Hardin County Board of Education

Monitoring:	Descriptor Term:	Descriptor Code:	Issued Date:
Review: Annually, in April	**Grading System**	**4.600**	**12/23/08**
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The director of schools shall develop an administrative procedure to establish a system of grading and assessment for evaluating and recording student progress and to measure student performance in conjunction with Board-adopted content standards for grades K-8.[1] The grading/assessment system shall follow all applicable statutes and rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.[2] The grading/assessment system shall be uniform district-wide at comparable grade levels except that the director of schools shall have the authority to establish and operate ungraded and/or unstructured classes in grades K-3.[3]

The director of schools shall submit a copy of the grading, reporting and assessment systems to the Board before the system is implemented.[4] These guidelines shall be communicated annually to students and parents/guardians.[1]

Conduct grades are based on behavior and shall not be deducted from scholastic grades.

GRADES NINE - TWELVE GRADING SCALE AND LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS[5]

Schools teaching grades nine through twelve shall use the uniform grading system established by the State Board of Education. Using the uniform grading system, students' grades shall be reported for the purposes of application for post secondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.[1]

Each school counselor shall provide incoming freshman with information on college core courses required for lottery scholarships as well as necessary criteria (grade point average, ACT, and SAT score, etc.) that must be met in order to receive a scholarship.

Seniors may apply for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available at the guidance office or on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The priority date for FAFSA completion is May 1.

Elementary school counselors should explain the HOPE Scholarship and its requirements to their students and impress upon them the benefits of making good grades.

LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP DAY

Each school year, prior to scheduling courses for the following school year, schools teaching students in grades 8-11 shall conduct a lottery scholarship day for students and their parents.[6]

Legal References:

1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.05(3)
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.06
3. TCA 49-1-302
4. TCA 49-2-203(b)(7)
5. TCA 49-4-904-907
6. Public Acts 2006, Chapter 909