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CLINTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Who To Call:

Student Absent	601-924- 6250
Set up Conference/Request Progress Report	601-924-6250
Pre-Arranged Absence	Submit Letter To Principal
Medicine at School	Obtain Form From Principals Office
Lunch Concerns	601-924-6039

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Anthony Goins	Assistant Superintendent
Libby Callegan.....	Business Manager
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Teresa Duke.....	Federal Programs/District Test Coordinator
Regina Ducksworth.....	Director Food Services /Child Nutrition
Bo Barksdale	Maintenance Supervisor
Donny Gray.....	Director of Transportation
Kim Griffin.....	Director of Technology
Brian Fortenberry	Director of Athletics

CJHS Faculty and Staff

Tamikia Billings	Principal
Drew Wardlaw	Assistant Principal
Jacob Veenstra.....	7 th Grade Assistant Principal
Dustin Cartee.....	8 th Grade Assistant Principal
Leslie Herrin	8 th Grade Counselor
Dexter Wilcher	7 th Grade Counselor
Joseph Abels	7 th Grade Social Studies
Beth Albritton	8 th Grade English
Michael Bagley.....	7 th Grade Social Studies/Basketball
Amber Bigelow	7 th Grade Math
Melanie Boyle	8 th Grade Special Education
Kailyn Brennan.....	8 th Grade English
Stewart Bridgeforth.....	8 th Grade Science
Lisa Burgess	Algebra
Virginia Butler.....	7 th Grade Special Education
Jaime Coon	Art
Brittany Cospelich.	7 th Grade English/Spanish
Sara Crider.....	Assistant Band Director
Alison Custer.....	Choral Music/Ambassadors
Christopher David	8 th Grade Special Education

CJHS Faculty and Staff (continued)

Hayley DeYoung.....	7 th Grade Study Hall
David Duke	7 th Grade Math
Misty Duke.....	Reading Intervention/Excel
Carol Ann Franklin	Life Skills
Dodie Frazier.....	8 th MS Studies/Geography
Brittany Gaddis	Speech
Elizabeth Gibson.....	7 th Grade English/Introduction to Spanish
Connor Hart.....	8 th Grade Science
Derek Hart.....	8 th Grade Science
Tori Hataway.....	Physical Education/Girls Basketball
Phoebe Havens.....	7 th Grade Science
Dustin Hazlett.....	Assistant Band Director
Preston Hebert.....	8 th MS Studies/Geography
Markevious Hoskins.....	Physical Education/Football
Joseph Kelly.....	7 th Grade Science/Visual Arts
Les Kelly.....	8 th Grade MS Studies/ Geography
Emma Johnson.....	8 th Grade Math
Kimberly Lawes.....	7 th Grade English
Erin Linton	Choral Music/Ambassadors Show Choir
Debbie Marler	8 th Grade English
Benjamin Martin.....	Physical Education/Football
Gavin McAdams.....	Director of Bands
Kendall McCallum.....	7 th Grade Science
Cheryl Metz	7 th Grade Social Studies
Arthur Mullins	8 th Grade English
Brooklyn Nichols.....	8 th Grade English
Christi Oswalt	7 th Grade Math/Math Counts
Kacy Parks.....	Life Skills
Jill Penick.....	8 th Grade English
Kristen Pittman.....	7 th Grade Special Education
Ben Prevost	8 th Grade Math/Algebra 1
Wanda Primer.....	Art
Victoria Ramsay.....	8 th Grade ELA
Anna Kate Rimmer	8 th Math
Garrett Rushing.....	7 th Grade Math
Dallas Smith	7 th /8 th Grade Science

Greg Stegall	7 th Grade Social Studies
Emily Strange.....	7 th Grade English
Lauren Taylor	7 th Grade Stem
Samantha Taylor.....	7 th Grade English
Shelia Thompson.....	7 th Grade Math
TonyaThompson.....	8 th GradeMS Studies/Geography
Beth Torrence.....	Librarian
Lynessa Wardlow.....	8 th Grade Math
NaKeisha Williams.....	7 th Math & Math Excel
Jason Woodcock	8 th Grade STEM
Kenyata Woods.....	8 th Grade Study Hall
Melissa Powell.....	Bookkeeper
Debbie Goode.....	Secretary
Carmen Speece.....	Attendance Clerk
Kristy Goodwin.....	Cafeteria Manager
Melvina Harper	ISS Monitor

Liaison Officers

Michael Even.....	Instructor/Resource Officer
Chad Blissett	Instructor/Resource Officer
Robert Robinson.....	Instructor/Resource Officer

CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDER

2021-2022 School Year

August 2.....	CTIP New Teacher Orientation
August 3.....	Faculty and staff professional development
August 4.....	Registration for Students New to the District K-9
August 9	Registration for Returning Students K-9
August 11.....	Classes Begin
September 6.....	Labor Day Holiday
October 11- 12.....	(<i>Fall Break</i>) Faculty Planning/Staff Development
November 22-26.....	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 20 - January 2.....	Christmas Holidays
January 3.....	Professional Development for teachers. Holiday for students
January 17.....	Martin Luther King Holiday
February 21.....	President's Day Holiday
Spring Break.....	March 14-18
Easter Holiday	April 15-18
Final Examinations	May 23-27
CHS Graduation.....	Friday May 27
Summer School Begins	June 6

Grading Periods

<u>9 WEEK PERIOD</u>	<u>BEGINS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>REPORT CARDS SENT</u>
First	August 11	October 8	October 14
Second	October 13	December 17	January 6
Third	January 4	March 11.	March 24
Fourth	March 21	May 27	May 27

Achievement Testing (Dates to be determined)

- ACT Test for all 11th grade students
- MAP/SATP3- Performance based Assessment
- MAKAS2 3rd Grade Reading test
- English II and Algebra I End of the Year Assessment
- US History and Biology
- MAP End of the year Assessment
- 8th Science
- 5th Science
- Advanced Placement Tests at CHS

Delayed Start to School Day

CPSD has implemented a delayed start of school for the 201This schedule will be used only when we feel the roads will clear later in the morning. While the start will be delayed, the school day will end at the regular scheduled times. The following delayed starting times will be observed:

Clinton Park Elementary.....	9:25 a.m.	Lovett Elementary.....	9:50 a.m.
Northside Elementary	9:25 a.m.	Clinton Junior High.....	9:50 a.m.
Eastside Elementary.....	9:25 a.m.	Sumner Hill.....	10:00 a.m.
		Clinton High School	10:00 a.m.

Inclement weather days will be added to the end of the school year, if needed.

Clinton Public School District (Calender Continued)

First Nine Weeks

August 11- October 8

Progress Reports

September 9

Nine Weeks Exams

October 4-8

Report Cards

October 14

Second Nine Weeks-

October 13-December 17

***Progress Reports**

November 11

***Nine Weeks Exams**

December 12-18

***Report Cards**

January 6

Third Nine Weeks

January 4-March 11

Progress Reports

February 3

Nine Weeks Test Dates

March 7-11

Report Cards

March 24

Fourth Nine Weeks

March 21-May 27

Progress Reports

April 15

Nine Weeks Test Dates

May 23-27

Report Cards

Mailed May 27

*****60% Days - December 17, 2020 and May 27, 2021.**

Dismissal on those days will be at 12:05 P.M.

**Final Exams - Students will not be allowed to take final exams if student fees, band fees, cafeteria fees, library fees, choir fees, art fees or book fines have not been paid prior to exam dates. Only cash or money order will be accepted after spring break. Students who do not make-up test within two weeks will receive a zero unless previously approved by Principal.

FOREWORD

The faculty and staff welcome you to Clinton Junior High School. We are honored and look forward to working with you. This Handbook will help you to understand the laws established by the Mississippi State Legislature, and policies of the Clinton Public School District Board of Trustees. School rules and regulations are written to enforce and implement these laws and policies. They will also help us to provide for you an orderly and safe school and thereby enable you to reach the highest level of academic achievement you can obtain.

Parents and students should read this Handbook carefully. Teachers will also discuss it with students during the first week of school. If you have questions, or need additional information, do not hesitate to talk with an administrator.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Clinton Public School District is to produce successful individuals by guaranteeing challenging learning experiences in a unified, caring community committed to excellence.

CJHS MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to challenge students with high expectations through rigorous instruction, in-depth lessons, & challenging goals. We provide a safe & diverse environment for students to grow & develop in order to contribute & make a positive impact in our society.

CJHS VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to promote excellence in education while preparing students to achieve their personal best & build their emotional, social, & physical wellbeing.

CJHS MOTTO

Excellence is the only option

“ALWAYS AN ARROW”

PARAMETERS

- We will always honor the dignity of each individual.
- We will be responsible to and for each other.
- We will never allow the quality of our education programs to be compromised.
- We will hold high expectations for all.
- All of our decisions and actions will be based on the best interest of students

Directory Disclosure Notice to Parents and Students

Schools within the Clinton Public School District may disclose “directory” information which shall include: the student’s name and address, date and place of birth, major field of study, pictures, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, credits and award received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the students, and other similar information. Any parent or eligible student who wishes to have any or all of the directory information concerning his or her child or that student withheld must inform the school in writing within ten (10) days from the date that the student receives this notice.

Email Communication

The Clinton Public School District has email service available to each teacher and administrative staff. While the district’s Office of Technology continues to work very hard to keep this system in operation, email service is subject to many areas of unreliability. Email communication between parents and the school district may be blocked, dropped, or lost by their Internet Provider, the Mississippi Department of Education, or the Clinton Public School District email servers. Since there are many areas of influence in email, the district cannot be held responsible for not receiving or failing to open email in a timely manner. Therefore, do not completely rely on this medium of communication for timely information.

Transfer of Records

In accordance with the Privacy Rights of Parents and Students Act, school records will be forwarded upon request to a school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Asbestos Notice

Notice is hereby given to parents, employees, and employee organizations that the Clinton Public School District has had all of its buildings appropriately inspected for asbestos containing materials and a Management Plan for each building developed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act; that a copy of the results of said inspections are on file in the Office of the Supervisor of Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, the Office of the Director of the Vocational Center, and in the offices of the respective principals of the Clinton Park Elementary, Northside Elementary, Eastside Elementary, Lovett Elementary, Clinton Junior High, Sumner Hill Junior High, and Clinton High schools; that copies of all of the aforesaid results of inspections and completed Management Plans for all buildings are on file in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 203 Easthaven Drive, Clinton, Mississippi; and that said copies of results of the inspections and completed Management Plans for the respective buildings may be read by any and all interested persons in the Office of the Supervisor of Vocational Center, and any and all of the aforesaid principals' offices between the hours of 8:00 AM. and 4:00 PM. When school is in session, the results of said inspections and completed Management Plans for all buildings in the District may be read in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools between the hours of 8:00 AM. and 4:00 PM. on usual work days. For additional information, call Dr. Tim Martin, Superintendent of Schools, at 601-924-7533.

