

NORTH DELTA SCHOOL



STUDENT HANDBOOK 2026-2027

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Welcome to North Delta School!

We are excited about the many opportunities that await our students during the 2026–2027 school year. In preparation for the upcoming year, we have created this handbook to provide important information about the operations, policies, and expectations at North Delta School.

We encourage all families to take time to review this handbook and become familiar with its contents. Within these pages, we have addressed many aspects of school life to help ensure a successful and enriching experience for every student.

A digital copy of this handbook is available on our website at www.northdeltaschool.net under the “Students” section. Our website also includes additional resources and updates to help you stay informed about school events and activities.

As North Delta School continues to grow, our mission remains steadfast: to provide students with a college preparatory education in a Christian environment, while also offering extracurricular opportunities that enrich their lives both now and in the future.

Thank you for being part of the North Delta School family. We look forward to a great year together.

Sincerely,

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WELCOME AND FOREWORD BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The policies and procedures contained in this handbook are the result of a concerted effort by administrators, faculty, staff, and board members. The information in this handbook has been carefully prepared and presented to help you and your parents become acquainted with the policies and regulations of North Delta School and to aid you in planning your academic career here.

Read this handbook carefully and keep it for future reference. The ultimate purpose of education is to help each student become an effective citizen in our democracy. We hope you will participate in our varied activities and find those things within our school which will prepare you to live a better life and take your place in a complex society. Remember that your success in this school will be directly proportional to your efforts. We welcome you to our school and hope you will always be conscious of its traditions and requirements. This school will be whatever you make it. Let us always have the spirit to do the things that will make it outstanding. Suggestions and comments are welcomed and encouraged. Suggestions and comments may be given to the Head of School or Elementary Principal.

This edition of the Student Handbook was adopted by the Board of Directors on July 13, 2026.

NORTH DELTA SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026-2027

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GENERAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

North Delta School is a private, non-profit, non-denominational school of academic excellence for preschool through grade 12 (K3-12). The school is accredited by the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools and Cognia (formerly known as AdvancED/SACS.)

Its purpose is to develop to the fullest extent possible the talents and potential of its students so that they may be useful, productive citizens in their communities and our nation. Christian principles form the foundation of North Delta's moral fiber. Very high standards in both academic and extracurricular activities are maintained to prepare students for college level work. This is the major focus of the academic curriculum at North Delta School. Student achievement is limited only by individual ability, motivation, and dedication. Parental involvement in all aspects of the child's education is essential if we are to reach our goals.

YOUR RECORD

Every day you live you are making a record. You should ever be conscious that this record becomes synonymous with your name. The working world has learned through experience that a complete school record of your scholarship, activity, and citizenship gives valuable information in evaluating your ability and fitness to do certain jobs. Your school record is a link in your life that will be examined many times through the years by those concerned about you and your future. Remember that your record is what you make it. With the proliferation of social media and its role in the function of society, new responsibilities now fall on the shoulders of our students. Make your personal, scholastic, and online reputations ones that you will be proud to claim.

MISSION STATEMENT

North Delta School exists to provide its students with a college preparatory education in a Christian environment and to complement the academic offerings with extracurricular activities that will enrich a student's current life while contributing to their future as citizens of high moral character, ethics, and productivity.

PHILOSOPHY

To achieve our mission, North Delta School will provide challenging learning opportunities at a pace which motivates students desiring to achieve academically at their highest possible levels within a safe, Christian environment. To ensure our mission remains viable and in step with our society, North Delta School will subject its educational programs to constant review and development, seeking to maintain a progressive program that properly meets the changing needs of a global society and its student population.

OBJECTIVES

I. Intellectual Objectives

- a. To provide a safe and stimulating environment for learning
- b. To set high academic standards
- c. To motivate each student to perform at his/her highest level to achieve academic excellence
- d. To create the desire for a lifetime of learning
- e. To foster constructive, critical, and creative thinking by individuals

II. Spiritual Objectives

- a. To promote Biblical standards of ethics
- b. To help students develop a sound standard of values
- c. To help students in their daily walk with God through Jesus Christ
- d. To encourage an understanding of various religious and cultural backgrounds
- e. To educate students regarding honor and truthfulness through the school's Honor Code.

