

**2016-2017**  
**Lewisburg Middle School Student and Parent Handbook**  
**Grades 6 - 8**

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

We welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. We present this handbook to you in order that you will be properly informed of the policies, procedures and organization of the school. Let us have another great year as we continue to always show **P**ride, by **A**cting respectfully, while practicing **T**eamwork, as we strive for **S**uccess, because that is the PATRIOT WAY.

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Brad Meadows, Principal

**ADMINISTRATION**

Brad Meadows.....	Principal
Cheryl Smith.....	Assistant Principal
Shane Wigley.....	Assistant Principal
Ann-Marie Perkins.....	Bookkeeper
Ellen Shuttleworth.....	ADA
Naomi Wardlaw.....	MSIS
Tracie McRee.....	Front Desk
Tonya Young.....	Counselor
Shannon Fleming.....	Counselor

**School Hours: 7:10 A.M. - 2:50 P.M.**

Parents - Please do not drop your students off before 6:45A.M. and have them picked up by 3:10 P.M., as there will be no supervision before or after these times.

All students must be dropped off and picked up in front of the building. They must enter the building through the main entrance.

## 2016-2017 DeSoto County School District Calendar

August 3rd	Students First Day
September 5th	Labor Day Holiday
October 10th	Columbus Day Holiday
November 8th	Election Day (Student Holiday)
November 21st - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 19 <sup>th</sup> - January 2nd	Christmas Holidays
January 3rd	Students Return
January 16th	King/Lee Holiday
February 17th	Washington's Birthday Holiday
March 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17th	Spring Break
April 14th	Good Friday Holiday
April 17th	Easter Holiday
May 22nd	Students' Last Day

December 19th, February 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> are scheduled makeup days for inclement weather.

### **DESOTO COUNTY BOARD POLICY**

The DeSoto County School Board policy is subject to change. When changes are made, parents will be informed by written notice and postings on the Desoto County Schools website. The policy in its entirety can be found for viewing at [www.desotocountyschools.org](http://www.desotocountyschools.org)

### **PROMOTION/RETENTION**

#### **Promotion Grades 6, 7, 8**

In order to be promoted to the next grade, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Earn a minimum yearly average of 65 in mathematics, English, science, and social studies

### **GRADING**

**A - 90-100**

**B - 80-89**

**C - 70-79**

**D - 65-69**

**F - 0-64**

## INTERIM/PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be issued on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, and April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Students are expected to attend classes regularly, to be on time in order to benefit maximally from the instructional program, and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. Students must be in regular attendance if they are to derive benefits from educationally sound activities. According to Mississippi House Bill 1530, students must be on campus 63% of the instructional school-day to be counted present for the day. In order to assure acceptable school attendance, the Desoto County Board of Education adopts the following policy:

Each of the following shall constitute an excused absence:

1. Illness or injury which prevents the student from being physically able to attend school.
2. When isolation is ordered by the county health officer, the State Board of Health, or an appropriate school official.
3. Death or serious illness of a member of the immediate family, which includes grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, and stepsisters. The absences must be approved by the principal or his/her designee.
4. A medical or dental appointment documented with the proper excuse from the attending physician/dentist upon return to school.
5. Attendance at the proceedings of a court or an administrative tribunal if the student is a party to the action or under subpoena as a witness.
6. Observance of a religious event, with prior approval of the principal or his/her designee. (Approval should not be withheld unless, in the professional judgment of the principal or his/her designee, the extent of absence would adversely affect the student's education.)
7. Attendance at an authorized school activity with the prior approval of the principal or his/her designee.
8. Participation in a valid educational opportunity, such as travel including vacations or other family travel, with prior approval of the principal or his/her designee.

Each time a student is absent, he/she must bring a note from the parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence within three (3) days of returning to school. No more than (7) absences may be excused by a parent/guardian note.

Students who have accumulated more than ten (7) total absences must provide a doctor's note for the day to be excused. The doctor's note must be submitted to the front office within three (3) school days following the student's return to school, unless granted an exception by the principal for extenuating circumstances.

