



WEAKLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS

"Lighting The Way To A Brighter Future"

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DATE: September 30, 2021

TO: Members, Weakley County School Board

FROM: Randy Frazier, Director
Weakley County Schools
Steve Vantrease, Chairman
Weakley County School Board

RE: October School Board Meeting

The mission of Weakley County Schools is to provide an educational environment that will encourage students to "achieve their full potential" as they prepare for unique roles as contributing members of our complex and changing society.

The Weakley County School Board will meet at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at Dresden Elementary School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Weakley County School Board will meet on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. at Gleason School.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Destiny Brewer, student at Sharon School, and to the family of Matteo Hathcoat, student at Westview High School. Sympathy is also extended to Aaron Knott for the loss of his mother; to Kellie Sims for the loss of her father and grandmother; to Jess Hames and Archie Rich for the loss of their grandfather; to Kim Simmons for the loss of her brother.

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 School Board Meeting.
3. Consider/approve revising School Board Policy 4.205 (Enrollment in Advanced and College Level Courses) 1st Reading.
4. Consider/approve revising School Board Policy 4.301 (Interscholastic Athletics) 1st Reading.
5. Consider/approve revising School Board Policy 6.200 (Attendance) 1st Reading.

6. Consider/approve revising School Board Policy 6.306 (Interference/Disruption of School Activities) 1st Reading.
7. Consider/approve budget resolutions and/or transfers.
8. Consider/approve hiring the following volunteer coach:
Grant Huffstetler, Greenfield (baseball)
9. Committee Reports
10. Consent Items:
 - B) Field Trips
 - 1) Westview HOSA to travel to Camp Widjiwagan in Antioch October 22-24; to Knoxville for State Leadership Conference March 28-30, 2022
 - 2) Westview FCCLA to travel to Camp Widjiwagan in Antioch October 22-24
 - 3) Gleason High Beta to travel to Opryland Hotel for State Beta Convention November 18-20
 - 4) Westview Band to travel to Paragould High School to compete October 23
 - 5) Westview Cheerleaders to travel to Murfreesboro to compete in TSSAA State Championship on November 6; to Nashville to compete November 20; Paducah January 22, 2022; and Orlando February 9-15, 2022
 - 6) Dresden High FCCLA to travel to Camp Widjiwagan in Antioch October 22-24
 - 7) Greenfield FFA to travel to Indianapolis October 27-30 for leadership training; to Gatlinburg March 27-30, 2022 for state convention
 - 8) Westview FFA to travel to Indianapolis October 26-30 for leadership training; to Gatlinburg March 27-30, 2022 for state convention
 - 9) Dresden High FFA to travel to Indianapolis October 27-30 for leadership training; to Gatlinburg March 27-30, 2022 for state convention
 - 10) Martin Elementary Beta to travel to Opryland Hotel to attend the TN Beta Convention November 19-21
 - 11) Dresden Middle Beta to travel to Opryland Hotel for State Beta Convention November 21-23

WEAKLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS
Westview School
September 2, 2021
5:00 – 6:05 P.M.

Board Members: Beau Atkins, Jeff Floyd, Martin Hamlin, Kim Longacre, Gath Meeks, Joshua Moore & Doug Sims.
(Absent-John Hatler & Steve Vantrease)

Administrative Staff Present: Tracey Bell, Jeff Cupples, Jeromy Davidson, Scott Killebrew, Lee Lawrence, David Lewellen, John Lifsey, Melanie Needham, Patresa Rogers, Betsi Foster, Jon Gardner, Donald Ray High, Mark Maddox, Lindsey Parham, Deborah Perkins, Terri Stephenson & Trista Snider.

Media Present: *Weakley County Press & WCMT*

Meeting Called To Order: Vice-Chairman Moore called the meeting to order.

