school?
Parking permits are issued to students in grades 11 and 12 who wish to drive to school. The cost is $180.00 per year, $90.00 per semester, and $3 per day. Permits are issued starting the first day of school.