When a student has exceeded five unexcused absences, the DeSoto County Attendance Officer shall be notified in writing within two (2) days by the school principal or his/her designee.

### **Make-up Work Policy**

When a student is absent from school (excused or unexcused), the number of days allowed to complete any required make-up work is commensurate with the number of days missed.

For example, if a student is absent from school for one (1) day, the student has one (1) day to complete the required make-up assignments. If the student is absent for five (5) days, he/she will have five (5) days to complete his/her make-up work.

### **TARDY POLICY**

Tardies are counted as they occur to any/all classes each semester. Students, who are not in the room when the bell **stops ringing**, are tardy.

#### **Morning Tardies:**

Tardies 1 thru 4 - No punishment and no parent notification.

Tardy 5 - Parent notified/3 days lunch detention

Tardy 6 thru indefinite - Minimum: Parent Conference/Home Suspension, Maximum: ALC, school suspension

\*\*Parents may present themselves to an Administrator 3 times for an excuse if their child is late but not the child's fault, no exceptions.

**Period Tardies:** Tardies are accumulated for periods 2<sup>nd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>  
Students are allowed three (3) tardies with no punishment and no parent notification.

Tardy 4 -Lunch Detention

Tardy 5 - Home Suspension/Parent Conference

Tardy 6 thru indefinite - Minimum: Lunch Detention, Maximum: ALC, school suspension

**\*\* TARDIES WILL ACCUMULATE PER NINE WEEKS AND THE TOTAL WILL BE RESEST EACH NINE WEEKS.**

### **DISMISSALS FROM SCHOOL**

No student shall be permitted to leave school without prior approval of the principal and/or person in charge. Since dismissal constitutes an absence, it should be requested only in the case of an extreme emergency.

Any pupil dismissed because of an emergency will be sent home immediately or to a doctor only after the parents have been notified. If the school is unable to contact parents or guardian and the emergency warrants such, the school reserves the right to take the pupil to a competent doctor or hospital. Except in cases of illness, a student will be allowed to leave only upon request made in person, to the school office by a parent or guardian. No pupil is to leave the school grounds for any reason during the school day without permission from the principal. No checkouts will be made after 2:30.

### **SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT**

*In an attempt to keep DeSoto County Schools safe for all students and staff, the following behaviors will not be tolerated:*

- *The use or possession of gang graffiti, gang drawings, gang writings, gang dress or gang activity*
- *Distribution of illegal drugs, prescription drugs or any substance dangerous to students (distribution includes giving substances to students)*

*Students who openly defy this warning will be considered a threat to the safety of students and staff and suspended pending a disciplinary hearing. The student could be expelled from DeSoto County School*

A signed form must be on file for every student concerning the safety announcement.

## **CODE OF DISCIPLINE**

### **Grades K - 12**

#### Student Conduct - Acts of Misconduct

These acts of misconduct include those student behaviors which disrupt the orderly educational process in the classroom or on the school grounds including the following:

#### **LEVEL 1**

- 1-1 Tardiness
- 1-2 Running and/or making excessive noise in the hall or building
- 1-3 Initiating or participating in any unacceptable physical conduct
- 1-4 In unauthorized area without pass (halls, etc.)
- 1-5 Dress Code violation
- \*1-6 Displaying any behavior which is disruptive to the orderly process of education

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR LEVEL I:**

##### First Violation:

Minimum: Teacher-Student Conference

Maximum: Teacher-Student-Parent Conference

##### Repeated or Flagrant Violation:

Minimum: Teacher-Student-Administrator-Parent Conference (Home Suspension)

Maximum: Corporal Punishment, in school suspension, detention, school suspension.