- I. **Agenda Additions Approved** – Motion by Longacre, seconded by Sims to approve the September 2, 2021 agenda additions. Motion carried.
- II. **Agenda Approved** - Motion by Longacre, seconded by Sims to approve the September 2, 2021 agenda. Motion carried.
- III. **Minutes Approved** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Hamlin to approve August 5, 2021 minutes. Motion approved.
- IV. **Election of Board Positions** - Motion by Moore, seconded by Meeks to appoint Steve Vantrease as Chairman and motion by Meeks, seconded by Floyd to appoint Josh Moore as Vice-Chairman and motion by Meeks, seconded by Hamlin to appoint Kim Longacre as TLN Representative. Motion carried.
- V. **NW TN Local Food Network** - Samantha Goyret, executive director of Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network discussed highlights from the Weakley County Farm to School 2021 Action Plan to the board.
- VI. **Phase II Energy Performance** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Sims to accept from Trane Letter of Commitment to move forward with licensed engineering for Phase II Energy Performance-Capital Improvements for Westview & Dresden K8 Schools. Motion carried.

- VII. Approve FY22 ESSER 3.0 Application** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Hamlin to approve FY22 ESSER 3.0 Application. Motion carried.
- VIII. Budget Resolutions** – The following resolution was approved.
Resolution 142-22-01 – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Longacre to approve Resolution 142-22-01. Motion carried.
- IX. Use of School Buildings** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Sims to approve community event use of the school buildings. Motion carried.
- X. Volunteer Coaches** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Sims to approve the following volunteer coaches. Motion carried.
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| <u>Gleason School</u> | <u>Martin Middle School</u> |
| Kaley Campbell, JH girls’ basketball | Morgan Goodman, boys’ soccer |
- XI. Parent Teacher Conference Rescheduled** – Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Floyd to approve new date for Parent Teacher Conference on September 28, 2021. Motion carried.
- XII. Committee Reports** – None given.
- XIII. Consent Items** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Hamlin to approve the following consent items. Motion carried.
- A. Field Trips** –
- Dresden High School
 1. FFA to travel to Ames Plantation for Soil Competition October 5, 2021.
 - Greenfield School
 1. FFA to travel to Ames Plantation for Soil Competition October 5, 2021.
 - Westview School
 1. Baseball to travel to Gulf Shores, AL for a tournament March 20-24, 2022.
 2. FFA to travel to MTSU for Agriculture College & Career Exploration Day September 29, 2021.
 3. FFA to travel to Ames Plantation for Soil Competition October 5, 2021.

Adjourn – Josh Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Josh Moore, Vice-Chairman

Randy Frazier, Secretary

Board Policy Revisions

First Reading, October 2021

Section	Policy	Rationale for Revision
	REVISED POLICIES	
<i>Section 4</i>	4.205 Enrollment in Advanced and College Level Courses	This revision is to comply with new legislation requiring a local board to develop and adopt a policy that establishes criteria for the enrollment of students in grades 7-12 into available advanced classes.
	4.301 Interscholastic Athletics	New legislation requires that a student's gender for purposes of participation in a school interscholastic athletic activity or event be determined by the student's sex at the time of the student's birth, as indicated on the student's original birth certificate.
<i>Section 6</i>	6.200 Attendance	The new legislation revises the requirements for the progressive truancy intervention plan. Changes are required for the first two tiers of the plan.
	6.306 Interference/Disruption of School Activities	The "Teacher's Discipline Act" establishes requirements and procedures for teachers to discipline students, including relocation of a student.

Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

Enrollment in Advanced and College Level Courses

Descriptor Code:

4.205

Issued Date:

01/05/2016

1 **ADVANCED COURSES**

2
3 Students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) may enroll in available advanced courses
4 including, but not limited to, advanced English language arts, mathematics, science, or social
5 studies courses.¹

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7 To enroll in these courses, students shall meet the following standards: TCAP scores at the On-
8 track level or above from the most recent available test, A or B average in the content area(s) of
9 the advanced class(es), Pre-requisite courses (where applicable).

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11 The principal of each school shall have the authority to require additional criteria for the
12 enrollment in advanced courses to fit the needs of the students within the school.