ACCREDITATION

Clinton Junior High School is accredited by the Mississippi Commission on Accreditation and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

ELL

English Language Learners (ELL) are held to the same State-mandated standards as all students. Accommodations and interventions may be provided. ELL students are required to earn Carnegie Credits as set forth in District Policy IHF - “Requirements for Graduation and Grade” and to successfully pass all State Subject-Area Assessments to earn high school diplomas.

ATTENDANCE

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JBA, JBD, 5/26/2015)

Satisfactory progress in school depends upon regular school attendance. Students are expected and required by the Mississippi Compulsory Attendance Law to attend school. The Law states that:

If a compulsory school-age child has not been enrolled in a school within fifteen (15) calendar days after the first day of the school year of which such child is eligible to attend or if a compulsory school-age child has accumulated five (5) unexcused absences during the school year, the principal or superintendent will report such absences to the school attendance officer of the Youth Court.

The parent or guardian(s) of a compulsory school-age who has not been enrolled in school within eighteen (18) calendar days after the first day of the school year of the public school that such child is eligible to attend or parent or guardians of compulsory age student who has accumulated twelve (12) unexcused absences during the school year are subject to prosecution.

(Mississippi Compulsory Attendance Law, MS Code Section 37-17-91)

The teacher will check attendance at the beginning of each class period. The teacher will give to the attendance clerk a list of student absences. The attendance clerk will maintain a record of absences and will report excessive and unexcused absences to the Attorney General’s office as mandated by the law stated above.

Perfect attendance awards will be given only to students completing full days without any dismissal, except for school business.

Excused Absences

- A. The principal or a designee will authorize six (6) excused absences per semester per class to each student. An absence is excused if the reason is due to one of the following:
 - 1) Personal illness; or
 - 2) Serious illness in the family; or
 - 3) Death in the family; or
 - 4) Special permission of the principal. Permission must be requested in writing by the parent or guardian prior to the date of the absence.
- B. A parent or guardian must call the attendance office (601-924-6250) by 11:00 AM. on each day to verify the student’s absence if it is to be counted as one of the six (6) excused absences. If the absence is not verified it will be unexcused.

- C. Unless specifically noted by a physician, a doctor appointment will be excused only for a maximum of one half day, three (3) periods. All other absences will be unexcused.
- D. Absences in excess of six (6) days per semester may be excused upon presentation of a medical statement signed by a licensed physician or at the discretion of the principal. The medical excuse must be given to the attendance clerk within two (2) days of the absence.

If the absences are not medically related, the parent or guardian must meet with the principal if consideration is to be given in issuing an excuse. The meeting, however, will not automatically result in an excused absence.

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Extended Absences

The following guidelines must be followed if a student is absent for more than five (5) consecutive days:

1. The student or parent must present a statement from a licensed physician certifying the specific dates the student missed due to the medical condition.
2. If an extended absence due to medical reasons is anticipated, the parent or guardian must notify the counselor prior to the absence so that plans can be made for the student's academic progress.

Failure to comply with either of the above guidelines may result in the student not receiving full credit for the work missed.

Official School Absences

An absence due to school-related functions will be excused as an Official Absence. A student may receive five (5) official absences each school year.

The student must:

1. Obtain permission from the principal prior to the absence.
2. Get assignments from the teachers before the scheduled absence.
3. Complete each assignment and give it to the appropriate teacher on the day he/she returns to school. (The teacher may deduct points from the assignment if it is not turned in on the date the student returns to school.)

Reporting Absences - Call 601-924-6250

A parent or guardian must verify the absence by calling the attendance office before 11:00 A.M. each day the student is not at school. If the parent or guardian has not contacted the attendance office prior to this time, the attendance office will attempt to contact the parent or guardian. In the event the attendance office must make the contact with the parent or guardian for verification, and the absence is not verified by a medical excuse, the absence will be unexcused.

Checking a Student Out of School

The following procedure will be followed if a student is checked out during the school day:

1. The parent or guardian must have on file in the attendance office a Check-Out card. The card must include the parent's signature, the name and telephone number.
2. The parent or guardian or adult designee must report to the attendance office to sign the student out. Proof of identification will be required. The secretary will contact the teacher who will send the student to the office. *Parent must have papers on file if they do not want non-custodial parent to pick up.*
3. If the student returns to school after checking out, he or she must report to the office with a parent before going to class.

When a student arrives on the school campus, he or she becomes the responsibility of the school. The student must not leave campus under any circumstance without checking out in the office. A student who leaves campus without permission is subject to suspension from school.

Make-Up Work - Excused Absence

Students will be permitted and expected to make up work missed as a result of an excused absence. Although the absence is excused, the student will receive no credit for work missed unless it is made up.

It is the responsibility of the student to meet with each teacher immediately upon returning to school. The teacher will work with the student to assist him or her in bringing the work up to date, and set a deadline for turning the assignments in. The student will have one day for each day absent to complete assignments.

Projects that have been assigned prior to the student's absence will be turned in when due. Tests announced prior to the student's absence must be taken on the day scheduled. For example:

1. If a student is absent on Tuesday, and a test was announced on Monday to be given on Thursday, the student must take the test during the regular class period on Thursday.
2. If a test was announced for Tuesday and the student is absent on Monday, the student must take the test on Tuesday.

A student who does not complete assignments, take tests, or turn in a project on the assigned date will automatically receive a zero (0).

Make-Up Work - Unexcused Absence

A student who returns to school and the absence was unexcused will take only assigned tests missed. This includes out-of-school suspensions. The test will be administered in a designated area on the first day the student returns to school. A student who refuses or declines to take the test at this time will automatically receive a zero (0). No exceptions.

Tardy to School

A student who reports to school after 8:10 A.M. is tardy and must report to the Attendance Office before going to class. A parent must sign the student into school and an acceptable reason must be presented to receive an excused tardy. Students are required and expected to make up work missed as a result of an excused tardy. Generally, the guidelines used for excused and unexcused absences are applied to a tardy.

Students are allowed up to three (3) unexcused tardies per semester. After three (3) unexcused tardies, the student is required to bring a written medical excuse from a licensed physician. If no excuse is provided, the student will be issued one (1) detention.

Tardy to Classes After First Block

A student who reports to class after the tardy bell must have an admittance note from a teacher or administrator to receive an excused tardy. Students are expected and required to make up work missed as a result of an excused tardy.

In all other situations the tardy will be unexcused, and the student will receive a detention from the admitting teacher. The detention will be served on the day assigned by the teacher.

Attendance Requirements for Extra-Curricular Activities

A student must be present for 4 (four) complete class periods, which correlates to 63% of a school day, to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. This is in compliance with Mississippi High School Activities Association regulations. For example:

1. If a student is in attendance at 8:10 am and checks out prior to 11:50 am and does not return to school for at least one complete class period then that student will not be able to participate in an extra-curricular activity.
2. If a student does not check-in to school prior to 10:55 am, then that student will not be able to participate in an extra- curricular activity.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rules and regulations are provided so that school is safe and orderly at all times. Read the rules carefully and follow them. If you have a question, or need help, do not hesitate to talk to a teacher or administrator.

Arrival

Students should plan to arrive on campus by 8:10 A.M. The first bell will ring at 7:45 A.M. The tardy bell will ring at 8:10 A.M. Students arriving after 8:10 A.M. will be late for school and must report to the Attendance Office.

Students who arrive at school prior to 8:10 A.M. will go directly to their homeroom teacher's class. Students will not be permitted to go to their locker or walk the halls.

Because teachers do not report to work until 7:40 A.M., students will not be permitted on campus prior to 7:30 A.M. Parents should refrain from dropping students off at school prior to this time.

When the bell rings ending homeroom, the student will have five minutes to attend to personal and organizational needs. This includes: putting up band instruments, going to the locker, going to the bathroom, and taking care of business in the office. Students are expected to be in their seats and ready for class at 8:10 A.M. First block will begin promptly at 8:10 A.M.

Dismissal

Car riders and walkers will be dismissed at 3:20. All other students will be dismissed when their buses are called. Students will not be dismissed from school when the community is under a tornado warning. School personnel are responsible for the safety of the students who are in the hallway during a tornado warning; therefore, personnel are not available to check out students in the office.

Announcements

In order to keep class interruptions to an absolute minimum, the pledge of allegiance and announcements will be made at the beginning of first period. Students are expected to be quiet and listen attentively to the announcements. Announcements will also be available online.

Assembly Programs

Assemblies will be held in the auditorium or gymnasium throughout the school year. Exemplary behavior will enhance the school reputation and is expected of every student.

Students must enter and leave the assembly in an orderly manner. Students who chew gum, walk on auditorium seats or deface the property in any manner, talk loudly, are rude and disrespectful to teachers or presenters, or disrupt the program in any manner will be removed from the activity and disciplined.

Students must respect themselves, their peers, and all adults. If a student's behavior is inappropriate, the adult nearest him will correct him/her. *A student who shows disrespect, rudeness, inappropriate language or behavior toward an adult will be suspended from school.*

Auditorium

The school auditorium is a public meeting place. It is the place where many school visitors and community groups meet. The entire school is judged by the appearance of the auditorium. Therefore, the auditorium should be comfortable, attractive, clean, neat and orderly at all times. We encourage students to take personal responsibility for the appearance and maintenance of the auditorium.

Students are to enter the auditorium only under the supervision of a teacher or other staff member. Students are not to loiter inside the auditorium. Students must refrain from eating in the auditorium. Walking on or disassembling the auditorium seats is strictly forbidden.

Care of Personal Belongings

Students must take extra precautions to protect personal items. Books, gym clothing, band instruments, lunches, wallets, purses, notebooks and articles of clothing are frequently lost, misplaced, or stolen. Do not leave personal items unattended. *Write your name on all personal items, including coats and purses.* Frequently these items are found and can be returned to you.