*\* Students, who after having a student-teacher conference, a teacher-student-parent conference, home suspension, Teacher Support Team interventions, a referral for an assessment as provided by the Special Services Department, and a Functional Behavior Assessment, continue displaying behavior which is disruptive to the orderly process of education, can be suspended from school, pending a disciplinary hearing.*

**If you wish your child not to receive corporal punishment, a letter must be on file and renewed yearly.**

## **LEVEL II**

- \*2-1 Leaving the school grounds without permission
- \*2-2 Skipping class
- \*2-3 Insubordination
- \*2-4 Possession and/or use of tobacco products (smokeless tobacco included)
- \*2-5 Exhibiting any hostile physical actions
- \*2-6 Possession of electronic equipment/device (cell telephone, i-pod, etc) without prior approval of the administration:

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR LEVEL II**

### First Violation:

Minimum: Administrator-Student Conference, ALC, home suspension, corporal punishment

Maximum: School suspension (one to three days)

### Repeated or Flagrant Violation:

Minimum: School suspension (three days)

Maximum: School suspension (three days) and/or ALC or up to ten (10) days and/or Teacher Support Team interventions

*\*Students, who after having a student-teacher conference, a teacher-student-parent conference, home suspension, Teacher Support Team interventions, a referral for an assessment as provided by the Special Services Department, and a Functional Behavior Assessment, continue displaying behavior which is disruptive to the orderly process of education, can be suspended from school, pending a disciplinary hearing.*

**If you wish your child not to receive corporal punishment, a letter must be on file and renewed yearly.**

**\*\* Additional disciplinary action for possession of electronic equipment/devices: Please see the Desoto County School Board Policy; this is available on the district website at [www.desotocountyschools.org](http://www.desotocountyschools.org).**

### **LEVEL III**

- 3-1 Fighting
- 3-2 Gambling
- \*\*3-3 Theft of personal and/or school property
- 3-4 Acts which threaten the safety and well being of student and/or staff
- 3-5 Extortion - use of intimidation, coercion or force
- \*3-6 Cheating on tests or exams
- \*\*3-7 Vandalism of personal and/or school property
- 3-8 Using profane, obscene, indecent, immoral, or offensive language and/or gestures, and/or possession of obscene, indecent, immoral or offensive materials

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR LEVEL III**

#### First Violation

Minimum: School suspension from one to three days, ALC, corporal punishment

Maximum: School suspension (three days) when applicable, report made to the proper authority when applicable

#### Repeated or Flagrant Violation:

Minimum: School suspension (three days), ALC (ten days) and/or Assessment as provided by the Special Services Department

Maximum: School suspension (three days) and disciplinary hearing

\*Grade of "0" will be assigned regardless of other punishment.

\*\*For theft or vandalism restitution shall be made regardless of other punishment.

**If you wish your child not to receive corporal punishment, a letter must be on file and renewed yearly.**



#### **LEVEL IV**

\*4-1 Possession, use or under the influence of alcohol, counterfeit drugs illegal drugs, narcotics, controlled substance(s) or paraphernalia

4-2 Aggravated assault to a student

4-3 Assault on a school employee

4-4 Using profane, obscene, indecent, immoral, or offensive language and/or gestures directly to a staff member

Any student in violation of the above shall be suspended by the principal for a period of three days and ordered to appear for a disciplinary hearing before a District Hearing Officer.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR LEVEL IV**

Minimum: Assignment to the DeSoto County Alternative Center and a report will be made to the appropriate law enforcement authorities

Maximum: Expulsion

#### **LEVEL V**

5-1 Weapon(s) possession or use

5-2 Sale or distribution, or conspiring to sell counterfeit drugs, illegal drugs/alcohol, narcotics or controlled substance(s)

5-3 Students are prohibited from wearing, displaying, or possessing in any manner on school property or at school-sponsored events clothing, apparel, accessories, drawings, or messages associated with any gang or social club that is associated with criminal activity, as defined by law enforcement agencies.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR LEVEL V**

\*Minimum: Possession, other than gun - Assignment to the DeSoto County Alternative Center and a report will be made to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Maximum: Possession of fire arm/gun or use of other weapon will result in expulsion from school for a period of not less than one year (under certain circumstances expulsion can be from the student's assigned school to the DCAC)

In addition to these penalties, provisions of the Mississippi Criminal Code are applicable to illegal behavior. Principals are required to report illegal activities to the police.