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14 **NOTIFICATION**

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16 Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be provided written notification of a student's eligibility to enroll in
17 advanced courses. The notification shall state that a student will remain enrolled in the course
18 unless the parent/guardian timely submits a written request for removal.

19
20 Students may also be removed from an advanced course if the student's teacher determines that
21 the student should be removed based on performance after thirty (30) days of instruction and the
22 principal approves the request to remove the student.

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24 **COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES**

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26 Students in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades who are in good standing may earn high school credit by
27 enrolling in college level courses which are conducted at times other than the regular school day
28 at an institution of higher education.² Written approval by the principal shall be required before
29 enrollment, and an agreement from the parent/guardian must be signed and on file at the school.

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31 1. To be eligible, students must meet the participating institution's admissions criteria.
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33 2. Students must be in good standing, maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point average and
34 earning the recommendation of the teacher and/or principal.
35
36 3. Students may participate in college level courses conducted during the school day on the
37 high school campus in accordance with requirements stated in the state regulations.

¹ Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 170; State Board of Education Policy 3.301

² TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.06(4)

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4. Students may be approved by the school principal to enroll in a college course during the school day on the college campus, provided the student's schedule can be arranged to make this option possible.

The Board shall not be responsible for transportation to and from the college or for payment of tuition, fees, or supplies.

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Interscholastic Athletics

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2 No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of,
3 be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic
4 program of the school. Equal athletic opportunity shall be provided for members of both sexes.¹

5 Student athletes shall only be allowed to participate in athletic activities or events that align with
6 the student's sex indicated on his/her original birth certificate.² The Director of
7 Schools/designee shall require the parent/guardian to provide the student's original birth
8 certificate prior to participation in any interscholastic athletics. If the original birth certificate is
9 not available or does not indicate the student's sex at the time of birth, the parent/guardian shall
10 provide medical documentation showing evidence of the student's sex at birth.

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12 Notwithstanding the requirements of the paragraph above, a recipient may operate or sponsor
13 separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon
14 competitive skill or the activity involved in a contact sport. However, where a recipient operates
15 or sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one sex but operates or sponsors no such
16 team for members of the other sex, and athletic opportunities for members of that sex have
17 previously been limited, members of the excluded sex must be allowed to try-out for the team
18 offered unless the sport involved is a contact sport. For the purposes of this part, contact sports
19 include boxing, wrestling, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball and other sports the purpose or
20 major activity of which involves bodily contact.

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22 Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege offered by the school. Students must
23 adhere to established rules and codes of conduct for each activity. It is the responsibility of the
24 student to adhere to the prescribed rules and codes of conduct. Failure to abide by such codes
25 may result in consequences up to, and including, removal from participation.

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27 Interscholastic athletics shall be administered as a part of the regular school program and shall be
28 the principal's responsibility. The principal or his/her designee must accompany an athletic team
29 on trips.

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31 School athletics shall be coached only by regularly employed personnel if governed by TSSAA
32 regulations. Full-time administrators will serve the entire school day performing administrative
33 duties. These persons may be assigned coaching duties during hours outside of the regular school
34 day. Volunteers who assist with coaching at any school must be approved by the principal, the
35 Director of Schools and the Board.

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Legal References:

¹ Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.; 34 CFR § 106.41

² Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 40

4.301 Interscholastic Athletics

1 There shall be a complete annual physical examination of every student prior to his/her
2 participation in interscholastic athletics.³ Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or
3 guardian of the student. These records shall be on file in the principal's office.
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5 Each parent or guardian is encouraged to provide health and hospitalization insurance for all
6 students participating in interscholastic athletics.
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8 No principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school
9 or any group of students for the purpose of permitting them to practice or play baseball, football,
10 basketball or any similar game within the regular school hours of any school day of the week
11 without written permission from the Board. This does not prevent the inclusion of regular
12 physical training lessons in the daily school program.⁴
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14 Coaches and other employees of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone or
15 tolerate hazing activities as part of the athletic program.⁵
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17 Students shall not be disqualified from participation on a school athletic team solely on the basis
18 of participation in another sport except where the season overlaps by more than two weeks.
19 Principals shall ensure that practices are confined to established seasons and that school
20 regulations regarding participation in a sport are reasonable.
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22 Students who move out of their school area but who wish to continue attendance in the original
23 school may continue to participate in athletics. The Board specifically forbids the recruitment of
24 students in any fashion.
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26 Athletic schedules shall be filed in each school principal's office.
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28 Transportation of teams to athletic games is approved by the Board.
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30 **STUDENT SAFETY**

31 No action shall be taken by any coach or athlete that will endanger the safety of any participant.
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34 Initiations shall be conducted with a dignity in keeping with the purposes of the organization.
35 The nature of any initiation shall be outlined and presented in writing to the club sponsor and the
36 principal of the school for approval prior to the actual initiation. Hazing of students is strictly
37 prohibited. Any organization which permits an initiation to go beyond the scope of activities
38 planned and previously approved will be suspended until reinstated by the principal.
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40 **MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

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³ TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(b)

Legal References:

⁴ TCA 49-6-1002

⁵ TCA 49-2-120

4.301 Interscholastic Athletics

1 Athletics are co-curricular sports activities under the direct control of the school principal. The
2 principal will be directly accountable to the director of schools and the Board in all matters
3 pertaining to athletics, according to TSSAA regulations. Weakley County middle schools will:
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- 5 1. Play a maximum of eight (8) regular season football games.
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- 7 2. Game starting times will be set by the schools.
8
- 9 3. Play a maximum of 20 games during a school year. Tournaments shall count as two
10 games notwithstanding the number of games in which each team participates in a
11 tournament.⁶
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- 13 4. If a student is 15 before August 1 of that school year, he/she is ineligible to play football
14 or basketball.
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- 16 5. A student repeating a grade is ineligible for the entire season.
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- 18 6. An eighth grader who has passing grades and is retained at the request of his/her parent(s)
19 or guardian(s) becomes ineligible to play football or basketball in middle school.
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- 21 7. Any school athletic program found in violation of requirements above shall forfeit the
22 game in which the ineligible student participated.
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- 24 8. The coaches will mail a list of players and their ages to the director of school's office
25 before their first football or basketball game.
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- 27 9. A student who participates in a sport at one Weakley County school is not eligible to
28 participate in that same sport at another Weakley County school during that same school
29 year.
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- 31 10. All change of eligibility for the second semester will take effect on the first day of the
32 second semester. Amendments to the eligibility list in the director of school's office must
33 be made prior to participation in any games during the second semester.
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- 35 11. The middle school football teams (schools not members of TMSAA) are to be the
36 Reelfoot Conference. A championship and a runner-up trophy will be awarded. Each
37 member will pay \$25.00 at the beginning of the year for the cost of trophies. Coaches will
38 select the All-Conference Team. The number to be selected All-Conference will be
39 determined at the end of each season. Schools will pay for their own players' awards.
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- 41 12. The middle school basketball teams will have a Weakley County Class A tournament to
42 determine the Class A champion and runner-up. If Martin Middle decides to participate in
43 the tournament (prior to the season starting) then the tournament will be the Weakley

Legal Reference:

⁶ TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.08(2)

4.301 Interscholastic Athletics

1 County Tournament with a Weakley County champion and runner-up. Coaches will
2 select the All-Weakley County Class A Team.

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4 13. The following rotation will be followed to determine the location for the Weakley County
5 Class A basketball tournament: 1. Gleason, 2. Dresden, 3. Martin, 4. Sharon, 5.
6 Greenfield.

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9 **SECONDARY ATHLETICS**

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11 Bylaws of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall regulate the operation and
12 control of secondary athletics.⁷ No credit will be awarded for interscholastic athletic practice
13 during the school day.