Report any missing item to your teacher or the office immediately. If reported during the class period or before leaving school we can help you look for the item.

Do not bring anything to school that is not needed for class. Personal items such as phones, cameras, games, CDs, CD players, iPods/MP3 players, stuffed animals, card collections, or other items will be taken and stored in the office. Items confiscated will result in detentions. We will return the item only to a parent. Items not picked up by the parent at the end of the semester will be donated to a charitable organization.

*School staff and personnel are not responsible for items lost or stolen.

Change of Home Address and Phone Number

The correct address and current telephone number of the parent/guardian is not only required by the Mississippi State Board of Education, but it is also critical in the event of an emergency. Parents/guardians are required to inform the school of a change in address or telephone number. If at any time during the school year, the address or telephone number changes, the parent or guardian must report the change to the principal immediately.

Care of School Property

We encourage each student to help maintain and take proper care of school property. We always want the school to be neat and clean. Everyone must work to keep CJHS free from defacement and damage.

Students must never mark nor write on walls, desks, chairs, tables, equipment or other any school property. Students must avoid placing gum on walls or the sidewalk, under desks, tables, and chairs. Students must not punch holes in chairs and seats, including seats on the bus. Students must not tear up the bathroom partitions, nor deliberately waste soap and paper towels.

Under normal use, the building and properties are difficult and expensive to maintain. The parent/guardian will be financially responsible for a student's intentional misuse, defacement, or destruction of school property.

Emergency Drills

Unannounced emergency drills will be conducted throughout the school year. Teachers will instruct students of emergency procedures. Students are expected to follow the directions of the teacher quickly, quietly, and in an orderly manner.

Fire Drill

A continuous buzzer will alert students and teachers of an emergency due to a fire. Students will walk quickly and quietly in a single file line out of the classroom, through the appropriate exit, and assemble in the designated area. The teacher will check attendance and notify the administrator if all students are accounted for. A long ring of the bell will be the signal to return to the classroom. Neither students nor teachers will know when a drill is only practice or when a real emergency exists. Therefore, students must cooperate, remain orderly, and refrain from playing at all times.

Tornado Drill

During inclement weather, the secretaries and administrators will monitor the weather via radio and television. The principal will keep students and faculty informed of weather changes through announcements over the intercom. If the intercom is not working, a designated staff member will be assigned to relay instructions to students and teachers on each hall. If a tornado warning is announced by the Emergency Operations Center, city-wide emergency sirens, or central office staff, students will be instructed to move quietly and quickly into the hallway nearest the classroom.

Students must sit as close to the wall as possible with their head between their knees. Students should cover their head with a coat or their hands. The halls must be absolutely quiet so that instructions can be heard and followed. The teacher will account for all students. Students will remain in the hall until instructed to return to class. A long ring of the bell will be the signal to return to the classroom.

If a tornado Warning is in effect during dismissal, students will remain at school until released by the Superintendent. Students on buses will unload and take cover in the hallway.

Earthquake Drill

When the teacher issues the command to TAKE COVER, the student will immediately get under his desk or a table. He or she should turn away from windows, and remain in a sheltered position for at least 60 seconds or until the tremor ceases.

Illness During the School Day

If a student becomes ill during the school day, he or she should notify the teacher. The teacher will talk with the student and, if necessary, contact the office. The office staff will take care of the student until the parent arrives. If the parent or guardian cannot be reached, the name of the person on the student's sign-out card will be contacted.

In case of sudden illness or an injury, the student will be cared for as well as possible. Every effort will be made to contact the parent, or another person listed on the student's check-out card. If the parent cannot be reached, the family doctor or paramedic will be contacted. If warranted the student will be transported to the emergency room at one of the area hospitals. A school staff person will accompany and stay with the student until the parent or guardian or designee arrives.

Movement in the Hallway

Students must remain in class and *will not be allowed out of the classroom during class time*. If there is an emergency, the teacher will give the student a hall pass.

No student shall be in the hall without a valid pass. The student must present the pass to any teacher or staff member upon request. Students absent from class without a valid pass will be considered truant. Anytime a student is in the hall, he or she should walk on the right side of the hallway. Congregating in groups, walking several abreast, and loitering block the normal flow of traffic and must be avoided. Students must keep moving while in the hallway.

Gymnasium

Students are to enter and use the gymnasium only under the supervision of a teacher or coach. Students are not to loiter inside or outside the gym or enter the locker rooms without permission. Only tennis shoes can be worn on the playing floor. Soft drink bottles or cans and gum are prohibited from the gymnasium entirely.

The basketball goals can be lowered and retracted. **STUDENTS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN FROM RAISING OR LOWERING THE BASKETBALL GOALS.**

Identification Cards

1. Each student at Clinton Junior High School must obtain and maintain a current I.D. badge and must be worn on a lanyard. I.D. badges will be made at the time of registration, and the badges and lanyards will be issued to the students on their first day of school. The initial cost of an I.D. badge is included in the designated fee. Also included in the designated fee is the cost of a duplicate I.D. badge and lanyard. The duplicate will be kept by the homeroom teacher. The cost of a replacement for a lost or destroyed I.D. badge and lanyard is \$5.00 (\$3.00 for the I.D. and \$2.00 for the lanyard). Please see Mrs. Embry if a new I.D. badge and/or lanyard needs to be purchased.
2. STUDENT MUST HAVE HIS/HER I.D. BADGE AND LANYARD ON AROUND THEIR NECK TO BE PROPERLY DISPLAYED (VISIBLE) AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON SCHOOL CAMPUS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A DETENTION. THE STUDENT'S I.D. MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES.
3. Students that do not wear the I.D. badge and lanyard will:
 - Check out their duplicate I.D. badge and lanyard from their homeroom teacher.
 - The student will then be required to return the duplicate the following morning to their homeroom teacher and have their original I.D. to wear without penalty of receiving a detention.
 - If a student needs to check it out the duplicate an additional consecutive day, a detention will be issued by the teacher.
 - If a student does not return the duplicate, the student will be sent to the assistant principal's office and a detention will be issued each day until the duplicate is returned along with the original or a new I.D. is purchased.
 - The student will have the opportunity to buy a replacement badge and lanyard at any time.
4. I.D. badges may not be damaged or defaced. A new badge will be required for any such incident.

The student will also present his or her I.D. card to check out books and gain access to the internet in the library, to sit in the student section of athletic events, and to be admitted to other extra-curricular activities, such as school dances. The I.D. card does not cover the cost of admission to school sponsored events, but may entitle the student to a reduced price.

Library and Media Center

The library exists to provide students with academic, personal, and recreational media and materials. Students can request a permit from the teacher to visit the library during the school day. The library is also open before and after school hours.

To ensure maximum library service, the following regulations are enforced:

1. Students who come to the library unaccompanied by a teacher must have an official pass to enter the library.
2. Upon entering the library, students will sign in; and will sign out if they leave before the end of the period.
3. When students leave the library, they should have all books and materials examined by the librarian or a library assistant.
4. Book bags should be left in a holding area of the library.
5. Students will present their I.D. cards to check out all materials.
 - A. Books in the stacks are checked out for two weeks and should be returned on or before the date stamped on the date due slip. A fine of ten cents (\$.10) per school day is charged for overdue books circulated for two weeks.
 - B. Reserved books and video tapes are checked out for overnight use only and should be returned before the first period begins. A fine of twenty cents (\$.20) per day is charged for materials circulated for overnight use.
 - C. Most reference books and periodicals are not to be checked out. They circulate in the library only.

Students are encouraged to visit the library media center and borrow books. You are expected, however, to accept full responsibility for a book or materials checked out. Return it on time and in good condition. Pay for a book if it is lost or damaged.

Lockers

* Lockers are available by parent request.

The following regulations must be followed and practiced:

1. Lockers will be kept clean inside and out.
2. No personal locks will be placed on lockers. Personal locks will be removed.
3. Locker combinations should not be shared with other students nor should students share lockers.
4. Valuables should not be left in a locker.
5. Lockers must not be transferred to another student without permission from an administrator.

Lockers

6. Report any problem with your locker assigned principal.
7. All book bags and heavy coats should be placed in the locker upon arrival to school.
8. All of the lockers assigned have a built-in lock. Therefore, the school is not responsible for items taken from the locker. Students are NOT to share lockers or locker combinations.
9. Lockers remain the property of the school and by law are subject to inspection at any time. If a reasonable cause exists, an administrator will conduct a search of the student's locker.

Lost and Found

Clinton Junior High School students maintain a splendid record with regard to lost articles. Very few items are lost permanently. Students are asked to bring found articles to the school office. The office personnel will try to return the item to the owner. Unclaimed articles are usually stored for two weeks, and then given to a charitable organization.

Lunch

Students shall be courteous and refined in their cafeteria manners. At the scheduled time, the teacher will walk with his or her students to the cafeteria. The following rules will be strictly enforced:

1. Walk, do not run when going to or coming from the cafeteria.
2. Do not break ahead of other students in line.
3. Do not carry any food out of the cafeteria.
4. Refrain from talking loudly, moving from seat to seat, and playing in the cafeteria.
5. Leave the table and floor clean. Place all trash in the container and return your tray to the window.
6. Students who bring a lunch must also eat in the cafeteria.
7. Fast-food items are prohibited to be dropped off for lunches, unless brought in a student's lunch bag. This is in an effort to encourage healthy choice lunches and help to ensure students eat at their assigned time for lunch.

Students must respect themselves, their peers, and the supervising teachers while in the cafeteria. Fighting, loud talking, playing, throwing items, disrespect, rudeness, combing hair, or other inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. *A student who throws food or other items in the cafeteria will be given a three- day suspension from school or be assigned to clean the cafeteria for 5 days. (Principal’s discretion)* Students who leave trash, food, or a tray on the floor or table will also be disciplined.

Students who qualify under federal guidelines may receive lunch free or at a reduced price. Pick up an application from the office. It must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the cafeteria manager. Students receiving lunch free or at a reduced price will not be embarrassed, humiliated, or identified in public by the school faculty or staff.

Lunch Prices

Student	\$ 2.85 daily
Student Reduced Cost	\$.40 daily
Staff	\$ 3.60 daily
Guest	\$ 3.60 daily

Meal Pay Plus

The district now offers meal pay plus. You can now add money to your child’s account online. For more information see district website, www.clintonpublicschools.com.

