

**Catoosa County Schools: COA  
Digital Learning Plan  
Extended Closure**

**Device Distribution**

The Catoosa Online Academy currently has a quick checkout process for students needing chromebooks or mobile hotspot (internet connection) devices. All COA students have been issued chromebooks from either COA or their zoned school. The COA has a small number of mobile hotspots to issue for students experiencing internet problems. Each Kajeet mobile hotspot device includes directions on how to connect to the device for service.

Students may call Dr. Schimpf or Mrs. White to prepare a device for checkout or to let us know if they are experiencing trouble with devices and need to swap out what they have. Students and parents complete the information form for the electronic device; the COA will hold this information on file and check against inventory during the year to be certain all devices are accounted for. We can handle this type of activity rather quickly as all staff members have access to issuing devices if necessary. Arrangements will be made to meet students or parents at the COA lab to issue a new device should that become a need.

Contact information for electronic device distribution:

Dr. Trish Schimpf: 423-619-0834

Meg White: 423-779-8657

**Delivery of Instruction & Monitoring of Student Learning**

The Catoosa Online Academy currently uses the Apex Learning, Florida Virtual Learning System, and Gallopade (8th Grade GA Studies only) as the online instructional delivery mode. The learning system platforms provide the content instruction as the “teacher,” while the COA teachers provide guidance in course progression, assistance in areas of need, and grading of all written work.

All students have access to course content, practice, study guides, written work, formative and summative assessments in each online instructional platform. Teachers monitor assessments for learning, and can see results quickly through email, text, or the teacher dashboard in either platform. Aside from daily monitoring of student requests and progress, each teacher is responsible for not only monitoring progress of students in their specific content areas, but also students for whom they “mentor.” By doing so, each student has at least 2 staff members monitoring progress whether students are physically at school in our COA lab or working from home. Teachers are available by phone, email, text, or online platform messaging; students are provided with teacher contact information so obtaining assistance with coursework is not an issue.

The use of the online platform and online authentic learning activities allows the COA students to continue instruction and learning in any location with no interruption, as long as the student has internet service.

Students who need written information such as Study Guides or practices printed or who need to have midterms or final exams proctored may arrange such by contacting their teacher or the COA

Coordinator, Dr. Schimpf. We will make arrangements to print needed materials and meet a member of the household at the COA Lab for materials pick-up.

### Supportive Services

Students Receiving Reading or Math Support:	Students in EOC or EOG courses have access to Apex Tutorials to help prepare for state testing by identifying areas of weakness and addressing targeted instruction to strengthen any areas needing support. Additionally, students who come to COA needing reading or math support are placed in those “support” type courses as an elective and monitored for growth or areas of need. Middle School students also have access to Study Island through Clever on their chromebooks.
Students with an IEP:	Students with an IEP have 24/7 access to instruction as do all COA students. Apex Learning, Florida Virtual School, and Gallopade are platforms that all students work from, including those with IEPs. “Read to” is a feature that is available in many instances in the lesson platforms for all students.
Students Involved with Extracurricular Activities:	N/A - Students who have extracurricular activities at their home-zoned schools should check in with that school for updates and information provided about sports, clubs, or extracurricular activities.
Request for School Counselor Services:	N/A - COA does not have a counselor assigned to our program. Students may contact their counselor at their home-zoned school should the need arise. The counselors at the zoned schools still maintain academic and personal information about each COA student.

### School Support Contacts

COA Coordinator: Dr. Trish Schimpf, 423-619-0834, [tschimpf@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:tschimpf@catoosa.k12.ga.us)

Chromebook Related Issues: Contact any teacher: Becky Gaston, Sara-Kate Thomas, Jennifer Moeller, Meg White

COA Teacher Contact Information:

Mrs. Becky Gaston (Math/French/Electives), 423-322-9971, [bgaston.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:bgaston.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us)

Mrs. Sara-Kate Thomas (English/Science), 423-582-8659, [skthomas.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:skthomas.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us)

Mrs. Jennifer Moeller (Soc Studies/Economics), 423-322-9522, [jmoeller.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:jmoeller.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us)

Mrs. Meg White(Spanish/Middle School), 423-779-8657, [mwhite.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:mwhite.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us)

School Media Specialist: N/A

Assistant Principal: N/A

Counselor: N/A

School Nurse: N/A