Cooper City High School believes that all students should be provided with a safe educational opportunity, so that they may fulfill their responsibilities as productive citizens in our global society.

Be Courteous
Be Optimistic
Be Wise
Be Brave
Be Openhearted
Be You

CCHS MISSION STATEMENT

Cooper City High School Family,
As we continue our theme for this school year is #TheTimeIsNow.... I hope this communication finds you well. September 16th marked the fourth week of eLearning and we are all so proud of our students, faculty, staff and parents – by working together we ensure that our students engage in academics and own their learning. Parents and guardians, we cannot thank you enough for your continued support. Our teachers continuously work on creating engaging eLearning lessons for our students. CCHS administrators visited personalization classes and held Road to Success assemblies. I enjoyed seeing our students during my visits: saying hello to them and engaging with them is the best part of my day!

Our grade level counselors are visiting classes to provide information and support to our students. We created grade level Canvas pages; please encourage your student to visit, as it is a way for them to stay connected and show their Cowboy Pride! We celebrated our CCHS Teacher of the Year, Ms. Heidi Dermer and School Related Employee of the Year, Ms. Maria Duque recently. We are thankful for all they do for our students and our school!

We are SO PROUD of our three seniors who were named 2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists! Congratulations on their accomplishments, we wish them the best of luck! The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than 1% of all U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. There were more than 1.5 million high school juniors from 21,000 high schools who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

As part of our efforts to keep CCHS students engaged and involved outside school eLearning hours, our Student Government hosted our annual Rush Week – virtually. Rush Week is a week when our current clubs and organizations inform other students about their club(s). This is an opportunity for CCHS students to become members (they can choose from over 30 clubs) and engage in fun and meaningful extracurricular activities. We hope our students will embrace all that CCHS has to offer – although it may look different right now – together we can make it great #we candovirtuallyanything!

With Cowboy Pride,
Vera Perkovic, Principal

September 2020 Calendar days
- September 3, 2020 Virtual Professional Study Day
- September 7 & 28, 2020 Off Days (schools closed)
- September 11, 2020 Interim Reports
- September 14, 2020 Virtual PTSA Meeting 6:00PM
- September 21, 2020 Virtual SAC/SAF Meets 3:45 PM
- September 22, 2020 Virtual Senior Night 6:00 PM
- Sep. 15 – Oct. 15, 2020 Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 21-25, 2020 Celebrate Peace Week
- September 21-25, 2020 Start with Hello Week

#THETIMEISNOW
#COWBOYPRIDE
#LOVEWHATWEDO
Notable Mentions – National Merit Scholarship Finalists

CCHS has 3 National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Congratulations to Senior students Ander Diez, Isabella Geraci, and Ryan Lewis on being named 2020 National Merit Scholarship Finalists. We congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck! The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than 1% of all U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. There were more than 1.5 million high school juniors from 21,000 high schools who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

BRACE & College Corner - College Visits (virtual)

CCHS Seniors and Juniors, Look who’s coming to speak with CCHS Seniors and Juniors! Don’t be left behind and get in the know! Find the Virtual Link for college information sessions (visits) in NAVIANCE Colleges/College Visits. All visits scheduled for 3:30PM.

Virtual Senior Night, Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM

At 5:55PM, find TEAMS LIVE LINK at the CCHS Website below: https://www.browardschools.com/coopercityhigh
Meet & get updates from Cooper City High School Administrators, 12th Grade School Counselors, and BRACE.
The College Application & Financial Aid Process - The purpose of this event is to provide the “How To’s” of the College Application Process (Common App. Institutional App, Transcripts) and the Financial Aid Process (Bright Future’s, FAFSA and other scholarships). Although seniors receive this same information directly via Study Hall, this program is designed to give families the knowledge they desire so they can best support their senior child.

School Counseling Corner – PSAT NMSQT opportunity

The PSAT NMSQT will be administered to Juniors seeking a National Merit designation or an Algebra 1 EOC concordant score. For more information see the PSAT flyer or the PSAT page on the school website.

College Board + Khan Academy

College Board and Khan Academy have partnered together to help students better prepare for the SAT. This website provides interactive practice, practice tests, short quizzes and interactive feedback: https://www.khanacademy.org/sat

Visit our Cooper City High School’s Advanced Academics page for additional information: https://www.browardschools.com/Page/4662
4 Tips for Copying with Anxiety and Cabin Fever

1. Limit checking the news and your social media: find out what you want to know and then disconnect for the day. If you can’t complete disconnect set limits for yourself, for example, check for 5 minutes every hour or every other hour.