Lunch Numbers

All students will be assigned a lunch number. The student must give the number to the cashier anytime he/she pays for lunch. Lunch numbers should not be shared with another student. A student who uses another person’s lunch number will be required to reimburse the cafeteria for the cost of lunches, and will be subject to disciplinary actions. Students will not be permitted to charge lunches.

Medication

School personnel are not authorized to dispense medication nor administer medical treatment beyond minor first aid to students.

Any student taking any kind of medication during school hours must have written permission from a doctor or medical professional and parental permission on file in the school office. These forms may be obtained from the school secretary. Students must leave all medication in the office. Sharing medicines of any kind with another student is strictly forbidden may result in disciplinary action.

“NO NIT” Lice Policy

To comply with the guidelines established by the State Health Department regarding students with lice, the following procedure will be implemented. A student who is reported as having lice will be checked thoroughly by our district nurse. If in fact, the student is found to have nits at any level, the child's parents will be contacted to pick the student up from school that day. Nits are lice eggs which may contain live lice, or which may be left from the lice hatching.

The student may not return to school until he/she has been treated with special lice shampoo and no nits remain in the hair. The parent must bring the receipt and the box or box top to school with the student as proof of the treatment. The absence will be considered excused if proper procedure is followed.

Office Procedures

The school office is for business only. A student entering the office should give to the office manager his name, the person he wishes to see, the nature of the business, and take a seat. The office manager will direct the student to the appropriate office. At times, it will be impossible for an administrator to see a student. The student will be asked to return to class and wait for the office manager to send for him/her. Students are not to loiter in the office, nor come behind the counter.

A student sent to the office for misbehavior must wait until he has been seen by an administrator. Failure to report to the office immediately, or leaving the office without permission will result in additional punishment.

Students are expected to be professional and business-like while in the office. *A student who is loud, disruptive, or displays abusive language in the office will be automatically assigned to in-school suspension or out of school suspension.*

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Teachers welcome the opportunity to meet parents/guardian to discuss their student's academic progress. Please call the secretary or counselor at

601-924-6250 or 924-0619 to schedule a conference with the teacher.

Residency

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JBC, 5/26/2015)

Please be advised of a new City of Clinton ordinance making it unlawful to make a false statements to law enforcement officials and employees of the Clinton Public School District. This ordinance states that if a parent or guardian gives a false statement about his or her residence to a Clinton Public School District official to enroll children in a Clinton public school, that parent or guardian can be fined up to \$1,000 and/or jailed for up to 90 days. In addition, restitution shall be made to the City of Clinton for all man hours exhausted and expenses incurred due to such false statements or misrepresentations.

For a child to attend Clinton Schools, parents / legal guardians must provide two (2) of the following documents to verify residency in the Clinton Public

School District each year:

- Lease document (all occupants must be listed on lease) OR
- Current mortgage document or property deed OR
- Filed Homestead Exemption form (current) and
- Current utility bill (dated within 3 months – electricity, gas, or water – actual bill must be in the enrolling parent’s name.) No phone or cable bills will be accepted.

Scoliosis Screening

A scoliosis screening examination will be administered to all seventh grade students. The screening is conducted jointly by the State Board of Health, the Clinton Jr. Auxiliary, and Clinton Junior High personnel. Any parent who wishes to exclude his or her child from this screening should call the seventh grade counselor at 601-924-6250.

Telephone

Students will be allowed to use the telephone in the principal’s office for emergency reasons only (ex. illness, injury, lunch, or ride home). Students must be given permission by school personnel before making the call. Abuse of the telephone privilege will result in the monitoring of all calls.

Textbooks

Textbooks are furnished by the State of Mississippi. Textbooks are issued to each student on a loan basis. Books must be covered at all times. Students must not write in nor abuse the textbooks. No cover that leaves a sticky residue on the textbook should be used. If a textbook is returned in this condition, full price of the book will be charged.

A fine will be assessed and charged for any book that shows wear beyond normal usage. A student must not borrow nor have in his or her possession a book assigned to another student. Possession of another student’s book is considered and treated as theft. Random book checks will be held throughout the school year. If a book is lost, the student should have parents contact administration to arrange replacement.

Workbooks

Additional workbooks are available in the the following prices listed below.

Math – \$7.00

Science – \$5.00

English – \$7.00

Visitors

Parents and other visitors are always welcome at Clinton Junior High School. Because of campus security, all visitors are asked to report directly to the office. The office staff will ask you to sign-in, give to you a visitor's pass, and assist you in locating the area you wish to visit.

We welcome parents and other visitors to observe a class or several classes. Please call the day prior to your visit so that we can reserve your lunch and arrange for seating in the classroom. Students will not be removed from classes except in the case of an emergency.

Because of limited space and in order to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, students are not authorized to bring other student visitors to school. Visitors are to leave the campus immediately after they have finished their business.

Withdrawal from School

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JBCD, 5/26/2015)

The parent/guardian should meet with or call the counselor at 601-924-6250 at least two (2) days prior to the actual date of withdrawal. A withdrawal form will be completed. Books and fines will be collected. The student's cumulative records will be forwarded upon request by the new school.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

All student complaints pertaining to school matters shall be made first to the teacher and then the principal. If not settled there, they shall be directed to the superintendent and if needed, to the School Board.

THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Clinton Junior High School is very proud of its instructional program. The curriculum is of the highest quality available to junior high school students. We expect our students to be successful and excel in each academic area.

Each student takes four basic courses. The basic courses include English, math, science, and social studies.

A grade point average of 85 in Honors courses in 7th grade, a proficient score on the MAAP State test, and a teacher's recommendation will allow a student to take Honors courses in 8th grade. Since a student cannot retake CCSS Compacted Math 8 in the 9th grade if he or she passes with a C or D average, the student with a 79 or below average at the end of 1st term will be placed in CCSS Math 8 at the end of the 1st term.

A high school credit will be given to each student who passes either CCSS Compacted Math 8 or CCSS Math 8. The grade received will be included in the grade point average (GPA) for high school graduation. Credit is only given once for a course.

Grades will be reviewed at the end of the first and second nine weeks.

CCSS Compacted Math 7 and Honors English may be taken in 7th grade. Placement in these classes is based upon grades and scores on standardized tests.

Procedures for Transferring from Honors Courses

1. Transfer from Honors courses are allowed until the end of the first term grading period only. After this time period, no transfers will be allowed.
2. Students transferring into the district after the first nine-weeks grading period will be given a nine-weeks period in which to decide to transfer from Honors courses.
3. Students will receive their un-weighted average as a grade to be carried into the lower-level course.

Special and Resource Classes

Instructional assistance is provided to those students with identified learning problems. This assistance may consist of special classes or tutoring. Teachers use a variety of tests to determine the student's special needs. An individualized program of instruction is provided for the student.

Elective Subjects

Students may select two courses in addition to the four required subjects listed above. These courses include physical education, choir, art, band, strings, athletics, MATHCOUNTS, 8th grade Spanish, 7th and 8th grade STEM, and study hall.

Eighth grade students may be selected to participate in the assistant program. Students may work in the classroom as teacher assistants, in the office as office runners, or in the library. Students learn how to provide a variety of services while developing work habits and attitudes. Student assistants must be dependable and responsible.

Promotion and Retention

(Clinton Public School Board Policy IHE, 5/26/2015)

Promotion and retention decisions are based upon the student's performance in all subjects. Seventh and eighth grade students must receive a yearly grade of 65 or above in all four basic subjects.

Summer School (Extended School Year Program)

Summer school is an extended year program. This is remedial work for students who do not receive a grade of 65 in one of the basic subjects, or have an overall average of below 65. Students must pay a fee to attend summer school.

The summer school instructional program emphasizes the mastery of objectives the student failed to master during the regular school year. Therefore, credit for work completed in summer school will be given only to students who attend summer school in the Clinton Public School District.

Student Evaluation and Assessment

Teachers will monitor the academic progress of students throughout the school year. The evaluation and assessment process will include homework, quizzes, chapter and unit tests, as well as nine-weeks and semester exams. The student's yearly grade is an average of the two semester grades.

Standardized Achievement Tests

Clinton Junior High School students participate in the State of Mississippi Assessment Program. The school's performance on these tests is used in determining the Clinton Public School District accreditation level, which is awarded by the State Department of Education.

Other standardized or achievement tests, as well as aptitude and interest tests, may also be administered to the students. These tests provide data which aid in understanding the needs and development of students, help teachers to evaluate the pupil's growth and progress, and provide a systemic and continuous record of pupil growth. Students are notified well in advance as to the nature of the test, scheduled time, and length of testing session.

Report Cards and Grading System

Report cards are issued four times a year. Specific dates are listed on the School District Calendar. Each student receives two copies of a computer printout, which lists grades received in each subject. One copy should be retained by the parent; the second copy should be signed by the parent and returned to the teacher.

GRADING SYSTEM

(Clinton Public School Board Policy IHA, 12/12/2012)

A	90-100	Superior Performance
B	80-89	Good Performance
C	70-79	Average Performance
D	65-69	Poor Performance
F	Below 65	Failure
I	Incomplete	

Number of Assignments per 9 Weeks

A minimum of three (3) summative grades (tests, major projects) per 9 week period will be required from all teachers.

A maximum of five (5) summative grades (tests, major projects) per 9 week period will be required from all teachers.

A minimum of twenty (20) formative grades (classwork, homework) per 9 week period will be required from all teachers.

A maximum of forty (40) formative grades (classwork, homework) per 9 week period will be required from all teachers.

Grade Calculations

25% Classwork

15% Homework

35% Unit Tests

25% 9 Weeks Tests

Exemption Policy

In an effort to encourage students to perform their best daily within the academic and behavioral expectations explained through this handbook and PBIS program, students may be eligible for exemption from final exams based on the criteria below. Exemption is determined by each class individually and not as a whole.

- a) Overall end of year average of 80 or higher
- b) No unexcused absences
- c) No forms of suspension

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JTAC, 4/13/2012)

Many educational benefits are derived from participation in clubs and extra-curricular activities. Students develop leadership skills, implement community service projects, and learn to work with a group on special projects. Each student will have the opportunity to become a member of at least one club or organization.

