



Jimmy Weeks, Superintendent

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Dear Parents,

The attendance policy in the current 2018-2019 Lee County Schools student handbook states on page 11, "A student must be present for at least 50% of their instructional day to be considered present the entire school day." This change from the previous year's requirement of 63% is the result of the federal guidelines. Lee County Schools adopted this policy to reflect the change. However, the state of Mississippi elected to continue to require 63% attendance after local policy had been changed. Lee County Schools adopted this policy change back to 63% of the instructional day in order to be in compliance with state regulations. Unfortunately, handbooks had been printed before the latest mandate was given.

Although the handbook states 50% attendance is required to be considered present for the entire school day, our current school board policy reflects the 63% attendance rate. Therefore, the 63% attendance rate policy will be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year.

We sincerely apologize for the confusion. We want all of our stakeholders to be aware of the policy and the discrepancy in the printed handbook. Again, we apologize for any confusion.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Weeks, Superintendent
Lee County Schools