The Desoto County Board of Education permits individual schools to adopt additional regulations governing actions not covered by the Conduct Code. However, such additional regulations may neither substitute for nor negate any of the provisions, in spirit or intent of the Conduct Code, and **must be approved in writing by the School Superintendent.**

### **SUSPENSIONS**

Pupils may be suspended at the discretion of the principal for improper conduct. All suspensions must be reported to the parents and Superintendent, in writing to include reasons, and subsequently by the Superintendent to the Board at the next regular meeting.

**HOME SUSPENSION/PARENT CONFERENCE** A home suspension is the suspension of a student from school until he/she returns with a parent to discuss with the appropriate administrator the problem which has resulted in the suspension. It may be cleared on the day assigned if the appointment can be scheduled. Principals are expected to clear the majority of home suspensions the following day, thereby eliminating the student's loss of class time. Home suspensions should be cleared by the principal who issued it, following a personal conference with one or both parents. The student may return to school after one day if the home suspension is properly cleared.

**SCHOOL SUSPENSION** A school suspension is for a period of one to three days. In most cases, a home suspension should be issued prior to this action.

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE SUSPENSION** A disciplinary committee suspension is a suspension from school imposed by the principal or his/her designee pending a hearing and possible additional punishment by an appropriate hearing officer. This suspension will be imposed only after procedures for a short term suspension have been met.

### **STUDENT COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES**

Students have both the right and the responsibility to express school related concerns and grievances to the administration. For the discussion and consideration of a grievance, any student or group of students should request a meeting time and place with the school principal. One faculty member of the student's choice may be present at such meeting. Such time and place will be designated upon request.

### **SOLICITATIONS BY STUDENTS**

The collection of money and the participation of the Desoto County Schools in the collection of money for various charitable and welfare purposes shall be subject to approval of the principal. All sales and money collections must be approved by the principal. Fund raising activities are restricted to school organizations only.

### **TELEPHONE**

The office phones must be kept open for incoming calls at all times. Students will not be permitted to use the office phones except in the case of emergency. **NO** personal calls accepted. Messages are limited to **EMERGENCIES ONLY!**

### **MEDICINE**

Students with written permission from their parents and a signature and stamp from a doctor, will be permitted to take specified medication if procedures established by the principal are followed. This includes over the counter medicine. **ALL MEDICINE** must be brought to school by a parent or guardian and must be turned in to the office.

### **VISITORS**

All visitors are to report to the office of the principal upon arrival on the school campus. Under no circumstances should a person enter the building except through the office of the principal.

**STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BRING VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS. ONLY THOSE WHO ARE REGISTERED AT THE SCHOOL WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CLASSROOM DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS.**

## **LUNCH**

Students may purchase lunches in advance in the cafeteria. Approved free and reduced lunches will be automatically credited in the computer. Parents are welcome to bring lunch and eat with their child. No outside food may be dropped off for students. Parents must accompany their child during lunch if outside food is brought in.

## **CHECKS**

The school offices will be happy to accept checks for the amount of workbooks, fees, etc. We will not be able to cash checks and provide change for students.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In case of inclement weather, school closings will be announced on TV and radio. Days missed due to weather will be rescheduled. School is in session 180 days.

## **AUTOMOBILE USE**

No middle school student is allowed to drive a vehicle to or from the school grounds.

## **EQUIPMENT/INTERNET RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

A child enrolled in Desoto County Schools will have the opportunity to use a computer for class activities, research, and internet functions. Desoto County Schools' computers are equipped with filtering software in an effort to prevent contact with inappropriate sites. When your child uses the equipment, the following behaviors will not be tolerated:

1. The pirating of software.
2. Damaging or abusing any equipment
3. Printing, accessing, or installing any obscene or dangerous materials on the computer.
4. Exposing any Desoto County computer to a virus.
5. Changing any records or permanent operating system files.
6. Bringing any personal software and using it on school computers.
7. Sending/receiving unauthorized emails.