Student Council

The Student Council is one of the most active groups at Clinton Junior High School. Student participation in government under the supervision of the principal is regarded as a desirable feature of a sound educational program. The primary aim is to foster leadership skills, to get students actively involved in school activities, to promote positive school spirit, and to create close, cooperative relationships between the students and the faculty.

National Junior Honor Society

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is based on academics, citizenship, morals, honesty, behavior, and involvement in extracurricular activities. You must have a 90 average or higher in four major subjects at the end of the first semester and cannot have below a B in other subjects to be considered for membership. The Honor Society also coordinates community service projects for the Clinton Community Christian Corporation (4Cs) and Community Animal Rescue and Adoption (CARA).

FCA

This is a club for anyone interested in learning more about the Christian faith. Students meet for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship, and games. Anyone is invited to participate.

Anchor Club

The Anchor Club is an organization for students that are interested in community service. The main focus of the club is volunteer activities that improve the quality of life for people with brain-related disorders. The Clinton Pilot Club sponsors the Anchor Club and there are dues that must be paid to participate. Students will have opportunities to participate with Pilot members in community projects, some of which may take place after school or on the weekends. Academic and disciplinary records are reviewed for membership.

Sports and Varsity Program

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JTAC, 4/13/2012)

Athletics contribute to a well-balanced school program. Our students are taught the fundamentals of games, sportsmanship, and fair play at all times. Intramural football and basketball are played in the seventh grade. Eighth grade students participate in varsity football and basketball.

To be eligible to participate in interschool activities a student must meet requirements established by the Mississippi High School Athletics Association. These guidelines are listed below. The student must:

1. Enroll in CJHS no later than the 15th day of the semester of participation, and take English, Math, Science and Social Studies.
2. Exhibit good behavior.
3. Live with parents or guardians who are actual bona fide residents in the Clinton Public School District.
4. Pass seventh (7th) grade by achieving at least a grade of 70 in four basic courses. A student who fails to meet this requirement at the end of the first semester would be placed on warning for the following semester (2nd semester). If the requirements have not been met by the end of the warning semester (2nd semester), the student would be ineligible.

Participation may continue during the warning semester. A pupil who is not eligible at the beginning of the school year may become eligible the second semester by passing four basic courses with a grade of at least 70 in each course.

5. Not be 15 years of age prior to August 1.

6. Present to the principal or his designee a certified copy of his or her birth certificate issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the state in which they were born.
7. Have been examined by a physician and declared physically fit.

A student absent from school because of illness will not be permitted to participate in any athletic event on the day or part of day he or she is absent from school.

SPIRIT SQUAD

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JHF, 3/26/2012)

The Clinton Junior High School spirit squad provides enthusiastic support of various athletic teams and coordinates the cheers of fans. The squad represents the finest talent among the students trying out. The selection of team members provides for all students a fair and impartial opportunity to be selected without regard to race, color, creed, or sex.

Membership

The squad consists of 20 members, 8 from the seventh grade and 12 from the eighth grade. Each squad member will participate at football games. During the basketball season, the squad will be divided into four groups. Each group will participate at alternate games.

Qualifications

The student must be enrolled in a Clinton public school at the time tryouts are held. For the preceding semester and any subsequently completed grade period immediately preceding tryouts for the next school, the student shall meet the following requirements:

1. Sixth grade students must have at least a 70 average in each of the five basic courses, which are English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Reading.
2. Seventh and eighth grade students must have at least a 70 average in the four basic subjects, which are English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
3. Each student who is selected as a member of a squad must maintain an average of 70 in the basic courses. Failure to do so will result in being removed from the squad.

Tryouts are held during the second semester. Additional information and guidelines are provided to students who are interested in being a member of the squad.

STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

CJHS faculty and staff take great pride in the achievement of our students. Students are recognized for high academic achievement, athletic abilities, citizenship, and generally accepting responsibility. Several student recognition programs are listed below:

Honor Roll

An honor roll list is published in the local newspaper at the end of each nine-week grading period. The list consists of students receiving all “A’s” as well as students receiving “A’s” and “B’s”.

PBIS- Positive Behavior Intervention and Support

Motto: Always an ARROW

Achieving

Respectful

Responsible

Organized

Willing to Learn

Successful Students

Students with no more than two detentions and no forms of suspension may qualify for quarterly Big Event parties, as well as schoolwide and classroom incentives.

Awards Day

Awards Day is held in May to recognize students. All students are recognized and celebrated for their achievement. Special recognition and awards are presented to students who demonstrated exceptional academic performance and ability in each subject. The student with the highest grade point average in the eighth grade is awarded a certificate and plaque, respectively. The highest awards given at Clinton Junior High School are The Citizenship Award, The Arrow Award and The American Legion Award.

Athletic Honors

Students who excel in the varsity sports program are recognized at the annual Athletic Banquet. Awards are presented in each area of competition.

BUS SAFETY AND REGULATIONS

Clinton Public School District provides transportation for all students who live in its attendance zone. Students riding buses are responsible to the driver, who is responsible for their safety and protection. Students are expected to and will be held accountable for treating the driver with respect and courtesy.

Students must ride the bus to which they are assigned. They can ride only one bus, and thereby cannot ride one bus in the morning and another in the afternoon.

Students must not ride the bus to school and then leave campus. If a student rides the bus to school, he or she must ride the bus home unless a written and signed request is provided by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal.

Bus Safety

When waiting, loading or unloading the bus each student should:

1. Be at the bus stop on time. The bus will pick you up at a designated area.
2. Never play in the street while waiting for the bus.
3. Do not cross the street to enter the bus until the bus has come to a complete stop, and the proper signal to cross is given.
4. Always cross the street in front of the bus to board and depart from the bus.
5. Always use handrails while loading and unloading the bus.
6. Never run toward an approaching bus or run along side it. Most children want to be the first one on, and many have been pushed and crushed under the wheels of an approaching bus.
7. Never bend over or stoop to pick up books or other items which may have been dropped on the street in front of the bus without notifying the driver. The hood of the bus obstructs the vision of the driver, and many children have been run over by the bus as they stooped over to pick up dropped books or other items.
8. Do not stand in the front area of the bus.

Bus Rules and Regulations

Bus rules and regulations are developed to ensure the safety of each student while on the bus. Students must not do anything that will distract the bus driver. Riding the bus is a privilege and will be granted only to those students who follow the rules. These rules are:

1. Talk in a normal tone of voice and refrain from making loud noises.
2. Sit in your assigned seat. CJHS students will have assigned seats.
3. Keep head, hands, and articles inside the bus.
4. Never bring unauthorized articles on the bus (For example: pets, food, toys, radios or electronic devices, large articles, fireworks, combustibles, or weapons).
5. Never use vulgar or profane language.
6. Never fight or scuffle:

Bus Rules and Regulations

7. Always remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
8. Never stand in the front area of the bus.
9. Obey the driver cheerfully and promptly.
10. Never throw anything out of the window.

Consequences for Failure to Follow Bus Safety Rules

Students will be disciplined for disorderly conduct on the bus. The bus driver will give to the principal a written report of the misbehavior. Reports will be investigated and offenders will be subject to the following consequences

1. First offense will result in a conference and verbal reprimand. A copy of the report will be mailed to the parent or guardian.
2. The second and third offense will result in a suspension from the bus or other disciplinary action to be determined by an administrator.
3. Repeated offenses will result in suspension from the bus for the remainder of the school term.
4. Infractions involving fighting, spitting out the window, throwing articles out of the window or on the bus, smoking, striking matches, using lighters or other dangerous behavior will result in an immediate suspension from school and the bus.
5. Assault on the bus driver or school personnel will result in an immediate suspension from school and a recommendation for expulsion the remainder of the school year. A report will also be submitted to the Clinton Police Department.

The principal may, at his discretion, use more severe punishment than listed above if the situation warrants. When a student is suspended from the bus the parent/guardian must arrange for transportation to and from school. Regular school attendance is expected.

DRESS CODE (Clinton Public School Board Policy JCDB, 4/5/2012)

These standards for dress, grooming, and discipline with appropriate methods of enforcement and appeal have been established to provide an environment and conditions whereby the school district's educational program can be so planned, adopted, and conducted as to provide each child the training and opportunity to take his or her place in a democratic society. The personal appearance code has been developed to establish a standard of decency for covering the body and should be interpreted in the spirit for which it is intended.

All students are expected to observe certain minimum standards of hygiene, sanitation, and personal appearance, which are included in the following regulations. Any student violating any of these regulations will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

1. Hair shall be groomed so as not to extend below the eyebrows and cover or obscure the eyes or any part thereof.
2. Hair shall not be groomed in class.
3. Hair shall be free from obnoxious odors, maintained clean and neat in appearance.
4. Picks and combs shall not be worn in hair.
5. No house shoes/slippers or athletic slides are allowed.
6. Tank tops and muscle shirts shall not be worn. Any sleeveless shirt, blouse or dress must be at least two (2) inches wide at shoulder with no undergarment showing.
7. Stomach shall not be exposed at any time.
8. Cleanliness of both dress and body is mandatory.
9. Belts, if worn, shall be buckled.
10. Fasteners designed for use with an article of clothing will be used appropriately at all times.
11. Clothing with vulgar, indecent, or suggestive writing or symbols shall not be worn. Writing on the seats of pants will not be permitted.
12. Clothing advertising tobacco, alcohol, and drugs shall not be worn.
13. Unless prescribed, sunglasses shall not be worn inside the buildings.
14. No clothing considered and designed as underclothing shall be worn as an outside garment.
15. Shirts and blouses shall be buttoned or zipped unless designed for outside wear.
16. Shirts, blouses, and tops shall be worn tucked in completely around the waistband. The shirt, blouse, or top must be long enough to stay in place (tucked in) even when sitting, bending, stooping, walking, or raising arms. Sweaters or sweatshirts having elastic at the waist do not have to be tucked in.