2. Senses: focusing on one or more of the five senses is a great way to shift your attention away from worries. What do you hear, see, taste, touch, smell? Try to be fully present in the moment, paying attention to what you are doing and engage your senses. Try focusing on one sense at a time.

3. Get some movement: it can be going for a walk, run, bike ride, stretch, participating in an online fitness class, or whatever other thing that makes move around.

4. Try something new: Is there anything you always wanted to learn? Whatever the subject may be, there are a variety of resources online that you can take advantage of.

10 Minutes of Mindfulness

10 Minutes of SEL/Mindfulness is intended to support the social & emotional learning of our students and staff by cultivating the ability to be aware of the present moment with compassion and kindness toward oneself and others. Teachers will guide students in 10 minutes of Mindfulness/SEL every day. Recorded sessions are available in the “10 Minutes of Mindfulness” Toolkit.

How to Get Organized During E-Learning

It is a new school year and learning to be organized can help you get things done and lower your stress level. These skills will give you an advantage not only in school but in your life. The more you practice, the better you will get at them.

How to get organized

Organize your things. When your things are organized, it is so much easier to find them and avoid wasting time to find what you need. It is a huge time saver.

- Create folders, binders, or notebooks for each subject. You can also use electronic folders to keep assignments organized.
- Also, get rid of things you no longer need.

Organize Your Space. Find a place where you can work that is quiet and allows you to have room to spread things around. It can be a desk or a table. The place you choose should allow you to focus on what you must do.

Organize Your Time. You can use a planner, apps or digital calendar to keep track of your schoolwork:

- Write down all your assignments and their due dates.
- Break down long projects into smaller steps. Write down when each part needs to be turned in and follow those dates.
- Write down the dates for tests/quizess/assessments and make sure you have plenty of time to study. Do not procrastinate and study a little every day.
- Make sure to include all your other activities into your calendar so you do not have conflicts. This can also help you to look ahead into all the things you have to do and will allow you to manage your time better.

How to Get Focused

Avoid Distractions. It is harder to focus and to do well on assignments or tests when you are multitasking.

- When you are working, put your devices away.
- Pay attention to what works for you to help you focus. Some people need a quiet environment and some focus better when they listen to quiet music while studying.

Take Breaks. Your brain needs to rest when you are working hard, so take frequent breaks to maintain focus.

- It is important to get up from your work area, move, stretch, or walk around to get your body in motion and clear your head.

Refocus Yourself. If you notice that your attention is wandering, pull your attention back into study mode as soon as possible. Remind yourself that now it is time to stay on task.

T.A.L.K. - Empowering Students to Confidentially Request Assistance

School Social Work, Child Abuse Prevention and the Family Counseling Program have made it possible for students to report they are being abused and/or request to speak with a mental health professional via an app which now appears on every student’s Clever Portal page. Students can select the “T.A.L.K.” icon to request to speak to a mental health professional.
**Club News – Class Shirts – Cowboy Pride**

Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services (BCPSFNS) now offers FREE Grab-and-Go meals for all children 18 years and younger at all Elementary, Middle, and High schools! The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced it would extend the summer meals flexibility waiver, which allows BCPSFNS to provide lunch at no cost to all children through December 31, 2020.

**Meals bundles will be served on TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM AND 3 PM TO 5 PM.** Children or their parents will be able to pick up multiple meals at a time by walking or driving to the car or bus loop. Parents must have identification for their child to pick up meals if the child is not present. Identification must be presented at each meal service. Adults are welcome to purchase meals for $1.80 per breakfast, and $2.75 per lunch. Families are encouraged to fill out an application at myschoolapps.com as their school may offer additional benefits. For more information, please visit www.browardschools.com/schoolreopening.

**Club News – Class Shirts**

**Monday, 9/21/20**
- **Shirt** – Dream for Peace
  - Wear pajamas as you dream about a world of peace (and one where we’re all back in school!).

**Activity – Peace Poster Contest**
- **Tuesday, 9/22/20**
  - **Shirt** – Team Up for Peace
  - Go to bat for peace! Wear your favorite sports team’s shirt or jersey.

**Activity – Peace and Poetry**
- **Wednesday, 9/23/20**
  - **Shirt** – Wayback Wednesday
  - Peace and love! Everyone will be asked to wear either tie dye-colored clothing or shirts with peace symbols. Groovy!

**Activity – Multicultural Club meeting**
- **Thursday, 9/24/20**
  - **Shirt** – Colors for a Cause
  - What social cause means the most to you? Wear a shirt or color representing your cause.

**Activity – Spread the Word**
- **Friday, 9/25/20**
  - **Shirt** – Flag Friday
  - Everyone will be asked to wear or display flags of their national heritage, including the American flag. Students will also participate in a contest (for those who participated in the dress up day), with the winner receiving a $10 Dunkin card.