\*\*Students will receive a contract to sign agreeing to the above rules.

## **DRESS CODE**

Proper attire and grooming are deemed important to scholastic achievement and orderliness. The responsibility for the appearance of the students begins with the parents and the students themselves. Student's clothing, make-up and hairstyles should reflect neatness, cleanliness and self-respect so that the school is a desirable place in which to promote learning and character development.

It is virtually impossible to formulate a set of regulations that adequately cover every detail of proper grooming. Violations of the Dress Code will be dealt with in accordance with the Desoto County Schools Code of Discipline

***\*\*\*ALL STUDENTS GRADES 6-8, WHO ATTEND LEWISBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017 WILL FOLLOW THE DRESS CODE GUIDELINES SET UP BY DESOTO COUNTY BOARD POLICY FOR GRADES 6-12.***

1. Hair must be neat, clean and worn in a manner which does not interfere with vision or cause disruption in the classroom. No combs, picks, rollers or extreme coloring will be allowed.
2. T-shirts with sleeves, white or colored, are acceptable. Shirts must be worn properly closed, zipped or buttoned.
3. No article of clothing that pertains to or depicts the following will be acceptable: (a) substances or activities illegal by law for minors: alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling (b) profane, suggestive or violent language (c) derogatory symbols: remarks directed to any ethnic groups.
4. Sufficient underclothes must be worn appropriately and must not be exposed.
5. Tank tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, thin straps, or tops that expose the midriff, any part of the bust or excessive part of the back or are excessively tight or distracting are not permitted. No slits in shirts are to be above the waistline of pants or skirts. Blouses/tops made to be worn outside should be at least three (3) inches below waistline no longer than five (5) inches below waistline.
6. Students in grades 6-8 are allowed to wear shorts as a part of their daily attire. Shorts should be no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee.

7. Students may wear walking shorts or Bermuda shorts that are knee length. They should not be excessively tight or baggy. Athletic shorts are not permitted unless they are a part of an approved gym class or athletic class/activity.
8. Knee length dresses and skirts are allowed. No slits in these skirts or dresses above the kneecaps are allowed.
9. No spandex articles are allowed.
10. Shoes must be worn at all times and no house shoes are allowed. Shoes w/laces should be laced and tied.
11. No visible tattoos will be allowed. Neither male or female students will be permitted to wear rings and/or studs in their noses, tongues, or any exposed body parts other than the ear and appropriate rings on fingers.
12. Coaches, physical education classes or any other organized athletics have the option to ban all jewelry due to safety reasons and violation of the Mississippi High School Activity Association regulations.
13. Sunglasses, other than prescription, must be removed when inside the building.
14. All pants must be worn fitted to the waist at the waist with or without a belt. Belts should be worn and buckled appropriately for pants that have belt loops. Pants should fit appropriately. No baggy pants are allowed. No writing is to be on the seat of the pants, even the cheerleader's uniform and dance team.
15. Leggings are allowed when worn with a top that meets the dress length guidelines specified in #8.
16. If needed, properly placed patches may be worn on pants. No holes, tears or shreds that expose skin above the knee will be allowed.
17. Hats, caps, sweatbands or other head coverings are not to be worn in the buildings, on the grounds of the school except for medical reasons as prescribed by physician. Head coverings as part of a religious belief will be allowed if there is sufficient proof the student is a practicing member of a religious sect. Head coverings may be worn if authorized by a facility and/or administration if it is part of a uniform (i.e... wearing a full baseball uniform during a game or practice) or as deemed necessary.
18. Specific outfits designed for extracurricular activities and decisions concerning any questionable clothing including

pajama/lounge pants will be left up to the discretion of the principal.