DRESS CODE *(Clinton Public School Board Policy JCDB, 4/5/2012)*

17. Any article of clothing designed to cover the lower part of the body must come no higher than four (4) inches above the center of the knee. This includes dresses, skirts, overalls, shorts, skorts, etc. Shirts or dresses with slits, kick pleats, or any opening must have the top of the opening within four (4) inches of the middle of the knee.
18. Hemmed, loose fitting walking or Bermuda shorts and skorts may be worn.
19. Unacceptable outer wear for the lower part of the body includes: unhemmed, ragged-end cutoffs; running shorts; soccer shorts; bicycle/spandex pants/shorts, cut-off warm-ups, gym shorts and pajamas or pajama-like material, leggings/jeggings (unless an acceptable dress or long shirt is worn within four (4) inches above the knee).
20. Pants must be worn at or above the waist.
21. Jeans, shorts, and other garments with gaping holes and/or shreds above four (4) inches of the knee, unless covered by a patch so as to not expose the skin, shall not be worn.
22. No head covering such as hats, caps, toboggans, bandanas, stocking caps, etc. shall be worn inside the buildings.
23. Appropriate and adequate underclothing shall be worn.
24. No see-through clothing shall be worn unless worn with a two (2) inch solid strap underneath. See through clothing must be worn over an article of clothing that meets dress code guidelines.
25. No clothing top shall be so low in the front as to expose any part of the breast or cleavage or shall be excessively low in the back.
26. Any style of clothing determined to be immodest in dress such as skin tight clothing is prohibited.
27. Any style of clothing or accessory deemed unsafe shall not be worn, such as long wallet/watch chains, heavy medallions, spiked jewelry, etc.

It is virtually impossible to write a regulation, which will adequately cover every detail of appropriate conduct and dress. Therefore, it is necessary for the principal of the school to make judgments as to whether a student is properly groomed and dressed and/or is manifesting appropriate behavior.

The personal appearance code will be positively enforced by teachers, principals, and administrators. We are attempting to eliminate as much confusion as possible, so our attention can be turned to educational pursuits.

Students are expected to dress and groom within the limits set by these Standards. Students are expected to obey the rules and directions of their teachers and principals in charge of their educational program. Parents are requested to see to it that their children conform to within the limits set by the personal appearance standards.

Appearance and Dress (See Section on Dress Code)

Students are expected to abide by the school Dress Code. The Dress Code, adopted by the School Board, establishes minimum standards for dress, grooming and personal appearance. In addition to the standards established in the Dress code, students will not be allowed to wear sagging pants, caps, stocking caps or have inappropriately colored hair. A positive learning environment must be maintained at all times, and clothing or insignia which distract from an orderly learning environment is prohibited. This includes jewelry, wrist bands, multiple bracelets, hats, bandanas, stocking caps, tongue rings, nose rings and other body piercings.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JCA, 10/10/2013)

The purpose of education in the Clinton Public School District is to aid young persons to prepare themselves to live their adult lives at a maximum level of productivity, self-awareness, happiness, self-control, and in harmony with their community. In addition, the students should develop a perceptive awareness of high standards of behavior. This will ease the maturation a young person must make from childhood into the world of adulthood. With this educational purpose in mind, the Clinton Public School District has defined the minimum standards of conduct that will be acceptable for students in the district.

We realize that the primary responsibility for the conduct and appearance of a student rests with the student and parents. We solicit the cooperation and support of students and parents in our efforts to maintain an orderly and safe school environment.

The Board of Trustees granted to the superintendent and the principal of a school the authority to suspend a pupil for any reason for which such pupil might be suspended, dismissed, or expelled by the Board of Trustees; but such action of the superintendent or principal shall be subject to review by the approval or disapproval of the Board of Trustees. (Mississippi Code Sections 37-9-71; 37-7-301, 1972)

A student suspended from school by a superintendent or principal shall be entitled to a hearing and review of his case. The hearing will be conducted as outlined in the (Clinton School Board Policy JCAA 5/13/2014)

Other disciplinary action may consist of demerits, detention, loss of privileges, lower grades in citizenship, denial of participation in school activities, probation, or a combination of any one or more of such actions, including appropriate constructive assignments depending on the seriousness and circumstances of the offense and the attitude of the student.

Code of Conduct

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JCA, 10/10/2013)

The administration and staff will hold students to strict account for disorderly conduct at any school, on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds during recess, at school meetings, programs, functions, and activities, and on school buses. The superintendent or principal of any school may suspend any pupil from school for good cause.

SECTION I

The superintendent or principals are authorized to institute appropriate disciplinary action, including immediate suspension if warranted, of any student for disorderly conduct or misconduct including, but not limited to the following:

1. Fighting
2. Disorderly conduct
3. Harassment, intimidation or threats
4. Disruption of school operation, functions, programs, or activities
5. Disobedience
6. Disrespect
7. Insubordination
8. Insulting language
9. Insulting behavior
10. Obscene language
11. Vandalism
12. Malicious mischief
13. Theft
14. Damage to property, private or school
15. Unauthorized entry on school premises
16. Unauthorized use of school property
17. Loitering
18. Use of tobacco
19. Use of alcoholic beverages
20. Under the influence of alcoholic beverages
21. Use of illegal drugs
22. Under the influence of illegal drugs
23. Indecent exposure
24. Public indecent display of affection (including in cars parked in the vicinity of any school building or activity).
25. Leaving class, school, school program or meeting without permission
26. Any offense otherwise punishable by law
27. An accumulation of offenses or possession of:
 - a. Illegal drugs
 - b. Alcoholic beverages
 - c. Fireworks
 - d. Pornographic materials
 - e. Stolen property
 - f. Tobacco
 - g. Cards or gambling paraphernalia
 - h. Noise-making devices
 - i. Other disruptive materials
 - j. Other materials, possession of which is punishable by law

SECTION II

1. A parent, guardian, or custodian of a compulsory school-age child enrolled in the Clinton Public School District shall be responsible financially for his or her minor child's destructive acts against school property or persons.
2. A parent, guardian, or custodian may be requested to appear at school by an appropriate school official for a conference regarding conduct pursuant to this policy.
3. Parents, guardians, or custodians who have received proper notification by an appropriate school official shall be required to attend requested conferences.
4. A parent, guardian, or custodian of a compulsory school-age child shall be responsible for any criminal fines brought against such student for unlawful activity as defined in *Section 37-11-29* of the *Mississippi Code*, occurring on school grounds.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are not to be used during the school day. *They are to be turned off and kept in the student's backpack or purse.* This includes the time a student is waiting to be picked up by buses and cars, and being transported on a school bus. If a student is found to be using a cell phone (including making/receiving a call, making/receiving a text message, taking pictures, etc.), the student will be referred to the office and assigned the following consequence:

1st Infraction - Cell phone is taken and parent must meet with an administrator to receive the phone. Student will serve one detention for classroom/bus disruption.

2nd Infraction - Cell phone is taken and parent must meet with an administrator to receive the phone. Student will serve two detentions for classroom/bus disruption.

3rd Infraction - Cell phone is taken and parent must meet with an administrator to receive the phone. Student is placed in In-School Suspension for three days for classroom/bus disruption.

4th Infraction - Cell phone is taken and parent must meet with an administrator to receive the phone. Student is placed in In-School Suspension for five days for classroom/bus disruption.

5th Infraction - Cell phone is taken and parent must meet with an administrator to receive the phone. Student is suspended from school for three days for classroom/bus disruption.

Subsequent Infractions will be handled as above by increasing the number of days of suspension.

Public Display of Affection (PDA)

Students are to refrain from displaying affection. This includes kissing, hugging, standing with arms around each other, and other bodily contact. When PDA is observed an administrator will arrange for a conference with the students and their parents/guardian. Subsequent incidents will result in suspension from school.

Truancy

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JBAC, 5/26/2015)

Students are considered truant if they are unaccountably absent from school or any class or leave campus without proper authorization. Students who are truant will be referred to an administrator for the following actions:

- First Offense - The student will receive an overnight suspension.
- Second Offense - The student will be placed in in-school suspension for three (3) school days and a parent conference with an administrator.
- Third Offense - The student will be placed in In-School Suspension for five (5) school days and a parent conference with an administrator.
- Fourth Offense - The student will be placed in the Alternative School for 45 days.

Out of Bounds

“Out of Bounds” areas include the auditorium, dressing room, gym, parking lot, the west side of the band hall, north of the driveway near the Vocational Center, and the football field and areas surrounding it additionally, students without a valid pass are “Out of Bounds”, if found within the building and this could be considered truancy.

Unauthorized Visitors

All persons other than school employees and pupils enrolled at Clinton Junior High School must first go to the principal’s office to secure admission to the campus. Otherwise, they will be considered trespassers and as such, subject to arrest and prosecution.

Campus and Classroom Conduct

(Clinton School Board Policy JCDAE, 10/10/2013, JCBE, 5/26/2015)

Any student who starts a disturbance or who willingly participates in one will be suspended from school immediately and will be able to re-enter only after satisfactory assurance has been given in writing to the principal by the student and/or his or her parent or guardian that there will not be a recurrence of this type of behavior. The principal is authorized to require any student who has been involved in a fight or any other type of disturbance to leave school for the remainder of the day when such action is deemed necessary to protect the safety of the student or other students. Parents will be notified prior to the suspension of the student.

In the event that there is knowledge of an unlawful or violent act, which may have occurred on school property or during a school sponsored activity, the administration will notify law enforcement officials immediately.

Respect of Self and Authority

The faculty and staff will work cooperatively to insure a safe and orderly learning environment for all students. All teachers and staff members accept responsibility for all students. This includes the teachers and assistant teachers; custodial, clerical and cafeteria staff; bus drivers; counselors; administrators; as well as parents and other volunteers.

Students must respect themselves, their peers, and any adult in charge of supervision. If a student's behavior is inappropriate, the teacher or staff member closest to the student will correct him/her. Students who show blatant disrespect, rudeness, inappropriate language, or abusive behavior toward any adult will be immediately suspended from school, and subject to expulsion.

Student-Teacher Relationship

We hope and expect our students and teachers will have a very positive working relationship. If, however, a student feels mistreated, he or she should comply with the teacher's instruction and then arrange to see an administrator. The administrator will work with the teacher and student to resolve the matter.

Students and the Substitute Teacher

Courtesy to substitute and student teachers is one of the most effective ways to build good school-community relations. Students should treat the substitute and student teachers as they would a guest in their home. Students are expected to be cooperative and respectful. All substitute teachers are employees of the Clinton Public School District.

Objects Classified as Weapons

Any student who has in his possession an object that would be classified as a weapon while he or she is on school grounds or is going to or from school will be immediately suspended by the principal and may be recommended for expulsion.

