

Parents,

The South Tippah School District has made the following changes to our student handbook:

Grading Scale:

Grades K-2

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-75	C
74-70	D
69 and Below	F

Grades 3-12

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69 -65	D
64 and Below	F

The Grade Scale of the South Tippah School District will adhere to the following provisions:

1. There shall be two grading periods each semester approximately nine weeks in length
2. All grades will be recorded numerically in grades K through 12.
3. The grade averages shall not exceed 100

Vape Device

Possession **and/or use** of any form of vape device or any form of e-cigarettes, regardless of content, will automatically result in the following:

- 1st violation - 5 days out of school suspension
- 2nd violation - 30 days alternative school
- 3rd violation - 45 days alternative school

Makeup Work

It is the student's responsibility to arrange time with the teacher for makeup work. If an absence is unexcused, the highest grade recorded for missed work is 65. Students have three days to make up work for full credit after his/her return to school if the absence is excused. In grades K-12 three parent notes AND three parent calls to excuse a checkout per semester will be allowed. Anything after that will require either a doctor's excuse or special permission from the principal to be considered excused. Parent notes must be used for the first three absences and/or excused checkouts per semester that are not excused by a doctor's note.

AUTOMOBILES

Bringing an automobile to school is a privilege and not a right. Vehicles should be registered in the office and operators must have a valid license, tag and insurance on file in the office. Students must operate their vehicles in a safe manner. Do not disturb school with dangerous driving or loud music. Automobiles should be parked, vacated, and locked immediately upon arrival. Students should not return to their vehicles without permission until their scheduled time of departure. Students may only have authorized riders in their vehicles. Failure to follow rules pertaining to automobiles may result in the loss of car privileges on campus and/or other disciplinary action.

Graduation Requirements

Mississippi Diploma Options Begins with incoming freshmen of 2018-2019

Diploma Options

1. The Traditional Diploma is for all students.
2. The alternate diploma is an option for students with a significant cognitive disorder (SCD)

Early Release

Early release is a term referring to the practice of schools allowing students who have earned most of their graduation credits to leave campus for part of the school day to work in the community during their *senior* year.

Requirements for Early Release:

For early release, students must have:

1. A 17 sub score in English on the ACT and a 19 sub score in Math on the ACT (or SAT equivalency)
 2. Silver Level on ACT WorkKeys
- 2.5 GPA AND passed all MAAP EOC tests AND be on track to meet diploma requirements AND be concurrently enrolled in Essentials for College Math and/or Essentials for College Literacy

Valedictorian/Salutatorian

Valedictorian and Salutatorian must complete at least two weighted (5.0) courses.

Final senior ranking shall be determined by grades at the end of the 3rd nine weeks to include Valedictorian and Salutatorian. For classes still in progress, the grade at the end of the 3rd nine weeks will serve as the final grade for the purpose of calculating QPA's. Classes that start after the end of 3rd nine weeks will not be used in class rank or QPA calculations.

Honor Graduates

Seniors who have maintained an overall 3.5 GPA will be recognized as Honors Graduates.