19. Local Principal or their designee has the power and discretion to make all decisions on their campus.

### **BUS POLICY**

Riding the school bus is a privilege and students are to comply with the following rules:

1. Be at assigned stop waiting 5 minutes early (**this does not mean inside your house.**)
2. Wait for the driver to motion to you when it is safe to pass in front of bus to load or unload.
3. Obey the bus driver.
4. No unauthorized items on bus. (No weapons, tobacco, combustibles, pets, large items, cell phones, etc.)
5. Transportation Department and bus drivers are not responsible for items left on the bus.
6. No eating or drinking on bus (this includes chewing gum).
7. Be nice and courteous.
8. No profanity, smoking, or fighting.
9. Do not throw anything, anywhere, including things out of windows.
10. Keep bus clean.
11. Keep hands and head inside the bus.
12. Stay in your seat. Driver may assign seats.
13. Damage to bus interior may result in paying for damages or bus suspension.
14. Emergency door / windows may only be opened in case of emergency.
15. Do not distract or bother the driver through loud talking or misbehavior.
16. Report any problems you may have to the driver as soon as possible.
17. Students will not be allowed to ride a bus home with a friend or to another stop besides their own.
18. Driver will only allow students to unload at their assigned bus stop.

**NOTE: The driver is empowered to enforce the regulations by reporting all violations to the principal. Punishment may include removing you from the bus permanently. School principals will determine all punishments.**

### **EMERGENCY DRILLS**

To cope successfully with an emergency, it is necessary that you be completely knowledgeable of your school's emergency procedures and that you remain calm throughout the emergency.

A) FIRE: Be familiar with fire evacuation routes and procedures.

B) TORNADOS: Know the definitions and actions.

#### 1. Definitions:

a) Severe Weather Watch - weather conditions are such that severe thunderstorms may develop.

b) Severe Weather Warning - severe thunderstorm has developed and will probably affect those areas stated in the weather bulletin.

c) Tornado Watch - weather conditions are such that a tornado may develop.

d) Tornado Warning - a tornado has been formed and sited and may affect those areas stated in the bulletin.

#### 2. Actions:

a) Tornado Warning - a tornado warning will be announced by a series of short rings of the bells for 30 seconds, if electricity is not available, the notification to implement these tornado warning procedures will be announced verbally by the office personnel. Relocate all students from portable classrooms and relocate students to areas offering the greatest tornado resistance. Teachers will supervise their students and will keep their role books with them. When reaching the designated shelter areas, students and teachers will be seated with their backs to the walls, knees drawn up, and head between their knees. Coats and jackets, when available, could be used to cover head, arm, and legs so as to reduce injuries from flying pieces of glass and other debris.

b) Refer to and become familiar with the details of the emergency plans for your school.



## **STUDENT FINES, FEES, AND CHARGES**

**STATE-OWNED TEXTBOOKS:** Textbooks for pupils are provided by the state. State-owned books are issued at the beginning of the school year and returned at the close of the school year. Students should see that their books are not abused as a fine will be charged for any state owned book that shows unnecessary wear. In case the new book is lost, the list price of the book must be paid. Students will be required to purchase another textbook after a two-week period without a book. Charges for lost books will be adjusted on the basis of use and age. Refunds for return of lost books will be made less a \$.50 processing charge.

Fees may be charged to students to defray expenses for courses in which students use consumable items.

All fees must be justified and itemized in writing by the teacher charging the fee. In addition, any fee must be approved by the building principal and must comply with DCS policy.

Students may be charged the following fees for consumable items-not to exceed the stated amounts:

**Athletics:** Actual cost and shipping of personal items (socks, mouthpieces, etc.).

**Fine Arts:** Teacher may purchase items using school purchase order and sell items to students at cost plus prorated shipping. For consumable items and rental of instruments and/or uniforms, fees may be charged as follows:

**Art:** Cost of consumable items, not to exceed \$50.00.

**Band:** Rental of instrument - 10% of cost of instrument.

Rental of uniform - not to exceed \$50.00 per year.

**Magazines for content courses:** Cost of magazine plus prorated shipping.

**Workbooks:** Not to exceed the price of the workbook plus reasonable, prorated shipping charges.

### **Other Expenses:**

**Field trips:** No fee. Students are not required to take field trips. Cost is prorated among students who participate. (Principal's approval is required for trips.)