Disrupting Class

A teaching situation that is conducive to learning must be maintained. Therefore, any student whose actions make it impossible for the teacher to devote full attention to the class will be sent to the principal's office. The counselor and principal will review the case and try to resolve the problem. A student who repeatedly has been sent from class will be suspended from school.

Destruction and/or Defacement of School Property

Any student in grade seven (7) or above who destroys a portion of or defaces a school building with paint by writing or otherwise or who floods or vandalizes a school building shall be suspended for the remainder of the current semester and shall be readmitted at the beginning of the next semester only after the student and/or his/her parent or guardian provides an assurance in writing that such behavior will not be repeated. In addition, the parent or guardian shall be requested to pay the cost of restoring the damaged or defaced building. The superintendent of schools is authorized to offer a reward not to exceed \$100 to any person who provides information which will lead to the identity and conviction of any person who has damaged or defaced a school building.

Gum Chewing

Gum chewing has become a health and sanitation problem. Chewed gum is often placed on school walls, under desks, tables, chairs, and on the floor and sidewalk. For this reason, we ask students not to bring nor chew gum at school. Students observed chewing gum will be assigned to detention.

Unauthorized Use of Building

Students are not allowed on the roof of any building on the campus at anytime during or after school hours. Any student who is identified by authorities as being on a building will receive an automatic three-day suspension from school.

Athletic and School-Sponsored Events

According to Article X of The Mississippi High School Activities Association, the superintendent, principal, coach, or other representative of the school in charge shall be responsible for the conduct of those connected with their schools on trips, and at local athletic events. Therefore, everyone associated with Clinton Junior High School is expected to:

- Treat all visitors with courtesy and respect.
- Refrain from disorderly conduct, disruptive behavior, and acts of violence.

If unacceptable behavior is observed by a student at a school sponsored event, the student will be corrected, and depending on the existing situation, the student may be requested to leave. If the student is requested to leave the event, upon returning to school, he/she will receive an appropriate disciplinary action which could include suspension from school attendance, suspension from the next school-sponsored event, suspension from remaining school sponsored events, or any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the administrator.

Cheating

Students should not use, receive, or give unauthorized help on school related assignments. Students suspected of “cheating” will be informed of the allegations in a private and professional manner. If it is determined beyond a reasonable doubt that the student is guilty, a zero will be issued for the assignment.

If the assignment is a major grade, report, project or 9-weeks test, a written discipline report with evidence of allegations will be submitted to the principal’s office. The administration will contact and arrange a conference with the student’s parent/guardian.

When proof has been established that a student has been involved in cheating on a major grade the student may receive:

1. A grade of zero for the assignment or test.
2. A loss of membership in academic clubs or activities.
3. The loss of any elected position within the Student Council.
4. A referral for disciplinary action, which will result in an overnight suspension.

Misuse of Computers by Students

(Clinton School Board Policy IFBGA, 2/23/2012)

Misuse includes:

- Using a computer without permission
- Using a computer for another purpose than the one directed by the teacher (i.e. playing a game, etc.)
- Visiting or posting on social media websites at school or posting anything from home that would cause a disruption at school
- Violating any portion of the CPSD Acceptable Use Policy

Computer misuse will result in the following consequences:

First & Second Offenses - The teacher will issue a detention.

Third & Subsequent Offenses – The teacher will take up the student’s computer and send the student to the office for an administrator to decide consequences, which may include further detention, In-School Suspension, Out-of-School suspension, loss of computer privileges, etc.

Fighting

Fighting will not be tolerated on the campus, on the bus, at any school-sponsored event, or on the way to and from school. Fighting is defined as an exchange of physical blows such as hitting, slapping, pushing, shoving, slap boxing etc.

The penalty for being involved in a fight will be as follows:

First Offense 3-day suspension from school

Second Offense 5-day suspension from school

Third Offense Recommendation for alternative placement

*All persons involved in the fight will be subject to disciplinary action, regardless of who “threw the first lick”.

The Clinton Public School District has the safety of students as a priority; therefore, no student will be allowed to fight or to hit for any reason on the way to school and from school, while at school, or at any school events. A student who fights or hits will be immediately suspended from school. It is the responsibility of the school staff to discipline a student who fights or hits.

Group or Gang Fights

Students who participate in a group or gang fight will be automatically suspended from school and subject to alternative placement.

Instigating a Fight

Students who instigate a fight, but are not actively involved, subject themselves to the same penalties as those who are involved in the fight. Such students carry rumors, encourage others to fight, or carry information between students who subsequently fight. The same steps will be followed for disciplinary purposes as actually participating in a fight.

Intimidation and Harassment

Students who intimidate or harass another student subject themselves to the same penalties as those who are actually involved in a fight. A student who is intimidated or harassed should report the incident to a teacher or administrator immediately. The same steps will be followed for disciplinary purposes as actually participating in a fight.

Failure to Leave the Scene of a Fight

In the event a fight breaks out, students are to move away from the area of disturbance immediately. Standing around the incident, standing on tables, standing in the aisles so as to hinder school officials, or refusing to leave the scene when asked will result in identified students being suspended from school also.

Verbal or Physical Assault on School Personnel

Any student who strikes or threatens to strike or harm any school district personnel or volunteer will be immediately suspended from school and recommended for expulsion.

A student who uses profane language directly or indirectly toward a staff member will also be suspended from school for a period of three days. All fights and acts of violence will be reported to the Clinton Police Department.

Student Bullying

Students and employees in the Clinton Public School District are protected from bullying and harassing behavior, whether on or off campus, by other students or employees. Bullying or harassing behavior is any pattern of gestures or written, electronic or verbal communications, or any physical act or any threatening communication, or any act reasonable perceived as being motivated by any actual or perceived differentiating characteristic that (a) places a student or school employee in actual and reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, or (b) creates or is certain to create a hostile environment by substantially interfering with or impairing a student's education performance, opportunities or benefits.

Hazing and Harassment

The hazing or harassment of any student, sexual or otherwise, will not be tolerated. A student who is suspected of such behavior should be immediately reported to the building administrator for questioning and disciplinary action. Sexual harassment disciplinary forms will follow the student from school to school and reports will be filed with the Clinton Police Department.

Racial harassment consists of physical, written, symbolic, or verbal conduct or communication relating to an individual's race when the conduct has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment, or has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance.

Appropriate disciplinary actions may include but are not limited to counseling, awareness training, parent-teacher conference, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination, or discharge. School district action taken for violation of this policy shall be consistent with the requirements of due process.

Gang Attire, Paraphernalia, and Symbols

All visible signs of gang attire and paraphernalia are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to:

- *Articles of clothing identified with gang symbols or messages
- *Graffiti on books, notebooks, book covers, papers, or property
- *Flashing gang signs or yelling gang slogans
- *Gang related jewelry, wrist bands, or head bands

Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in referral to the administrator where he will take appropriate disciplinary measures which could be detention or suspension.

Suspension and Activities

Students who are serving any type of suspension are not eligible to attend any type of school activity. This includes dances, ball games, field trips, or awards programs.

If a student has paid for a field trip, dance, ball game or any other school function and is unable to attend because of a suspension, the money will not be reimbursed

A DRUG FREE SCHOOL

Drug education programs and activities will be conducted at Clinton Junior High School throughout the school year. These programs will emphasize the impact of drug abuse and misuse, and suggest alternatives to a lifestyle of drug dependency. Programs and activities will include literature, motivational speakers, and multi-media presentations.

All seventh grade students will participate in a drug awareness program entitled *GREAT (Gang Resistance Education And Training)*. GREAT DAY is observed by all students who successfully complete the program. GREAT is sponsored by the Clinton Police Department.

Every effort will be made to keep Clinton Junior High School drug free. This effort will be successful only with the assistance of each student enrolled. We encourage students to report to a teacher or administrator any drug-related activities observed here at school.

No Open Container Policy

In an effort to provide a safe and orderly environment for our students, parents, and faculty and staff, school campuses that contain grades 6-12 are enacting a No Open Container Policy for each campus and all school sponsored events. All open containers, i.e. paper/Styrofoam cups must be discarded prior to entering a designated school facility or school-sponsored event. Spill-proof containers and containers with screw caps may be carried into the building or school sponsored event but are subject to inspection by school officials.

Drug/Alcohol Possession and or Use

(Clinton Public School Board Policy JCDAC, 3/27/2012)

Students are prohibited on school property and/or at school functions, from carrying, possessing in any manner (or attempting to possess), using or selling alcoholic beverages, morphine, marijuana, cocaine, opium, heroin, their derivatives or compounds, drugs commonly called LSD, "pep" pills, tranquilizers, or any other narcotic drug, barbiturate, substance ingredient or compound which, when taken orally, intravenously, inhaled, or consumed in any other manner, may cause the person to be under the influence thereof or any other controlled substance regulated by law. This will include any substance that is falsely represented to be a controlled or counterfeit substance.

Likewise, no student shall act in, aid, abet, assist, distribute, or conceal the possession, and/or the consumption, the purchase, or the distribution of any illicit drugs or alcoholic beverages by another student or students.

The Clinton Public School District may require any student to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test (within a five hour block of time) at the expense of the parent/guardian if there is reasonable suspicion that the student has or is using prohibited drugs and/or alcohol.

Any student who violates the provisions of this policy will be suspended for ten (10) days and recommended to the Board for expulsion for one (1) calendar year.

Tobacco Use and/or Possession (Clinton School Board Policy JCB, 2012)

Any use and possession of tobacco by students during the period of time that they are under and/or subject to the jurisdiction of the Clinton Public School District, while participating in or going to or from any school related activity, at any place where an inter-scholastic athletic contest is taking place, during the course of any field trip, during the course of any trip sponsored by the Board, or while under the supervision and direction of any teacher, principal, or other authority of this school district, shall be prohibited at all times. Violators of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, which will include, but not be limited to, a three day suspension from school.