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Legal Reference:

⁷ TRR/MS 0520-1-2-.08(1)

Weakley County Board of Education



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Descriptor Term:

Attendance

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6.200

Date:

11-6-18

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2 Attendance is a key factor in student achievement. Therefore, students are expected to be present
3 each day that school is in session.
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5 The attendance supervisor shall oversee the entire attendance program which shall include:¹

- 6
- 7 1. All accounting and reporting procedures and their dissemination;
- 8 2. Alternative program options for students who severely fail to meet minimum attendance
9 requirements;
- 10 3. Ensuring that all school age children attend school;
- 11 4. Assisting the Board with the enforcement of the compulsory attendance laws of the state;
- 12 5. Providing documentation of enrollment status upon request for students applying for new
13 or reinstatement of driver's permit or license; and
- 14 6. Notifying the Department of Safety whenever a student with a driver's permit or license
15 withdraws from school.²
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17 Student attendance records shall be given the same level of confidentiality as other student
18 records. Only authorized school officials with legitimate educational purposes may have access
19 to student information without the consent of the student or parent/guardian.³
20

21 Absences shall be classified as either excused or unexcused as determined by the principal or
22 his/her designee. Excused absences shall include:

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- 24 1. Personal illness or injury;
- 25 2. Illness of immediate family member;
- 26 3. Death in the family;
- 27 4. Extreme weather conditions;
- 28 5. Religious observances;⁴ or
- 29 6. Circumstances which in the judgment of the principal create emergencies over which the
30 student has no control.
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32 The principal shall be responsible for ensuring that:⁵

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- 34 1. Attendance is checked and reported daily for each class;
- 35 2. Daily absentee sheets contain sign in/sign out sheets and indicate students present or
36 absent for the majority of the day;

Legal References:

¹ TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(1)(a); TCA 49-6-3006

² TCA 49-6-3017

³ TCA 10-7-504; 20 U.S.C. § 1232g

⁴ TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.03(15); TCA 49-6-2904

⁵ TCA 49-6-3007

6.200 Attendance

- 1 3. All student absences are verified;
- 2 4. Written excuses are submitted for absences and tardiness;
- 3 5. Systemwide procedures for accounting and reporting are followed.

4 APPROVED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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7 Students participating in out-of-school activities shall be counted as present only when the
8 activities are school directed, related to an instructional activity, and have prior approval of the
9 local board of education.⁶

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11 High school students participating in postsecondary school visits may be counted present under
12 the following conditions:⁷

- 13 • The student shall only be counted present the day of the postsecondary visit and shall not
14 be counted present during any travel days.
- 15 • Students may be counted present for postsecondary visits for a maximum of five (5) days
16 per school year.
- 17 • The student's parent or legal guardian must submit prior notice of the visit, specifying the
18 date of the postsecondary school visit.
- 19 • The student must submit documentation from a campus official of the postsecondary
20 institution. Acceptable documentation includes a signed letter or form.
- 21 • Students must complete all school work missed during the postsecondary school visit.
- 22 • Postsecondary visits are not required of any student.
- 23 • Parents or legal guardians are solely responsible for facilitating postsecondary school
24 visits and for ensuring the safety of the student(s) during the visit.

25
26 A maximum of five (5) days during the school year may be excused for educational activities,
27 i.e., travel/study trips, participation in academic contests, etc. that are not sponsored by the
28 school or school district.

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30 Requests for approval of educational activities exceeding five (5) days must be presented to the
31 Weakley County Board of Education for consideration and approval as an excused absence.

32 EXCUSED ABSENCE - MILITARY

- 34
35 a. A one (1) day excused absence is provided for students when their parent or custodian is
36 deployed into active military service.
- 37 b. A one (1) day excused absence is also provided for students when the parent or custodian
38 returns from active military service.
- 39 c. Excused absences up to ten (10) days are provided for visitation when the member is
40 granted rest and recuperation leave and is stationed out of the country.
- 41 d. Excused absences for up to ten (10) days cumulatively within the school year are
42 provided for visitation during the member's deployment cycle.