**Lockers:** Privilege - not a requirement. Rental not to exceed \$5.00.

Novels: No fee. Teacher may order from company and sell the novels to students for a price not to exceed the cost of the novel plus prorated shipping charges, or students may obtain the book for themselves.

Replacements:

Handbook replacement: Not to exceed \$5.

Report card replacement: School may charge a fine, not a fee.

### **The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

The Desoto County School District will not, except for "directory information" disclose personally identifiable information from the educational records of a student without the prior written consent from the parent or the eligible student. Prior consent of the parent or eligible student is required when the school releases such information to other schools (including teachers), officials of another school district in which the student seeks to enroll, or other federal, state and educational agencies as enumerated in FERPA. The schools in the district will, upon occasion, use/publish personally identifiable information including honor rolls, school annuals, athletic rosters, class rolls and school sponsored club and activity rosters. Parents who wish their children to be excluded from this practice must advise, in writing, the principal of the school no later than 14 days after the students enrollment or receipt of this notice whichever is later. Appeals regarding the decisions of school principals regarding educational records may be made to the Superintendent of Desoto County Schools or designee.

FERPA affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the students' educational records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day the school district receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the superintendent or designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Superintendent or designee will make arrangements for the access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The rights to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible student may ask the district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally or personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interest. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or a grievance committee or assisting another school officer in performing his or her task. A school official has the legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Desoto County School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, D.C., 20202-4605.

**ANTI-HARRASSMENT POLICY**

In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, no student in the Desoto County School District shall be subject to sexual harassment. It is the intent of the school board to maintain an environment free of sexual harassment of any kind. Therefore, unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal and physical conduct of a sexual nature amounting to or constituting harassment are prohibited. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student or employee to use sexual harassment toward any other student or employee. Desoto County Schools will investigate all formal, and informal, verbal and written complaints of sexual harassment.

An employee who is found to use sexual harassment toward a student or another employee will be disciplined. (MS Code 37-9-59)

## Sports Schedules

### **Volleyball**

8/22/16	LMS vs. Lake Cormorant
8/29/16	LMS @ Horn Lake
9/8/16	LMS @ Hernando
9/12/16	LMS vs. Olive Branch
9/19/16	LMS vs. Southaven
9/26/16	LMS vs. Center Hill
10/3/16	LMS @ Desoto Central
10/4-6/16	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament @ LMS
10/11-13/16	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament @ Southaven

\*Games begin at 5:30

### **Football - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

9/7/16	Jamboree @ LMS
9/20/16	LMS vs. Desoto Central
9/27/16	LMS @ Olive Branch
10/4/16	LMS vs. Center Hill
10/11/16	LMS vs. Northpoint
10/18/16	East/West Championship Game

### **Football - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

9/1/16	LMS vs. Hernando
9/8/16	LMS @ Desoto Central
9/15/16	LMS @ Lake Cormorant
9/22/16	LMS vs. Olive Branch
9/29/16	LMS @ Southaven
10/6/16	LMS vs. Center Hill
10/13/16	LMS vs. Horn Lake (Homecoming)
10/20/16	Desoto County Championship Game

\*Games begin at 5:30

## **Basketball**

11/3/16	LMS @ Center Hill
11/7/16	LMS vs. Senatobia
11/10/16	LMS @ Horn Lake
11/14/16	LMS @ Senatobia
11/17/16	LMS @ Hernando
11/28/16	LMS vs. Independence
12/1/16	LMS vs. Desoto Central
12/5/16	LMS vs. Center Hill
12/8/16	LMS vs. Lake Cormorant
12/12/16	LMS vs. Hernando
1/5/17	LMS @ Olive Branch
1/9/17	LMS @ Independence
1/12/17	LMS vs. Southaven
1/17/17	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament
1/24/17	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament

\*All games begin at 5:00