**Activity – Hear Our Voices Roundtable**
- This activity is co-sponsored by The Lariat.
School Headline News

Code of Student Conduct
Parents and students, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the Back to School Forms link found on the Broward Schools webpage at:
https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38091

Back-to-School Online Wizard
Parents will need to submit the Emergency Contact information, the Code of Student Conduct and the Media Release form during the first few days of the new school year. Forms must be completed by parents and submitted online at
https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts/

“Present” in School & in Class-Attendance
Use Clever to log-in to be counted as “Present” in school. Username: student number (06012345)
Password: P + mm/dd/yyyy (Example: P05/22/2001)
Use Canvas for classes, assignments, homework, and communication with teachers.
Use MS Teams for classes, conferencing with teachers, peers, support.
Use Pinnacle for grades.
Use Khan Academy, College Board, Naviance and BRIA for academic support.

ACT & SAT Testing

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Visit
https://www.cchs- sga.com/
For more information. Choose from over 30. CCHS clubs and engage in fun and meaningful extracurricular activities.

Congratulations Heidi Dermer Cooper City HS Teacher of the Year

Congratulations Maria Duque Cooper City H.S. Non-Instructional Employee of the Year

ACT & SAT

https://www.browardschools.com/domain/13215

Special Offers

https://www.browardschools.com/coopercityhigh
Cooper City High School PTSA

The PTSA board would like to welcome our CCHS Cowboy Family back for the 2020-21 school year. Although this year may look different, your PTSA is still here working hard to support the needs of our students and faculty. In order to continue our support, we are asking for your help. By joining the PTSA and purchasing spirit gear from our online store coopercityhsptsa.memberhub.store you will be helping to ensure that we are able to maintain our level of excellence. With the proceeds, we will be able to fund scholarships and projects that come up during the school year. All members will receive a discount card to use at several local businesses.

Do you want to get involved? Our first general meeting will be held on August 24th at 6:00 p.m. Until further notice, all meetings will be held virtually on Zoom. All future meeting dates are listed below and can also be found on the PTSA page on the CCHS website. Volunteers are welcome and greatly appreciated. For up to date information, please follow our page at Cooper City High School PTSA on Facebook.

Thank you in advance for your support, it is greatly appreciated. By working together, we can make CCHS the best. We hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy. Go COWBOYS!!!

Meeting dates: Until further notice, all meetings will be held virtually on Zoom and begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.
- August 24, 2020
- September 14, 2020
- October 5, 2020
- November 2, 2020
- December 7, 2020

Cooper City H. S. PTSA Thanks you for your support!

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Cooper City High School welcomes your involvement on our School Advisory Council (SAC). SAC is an essential line of communication between school staff, parents, students, and community liaisons. The SAC serves as a mechanism for participatory management and shared decision-making. The primary goal of SAC is to improve the education for all students. SAC members help establish educational priorities, assess school needs, and identify resources to meet those needs. SAC decisions are instrumental to the educational experience to students at CCHS. We encourage you to commit to attend.

SAC meets on the last “work” Monday of each month of the school year at 3:45 pm via MS Teams:
- August 31, 2020
- September 14, 2020
- October 5, 2020
- November 2, 2020
- December (No Meeting Date)

School Advisory Forum (SAF)

School Board policy requires that each school have a School Advisory Forum (SAF) composed of parents, teachers, community members, school administrators, non-instructional support staff, and other stakeholders. The SAF provides an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss and recommend actions on a variety of school issues.

The School Advisory Forum (SAF) shall foster and promote communication between its stakeholders, the school, and the Area Advisory Council. The SAF shall bring forth recommendations, concerns and interests to and from their Area Advisory Council.

SAF meetings are held right after the monthly SAC meetings:
- August 31, 2020
- September 14, 2020
- October 5, 2020
- November 2, 2020
- December (No Meeting Date)

Please visit our website, https://www.browardschools.com/coopercityhigh for additional information.

Parent University: September 10th - 17th

After the success of the District’s first Parent University in August, during which more than 20,000 parents participated in four live webinars and 195,000 visitors accessed information about Parent University resources online, we are happy to announce the Parent Community Involvement Task Force and District staff have designed another Parent University webinar series. The new webinars will provide the entire school community – parents, teachers and administrators – an opportunity to reflect, gather resources and discuss best practices for our continued eLearning.

During three live webinar sessions (divided by grade level), parents will hear directly from teachers and principals, along with a panel of parents, about topics of interest, such as how to organize your eLearning life and strategies to improve student engagement while learning from home.