Legal References:

⁶ Student Membership and Attendance Procedures Manual, TN Department of Education

⁷ State Board of Education Policy 4.100

6.200 Attendance

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2 Total excused absences under (c) and (d) shall not exceed a total of ten (10) days within the
3 school year. The student shall provide documentation to the school as proof of the service
4 member's deployment.⁸

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6 MAKE-UP WORK

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- 8 • A student with an unexcused absence has no right to make up any school work.
 - 9 • It is the student's responsibility to arrange for make-up work or tests.
 - 10 • Homework or tests assigned prior to an absence will be due the day the student returns to
11 school.
 - 12 • Homework or tests assigned during the student's absence must be completed and turned in
13 by the same number of days of his/her absence, plus one day.
 - 14 • Homework or tests not made up during the specified amount of time may result in a zero
15 for that work.

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17 CREDIT/PROMOTION DENIAL

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19 Credit/promotion denial determinations may include student attendance; however, student
20 attendance may not be the sole criterion.⁹ However, if attendance is a factor, prior to
21 credit/promotion denial, the following shall occur:

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- 23 1. Parents and students shall be advised if a student is in danger of credit/promotion denial
24 due to excessive absenteeism.
 - 25 2. Due process procedures are available to the student when credit or promotion is denied.

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27 PROGRESSIVE TRUANCY INTERVENTION PLAN¹⁰¹¹

28
29 All absences are unexcused until a note explaining the absence is turned into the principal or
30 his/her designee. A student has three (3) days after returning to school to bring a note explaining
31 absences. The principal or his/her designee shall classify each absence as either excused or
32 unexcused in accordance with this policy and/or state law.

33
34 The principal shall report promptly to the director of schools and/or attendance supervisor the
35 names of all children who have been absent for three (3) days without adequate excuse. Three (3)
36 days shall mean the aggregate of three (3) days during the school year and not necessarily three
37 (3) consecutive days.

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Legal Reference:

⁸ TCA 49-6-3019
⁹ TCA 49-2-203(b)(7)
¹⁰ TCA 49-6-3009
¹¹ TCA 49-6-3007; TCA 49-6-3009; Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 22

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Tier 1

Tier 1 of the progressive truancy plan shall apply to all students within the district and include schoolwide prevention-oriented supports to assist with satisfactory attendance. These supports shall include but are not limited to schoolwide promotion of the benefits of regular attendance, teaching the benefits of consistent attendance, building positive relationships with students and families, and educating families on why attendance matters using mailings, call-outs, and social media.

When a student accumulates three (3) unexcused absences, the principal or his/her designee will send a letter to the parent's address on file, requesting the parent to contact the principal concerning the student's absences. ~~and the student must return a signed copy of the letter to the principal or his/her designee. If the letter is not returned, the parent will be called by school personnel.~~

~~When a student accumulates five (5) unexcused absences, the Weakley County Schools Progressive Truancy Intervention Plan goes into effect.~~

Tier 2: When a student accumulates five (5) unexcused absences, the student will be placed at Tier 2 and Weakley County Schools will take the following actions:

1. The Director of Schools will send a certified letter declaring that the student has reached Tier 2 and requiring the parent contact the school to schedule a meeting to discuss the student's absences.
2. The principal attendance supervisor or his/her designee will meet with the parent and student, document the content of the meeting, and cause a contract concerning attendance to be signed by the principal attendance supervisor, the parent and the student. The contract shall include a schedule of follow-up meetings which may be held by phone.
3. ~~Parents who do not respond or refuse to meet will be referred to DCS for parental neglect.~~
4. The family will be referred to the Weakley County Schools Social Worker for assessment and, if necessary, referral to community-based services.