E- Cigarettes/Vaping

Use and/or possession of any type of “vape” product/paraphernalia is not permitted anywhere on campus including parking areas. The penalty for use and/or possession is outlined below. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

First Offense – Three (3) Day Out of School Suspension

Second Offense – Three (3) Day Out of School Suspension AND Issuance of Ticket by School Resource Officer in compliance with City of Clinton Ordinance (Secs. 46-55 – 46-69; Division 3)

Third Offense – Recommendation of 45-day placement at Clinton Success Center AND Issuance of Ticket by School Resource Officer in compliance with City of Clinton Ordinance (Secs. 46-55 – 46-69; Division 3)

Use of Alert Dog to Detect Illegal Drugs

When deemed appropriate by the superintendent or principal, an alert dog may be used to detect illegal drugs upon or within the school facilities and furnishings including lockers. If the presence of drugs is indicated, the student or other person permitted to use the facility will be notified and requested to be present when the facility is opened and searched. If illegal drugs are found, an investigation will be conducted, and appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action will be taken against the person or persons responsible for bringing and/or possessing such drugs on the campus.

Harassment, Threat, Violence, and Assault (Clinton School Board Policy JCBEA, 4/16/2012)

It is the policy of the Clinton Public School District to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from any form of harassment, threat, violence, or assault.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any pupil, parent, teacher, administrator, other school personnel, visitor to the district, or any other person, to harass, threaten, assault, inflict, threaten to inflict, or attempt to inflict violence upon any pupil, teacher, administrator, other school personnel, visitor to the district, or any other person, through conduct or communication, including, but not limited to verbal/oral, written, photographic, drawings, computerized images, body language, physical act, or any other means.

Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of harassment, threats, violence, or assault shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate School District official or the Superintendent.

Upon receipt of a report or complaint, the Superintendent shall immediately undertake or authorize an investigation.

Upon receipt of a report that a violation has occurred, the School District will take prompt, appropriate formal or informal action to address, and where appropriate, remediate the violation. Appropriate actions may include, but are not limited to, counseling, awareness training, parent-teacher conference, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination, or discharge and/or referral to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

SCHOOL SAFETY

GUN-FREE SCHOOL

(Clinton School Board Policy JCBH, 5/26/2015)

The Clinton Public School District operates in compliance with the Gun-Free Schools Act, Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary School Education Act of 1965. Therefore, all policies and procedures adopted by this board that affect the conduct and/or discipline of students are supplemented by the requirements of this act as follows:

GUNS/FIREARMS

Any student who has in his/her possession any type of gun/firearms, operable or inoperable, while he/she is in school, on school property, on a school bus, on the way to and from school, or at any school function or activity will immediately be suspended by the superintendent or principal of the school where the offending student is assigned.

WEAPONS

(Clinton School Board Policy JCDAE(2), 10/10/2013)

Any student who uses or threatens to use any hard or sharp object, regardless of its original purpose, for a weapon while he/she is in school, on school property, on a school bus, on the way to and from school, or at any school function or activity will immediately be suspended and recommended for expulsion. Examples of such weapons, but not limited to, include knife, bully club, brass knuckles, ammunition, stars, pipe club, brick, bat, chain, razors, box cutters, etc.

Weapons used by students shall be seized and turned over to the school district's security officer. Principals shall exercise their own discretion in each instance concerning the necessity of the notification of the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Other weapons:

Possession, by students, of any hard or sharp object, regardless of its original purpose, that may be considered a weapon while he/she is in school, on school property, on a school bus, on the way to and from school, or at any school function or activity shall be considered in violation of this policy. Suspensions or other punishment for violation of this section of the policy shall be awarded by the principal who shall deal with each individual case based on the circumstances.

CRIMESTOPPERS – 355-8477 (TIPS)

This service is available to anyone who has information to submit to authorities regarding illegal activity such as drugs or weapons. The call is expected to be anonymous and a reward may be offered for information submitted.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

The CJHS faculty and staff expect students to follow all school rules and expectations at all times. Each student must make a conscious effort to be the best person and student she/he is capable of being and observe the following rules *“Always an ARROW:”*

1. **Achieving** – Strive for excellence each day; work hard toward meeting your goals.
2. **Respectful** – Use your manners, be polite, show respect to everyone.
3. **Responsible** – Be a good leader, do the right thing, and remember “You are responsible for YOU!”
4. **Organized** – Plan ahead, be proactive and prepared each day.
5. **Willing to Learn** – Be prepared to learn with a positive attitude; be an active learner, participate in classroom activities, ask questions; do your best at all times.
6. **Successful Students** – Achieve your goals; be a good role model; turn in all assignments and complete your own work; seek help when needed; meet all deadlines.

Our goal is that students will become self-disciplined and responsible.

When a problem arises, the teachers and administrators will work with the parent or guardian to resolve it. Disciplinary actions that may be used are described below.

Detention (3:25-3:55 P. M. Daily)

(Clinton School Board Policy JDC, 3/27/2012)

Teachers or other administrators may impose detention as a disciplinary action on students for misconduct or disorder of conduct not serious enough to require other disciplinary action. The purpose of detention is twofold: (1) to serve as a minor punishment; and (2) to warn the student that an element of his or her behavior is unacceptable and must be changed.

Detention will be served the next school day. Upon receiving a detention, the detention slip will be sent home to be signed by a parent. If the student fails to bring back the signed slip, a parent contact will be made to inform the parent of the detention to be served.

Students must report directly to the detention room at 3:25 and remain there until 3:55 P.M. Failure to serve a detention will result in the addition of a second detention issued by an administrator. If the student does not serve both detentions, he or she will receive an In-School Suspension. The student will not be allowed to return to class until he or she serves all accumulated detentions.

A tardy to detention will result in the assignment of an additional detention, and the student will not be allowed in the room. The student will thereby be required to serve two detentions.

A student receiving five detentions will receive a warning letter. A copy of the letter will be given to the student and an additional one mailed home after he or she has served his or her fifth detention.

An accumulation of detentions will be treated as follows:

5 detentions	After serving 5th detention, the student receives warning letter.
10 detentions	3 days In-School Suspension (ISS)
15 detentions	5 days In-School Suspension (ISS)
20 detentions	3 days Out-of-School Suspension
25 detentions	5 days Out-of-School Suspension
30 detentions	Consideration for Alternative School Placement at the discretion of the administrator.

The only permitted activity of students in detention shall be a writing assignment. Therefore students must bring paper and pencils to detention. If a student reports to detention without any materials, an additional day will be assigned by the detention monitor.

Students must be picked up from detention after school by 4:40 P.M. Failure for the parent/guardian to provide transportation shall result in the student being issued an Overnight Suspension.

In-School Detention

Students placed in in-school suspension will report directly to the in-school suspension. Students must bring paper, pencils, and iPads. Students will be expected to complete a writing assignment and all class work assigned. There will be absolutely no talking, playing, or disruptions while in in-school suspension. Sleeping in ISS is not allowed. Failure to complete assignments or follow in-school suspension school rules will result in additional days in in-school suspension or suspension from school. The remaining ISS days will be served upon return to school.

Mandatory Parent Conference

A student is suspended from school attendance until a conference is held with an administrator and the parent/guardian. If the student returns to school without a parent, he/she will be placed in In- School Suspension until his/her parent comes for the requested conference. If a parent refuses to come to the school for the requested conference, a report to DHS will be made by the school.

Suspension

Suspension from school attendance is used in cases of misconduct or the continued failure to abide by school regulations. All suspensions will have a limit set at the time the suspension is imposed. It will be in effect until a specified date or until certain conditions have been met. The parent will be notified at the time of the suspension and will pick up the student immediately.

Students may be suspended by the principal or assistant principal. When a student has been suspended for more than three times, the student may be placed in alternative school, or recommended to the superintendent for a long-term suspension or expulsion.

Suspensions will start the day an offense has been committed. In all cases of suspension a parent, student, and administrator conference will be held at the school prior to the student's return to class. Students returning to school without a parent or guardian will not be allowed to come back to school and the day will be treated as if the student were not present at all. All days missed because of suspensions are unexcused. Assigned tests missed must be made up the day the student returns to school.

Expulsion

Students will be expelled from school because his or her presence creates a clear and imminent threat to the educational process of the school or to school employees or other students, and that threat cannot be eliminated by other means. The student will be expelled upon request to the Board. Students who may be expelled are entitled to due process.



CJHS Bell Schedule

8th Grade

7:45-8:05	Report to Homeroom
8:10-8:25	Homeroom
8:30-10:05	1 st Block
9:15-9:18	Split Block Switch
10:10-11:45	2 nd Block
11:50-1:45	3 rd Block
1:50-3:25	4 th Block

7th Grade

7:45-8:05
8:10-8:25
8:30-10:10
9:18-9:21
10:15-12:10
12:20-1:50
1:55-3:25

Lunch

12:30-12:55	1st	10:55-11:20
12:55-1:20	2nd	11:20-11:45
1:20-1:45	3rd	11:45-12:10

** Homeroom activity time will be utilized for morning activities

Clinton Junior High School Exam Schedule

2021-2022

1st and 3rd Nine Weeks

***MONDAY-1st and 3rd Block Exams**

October 4

March 7

***TUESDAY -1st and 3rd Block Exams**

October 5

March 8

***WEDNESDAY-2nd 4th Block Exam**

October 6

March 9

***THURSDAY 2nd t and 4th Block Exams**

October 7

March 10

***FRIDAY**

Make up Exams

2nd and 4th Nine Weeks

***MONDAY- 3rd and 4th Block Exams**

December 13

May 23

***TUESDAY -1st and 2nd Block Exams**

December 14

May 24

***WEDNESDAY-1st and 2nd Block Exam**

December 15

May 25

***THURSDAY 3rd and 4th Block Exams**

December 16

May 26

***FRIDAY**

December 17

May 27

Make up Exams

*CLASSES WILL NOT BE INTERRUPTED FOR EARLY DISMISSALS DURING EXAM TIMES.
NO CHECKOUTS WILL BE ALLOWED UNLESS THE STUDENT IS ILL OR THERE IS AN
EMERGENCY

* Student taking make up exams must complete exams when returning to
school throughout the week

**Clinton Junior High School
711 Lake View Drive
Clinton MS, 39056**

Dear Parent:

President Obama on December 10, 2015, and represents good news for our nation's schools signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students.

The new law builds on key areas of progress in recent years, made possible by the efforts of educators, communities, parents, and students across the country.

This letter is to notify you that Clinton Public School district has provided a copy of teachers' professional qualifications for perusal in each school office. The district's goal is to keep you informed about new requirements that enable us to work as partners in the education of our students., communities, parents, and students across the country.

Tamikia Billings, Principal Ed.S
Clinton Jr. High School