Reflections, Resources and Best Practices for eLearning
Thursday, September 17, 6:30-8 p.m. Access Webinar

All webinars will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian-Creole, Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese through closed captioning. If you are unable to attend a live Parent University webinar, links to the recorded sessions will be available on our District website, browardschools.com, and your school’s website.
Safety and Security is Paramount

The safety and security of our students, staff and schools remain the highest priorities for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and of course Cooper City High School (CCHS). With this in mind, we encourage everyone to ‘say something if you see something’ because the safety of our schools is the collective responsibility of the entire community.  

https://www.browardschools.com/Anonymous-Tips

As a part of our safety procedures for the 2020-2021 school year, we have and will continue to conduct our monthly drills, in coordination with local BSO and fire rescue departments to better prepare in the event of a true emergency and in accordance with State Mandate.

Have you completed the 2020 Census?  
If not, there’s still time to be counted.  
Respond by calling 844-330-2020 or online.

24/7 ATTENDANCE COUNTS!  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY.

CCHS School-Wide Expectations

Be Responsible
Be Accountable
Display Self-Control

Report an absence during eLearning

Parents are encouraged to report their child’s excused absence. There are two social distancing options to report an absence:

- Submit an online form by clicking on the Report Absence Online link or in the BCPS Mobile App, or
- Leave a message at the school’s attendance hotline 754-323-0202

Cowboy Rules
Let’s Show Our Cowboy Pride!

School-wide Positive Behavior Plan

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The PSAT NMSQT will be administered at Cooper City High on: **Thursday, October 29th at 7:40 a.m.**

- This test is the “National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test” for JUNIORS and can only be taken on this date. There are no makeups.

- The PSAT NMSQT is also available to Juniors who have not met their Algebra 1 Graduation requirement. A score of 430 on the math section of the PSAT NMSQT satisfies the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement.

- The PSAT NMSQT is a great practice test for all juniors who have not taken a SAT or ACT. In mid-December, College Board releases the PSAT NMSQT scores. Student can log into their College Board account for a detailed score report. This enables the student to review their strengths and weaknesses.

- **To register and pay for the PSAT NMSQT** log into [Cooper City High’s website](https://www.browardschools.com/coopercityhigh). Scroll down to Online payment, select high schools, select Cooper City High and navigate to PSAT NMSQT. Student’s who qualify for free and reduced lunch should contact Mrs. Megna at melissa.megna@browardschools.com to register. **There are 230 seats available. Students will be registered on a first come first serve basis.**

- Practice test for the PSAT NMSQT can be found on [College Board’s website](https://www.collegeboard.org).
- Click on this link for the PSAT NMSQT Official Student Guide/ Practice Test.
- There are 2 Math sections on the PSAT NMSQT
- One section does NOT allow calculators
- The other section does. All scientific calculators can be used on this section; some graphing calculators are permitted.
- Click on this link for a list of approved calculators.
- Students are responsible for bringing an “approved” calculator to testing.
- Mid-December, College Board releases the PSAT NMSQT scores. Students can log into their College Board account for a detailed score report. This enables the student to review their strengths and weaknesses.
Testing Updates -

SAT Test Center Closings | College Board
Search below to find out if your test center will be closed on an upcoming test date and if it's offering a makeup test. Remember, test centers may close or make changes on short notice, including on test day, and they may even close for the scheduled makeup date. collegereadiness.collegeboard.org

Seniors who were absent for the March SAT School Day will have the opportunity to participate in the SAT School Day Makeup on Wednesday, October 14th at Cooper City High School.

Advanced Placement
Students in Advanced Placement courses are joining AP classroom. By joining AP Classroom students are automatically registered for their AP test. In addition, it gives students access to a variety of resources and daily curriculum videos. Students must be registered in AP Classroom by October 2nd. If not, the student will be assessed a late registration fee of $40 by College Board.

PSAT NMSQT – 11th Grade
Cooper City High will administer the PSAT NMSQT on Thursday, October 29 to Juniors who are competing for National Scholar designation and/ or Juniors and Seniors who need an Algebra 1 concordant score. Payment can be made on Cooper City High's website. Cooper City High has reserved a limited number of seats.

PSAT 10 will be administered to sophomores the week of January 25th

AICE Cambridge
Cambridge released their revised results on August 21st. Student log in letters were emailed to each student via Canvas August 12th. Cambridge International awards letter grades on a scale that are little different. When the grades appear on the student's transcript the letter grade is converted to a number. Please refer to the grading chart below.

Cambridge Grading Scale Explanation
(Passing scores are an A, B, C, D, or E)
7 = Student earned an A
6 = Student earned a B
5 = Student earned a C
4 = Student earned a D
3 = Student earned an E
2 = Student earned a U (Ungraded)