Tier 2 3: If the student does not meet the terms of the contract or accumulates ~~a sixth (6th) unexcused absence~~ three (3) or more additional unexcused absences, the student will be placed on Tier 2 3 and Weakley County Schools will take the following actions:

1. ~~A member of the Attendance Supervisor's staff will inquire to determine the reasons for absences and hold a meeting (in person or by phone) for discussion. Contract modifications will be necessary.~~
2. A community-based service provider will be asked to open a case with the student and parents.
3. The Attendance Supervisor will notify the Juvenile Office to seek help of the student's progression to Tier 3.

6.200 Attendance

1 4. ~~Parents who do not respond or refuse to meet will be referred to DCS for parental~~
2 ~~neglect.~~

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4 ~~Tier 3: If the student breaks the revised contract by accumulating a seventh (7th) unexcused~~
5 ~~absence, the student will be placed on Tier 3 and Weakley County Schools will require the~~
6 ~~parent and student to meet with the Weakley County Truancy Board for adjudication.~~

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8 If the student accumulates an eighth (8th) unexcused absence, If attendance does not improve
9 after two weeks at Tier 3, or the student accumulates more than two additional unexcused
10 absences or the parents do not participate or cooperate in any tier of the progressive truancy plan,
11 the Attendance Supervisor will charge the parent with Education Neglect of a minor in Weakley
12 County Juvenile Court (after a manifestation hearing is held if the student is receiving special
13 education services). The parent will face possible fines and jail time.

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Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

Interference/Disruption of School Activities

Descriptor Code:

6.306

Issued Date:

10/21/2014

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2 The staff is authorized to take reasonable measures to establish appropriate school behavior. Any
3 professional employee shall have the authority to control the conduct of any student while under
4 the supervision of the school system.¹ This authority shall extend to all activities of the school,
5 including all games and public performances of athletic teams and other school groups, trips,
6 excursions and all other activities under school sponsorship and direction.

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8 Such measures may include the use of reasonable force to restrain or correct students and
9 maintain order.

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11 A student shall not use violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive
12 resistance or any other conduct which causes the disruption, interference or obstruction of any
13 school purpose while on school property, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school-sponsored
14 activity, function or event, whether on or off campus. Neither shall s/he urge other students to
15 engage in such conduct.

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17 Harassment, intimidation and other conduct that may be considered "bullying" will not be
18 tolerated. Students shall not engage in conduct that has the effect of unreasonably interfering
19 with another student's academic development or that creates a hostile or offensive learning
20 environment.

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22 A student found guilty of misbehavior may receive punishment ranging from verbal reprimand to
23 suspension and/or expulsion dependent on the severity of the offense and the offender's prior
24 record.²

25 26 **REMOVAL OF STUDENT³**

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28 If a student repeatedly or substantially interferes with the learning environment, the teacher may
29 submit a written request along with the required documentation to the principal/designee to
30 remove the student from the teacher's classroom. The student will be given notice of the
31 rationale for the request as well as an opportunity to offer an explanation.

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33 The written request shall include documentation that the teacher has previously:

- 34 1. Taken action to address the student's disruptive behavior;
35 2. Provided consequences for the student's disruptive behavior;
36 3. Conducted an oral conference either by phone or an in-person discussion with the
37 student's parent or guardian regarding the student's disruptive behavior;
38 4. Provided an opportunity for school counseling or other support services deemed
39 appropriate to address the student's disruptive behavior;

Legal References:

¹ TCA 49-6-4102

² TCA 49-6401

³ Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 77

- 1 5. Developed and implemented a plan to improve the student's behavior in a conference
2 with the student; and
3 6. Issued a disciplinary referral to address the student's disruptive behavior.
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5 The principal/designee will investigate the request and make a decision regarding the student's
6 placement. The principal will notify the teacher as to his/her decision.
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8 *Appeal Process*
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10 If the teacher's request for removal is denied, he/she may file an appeal with the Director of
11 Schools/designee. He/She will review the teacher's request for removal as well as the decision
12 of the principal/designee and make a determination as to the student's placement.

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