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A. MACEO WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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LET'S GET DIGITAL!
QUICK GUIDE TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT'S 2020-21 VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

SCS is expanding learning possibilities by providing 95,000 students with a personal device to support virtual instruction in 2020-21. The digital device plan aligns with our commitment to student equity and 21st century learning to prepare students for college and careers.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Families are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of their SCS device(s), as outlined in the Student-Parent Handbook.
- Families are responsible for the reasonable cost of repair or replacement of lost, stolen or damaged devices.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

We will be teaching students about the responsible use of computers and the Internet, focusing on protecting themselves, protecting others and protecting content:

- Basic online safety, protecting accounts & device care
- Safe practices for social sites, sharing appropriate content & protecting personal info
- Treating others with respect & behaving ethically online
- Effective use of online content & avoiding plagiarism

DEVICE SAFETY & SECURITY

Devices will have pre-installed features to ensure the security of content and safe use for students:

- Software to locate/lock devices & delete files when necessary
- Content filtering software to block harmful content online
- Antivirus protection software to prevent malicious viruses

INTERNET ACCESS

Internet access is necessary for live virtual instruction and to access various web-based learning platforms at home. Families who meet specific criteria will receive an SCS Internet hotspot:

- Student qualifies as Direct Certified / Economically Disadvantaged
- Student is in grades 1-12
- Student has not already accessed SCS online resources

GET FACTS, RESOURCES & MORE:
[SCSK12.ORG/ACCESSFORALL](https://scsk12.org/accessforall)

QUESTIONS

WHO OWNS THE DEVICE?
The device is owned by SCS.

IS THERE A COST?
There is no fee for families in 2020-21. The only potential costs would be due to device damage or if the device is lost.

WILL STUDENTS BE TRAINED TO USE THE DEVICE?
Yes. Students will receive continuous training, materials and video instruction on the responsible use of digital devices and platforms, online safety and Digital Citizenship tailored by grade level.

IF I AM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN SCS HOTSPOT, HOW CAN I GET HOME INTERNET ACCESS?
You can find several low-cost home internet options at scsk12.org/accessforall.

WILL DIGITAL LEARNING REPLACE TEACHER INSTRUCTION?
No. Students will continue to receive live daily teacher-led instruction. The devices will expand and enhance learning opportunities and outcomes.

SUPPORT

ACCESS LIVE & ON-DEMAND PARENT TRAINING
[SCSK12.ORG/ACCESSFORALL](https://scsk12.org/accessforall)

CALL FOR TECH SUPPORT
M-F, 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
(901) 416-5300



Be Cool..... Attend School

It is very important that you ensure your child attends school daily. Your child misses out on valuable instruction when he or she is not in school. In accordance with SCS Board Policy, excessive student absences will be submitted to the Shelby County Schools Truancy Prevention and Intervention Department. When students are absent more than five times during a grading period, they are considered truant and can be required to show doctor's notes.

STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN ABSENT

1. Parent or guardian must email an excuse indicating the date, days of absence, reason for absence, and include his or her signature to colliera@scsk12.org
2. Ask for make-up assignments. Assignments that are not made up could be reflected in academic grades.

A Maceo Walker Middle School prides itself on having a rigorous curriculum and strong discipline. We do not tolerate misconduct that negatively impacts classroom instruction. Here are some things that students can do to have a successful year.

1. Report to Class on Time
2. Remain Focused and Engaged
3. Complete All Assignments
4. Be Respectful and Be Great

Dates to Remember:

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES **October 1st**

FALL BREAK **Oct 12th-16th**



THINK PINK
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

SUPPORT THE FIGHT!

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AMWMS'S BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

**Be Respectful!
Be Responsible!
Be Right!**

Title 1 Parent Info

A. Maceo Walker Middle School is a Title I School. As a parent of a student attending A. Maceo Walker Middle School, you have a right to know the qualifications of your child's teachers. To access teacher certification information for persons licensed to teach in Tennessee, go to <https://www.k-12.state.tn.us/tcertinf>



McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

If your family lives in a shelter, motel, vehicle, campground, on the street, in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, then your preschool-aged and school aged children have rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. If you need further information, please call SCS's Division of Federal Programs, Grants, and Compliance @ 416-4189.



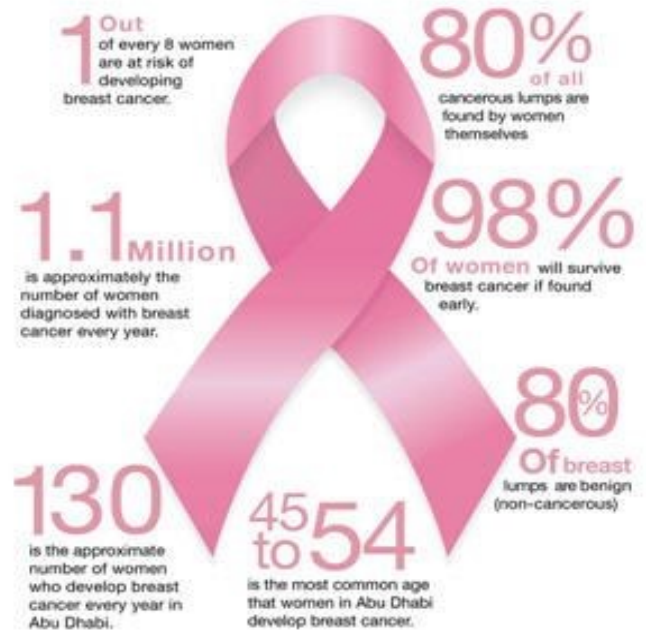
Keepin' Up With Those Books

Parents, please remind your child of his/her responsibility to prevent damage to his/her textbooks. Textbooks should be properly secured in a safe place at home. When schools reopen, they should be kept in their lockers and should never be left in the halls, outside, or in a teacher's classroom. Students should never give anyone their computer login credentials, their locker combinations and should make sure their lockers are locked after each visit.

Following these simple steps will help to minimize lost textbook fines and report card holds at the end of the academic school year. Thank you in advance for your help.

**AMWM'S Virtual Parent Teacher Conference
October 1st
4:00PM - 7:00PM**

Breast Cancer Facts & Figures



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Parents' Corner

Partnering with A. Maceo Walker Middle School for Your Child's Success

As a parent of an A. Maceo Walker Middle School student, we need your help in creating an environment where your child can grow academically and enjoy learning. To do this, we are asking our parents to take the following pledge:

Because I want my child to achieve, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

- Make sure that my child comes to school regularly and logged on virtually by 7:55am.
- Support the disciplinary policies of the school.
- Maintain contact with my child's teachers and remain aware of what he/she is learning.
- Monitor my child's progress and encourage his/her efforts by providing support with specific study times/places.
- Make sure my child has appropriate materials at school/home that are necessary for learning.
- Regularly communicate with my child concerning information sent home or made available for my consideration/response.
- Support my child's learning by visiting his/her classroom, by participating as a school volunteer and by participating in various school organizations.
- Set good examples of learning and social skills that promote positive interactions with all school personnel.
- Develop a supportive partnership with the school.