III. Social Objectives

- a. To provide a continual effort to encourage students
- b. To respect the rights and feelings of others
- c. To respect rules and property
- d. To provide an atmosphere for developing and encouraging acceptable social behavior and manners, both in personal relationships and in the realm of social media
- e. To provide opportunities for developing leadership
- f. To encourage students to work together, share their ideas, and make decisions as a group
- g. To develop an interest in community, state, national, and international affairs
- h. To promote pride in school, community, and country and to help students recognize their responsibility to each of these groups
- i. To promote good sportsmanship
- j. To prevent bullying in all of its forms

IV. Emotional Objectives

- a. To help students develop a positive, realistic self-concept
- b. To teach students to assume responsibility for their own actions
- c. To encourage cooperation with and respect for authority
- d. To work toward a supportive relationship among students, faculty, parents, and community
- e. To assist the students to develop a sense of purpose and direction as they prepare for college

V. Physical Objectives

- a. To encourage proper respect for the body
- b. To encourage interest and participation in physical activities
- c. To understand the relationship between a healthy mind and a healthy body

HISTORY

North Delta School, Inc., was organized in May 1987 from a merger of West Panola Academy and North Delta School. The WPA Green Wave and NDS Eagles began their educational services in the mid to late 1960s to provide an alternative educational experience to the existing school systems. The synergistic effect of each school's strengths, personality, and patronage has led to an organization which has achieved new heights in student performance and growth. The school

now serves students from Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Lafayette, and Yalobusha counties.

GOVERNANCE

North Delta School is a non-profit corporation operated under the supervision of a Board of Directors. This Board exercises all of the powers of the corporation, except those which are by law, the by-laws of North Delta, conferred upon or reserved to the members directly. Directors serve without compensation. The School encourages all parents to familiarize themselves with school policies, to participate fully in the operation of the organization in accordance with these policies, to take an active interest in what is being taught, and to offer constructive advice whenever they feel such offering to be warranted. The Head of School and staff are responsible for directing the daily activities in such a way that every student will have the opportunity to maximize his or her academic, aesthetic, and athletic capabilities. The policies of the Board of Directors, accrediting guidelines of the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools, and laws of the State of Mississippi form the foundation of all North Delta rules, regulations, and procedures.

OPEN HOUSE/MEET THE TEACHER

An Open House/Meet the Teacher event (orientation) will be conducted to enable parents to meet their child's teachers, be introduced to the curriculum, and tour the facilities. Announcements outlining the dates, times, and agenda will be sent to our students and their parents.

PARENTS CLUB

An active Parents Club is vital to the present and future success of our school. All parents should ensure that their participation in their child's education is demonstrated by their active free membership in the Parents Club. Periodic meetings are scheduled on the monthly calendar. Organization officers are elected annually at one of the spring meetings. The Parents Club sponsors several major events during the school year. Funds raised from these activities are used to support numerous school projects, such as facility modernization, technology improvements, campus beautification, and securing classroom resources. Parents Club officers also provide assistance and advice to the Administration on many issues involving current situations and future school direction.

BOOSTER CLUB

An active Booster Club is vital to the success of the athletic programs of North Delta School. All parents of student athletes should be active members of NDS Booster Club. Periodic meetings are scheduled on the monthly calendar. Organization officers are elected every two years at one of the spring meetings. The Booster Club sponsors several major events during the school year. Funds raised from these activities are used to enhance our athletic teams and programs.

ADMISSIONS

Admission to North Delta School, its program, classes, and activities, is based on the applicant's ability to complete the course work successfully. North Delta welcomes the application of students of any race, religion, sex, color, and/or national or ethnic origin and does not discriminate in its admissions practices. Faculty, staff, and students are required to identify with, dress in accordance with, and use the facilities associated with their biological gender as assigned on the original birth certificate.

RE-ENROLLMENT

A re-enrollment period will be established by the Board of Directors during late winter or early spring of each school year. Parents of students who will be returning to NDS the next school year will be guaranteed a classroom space ONLY during this re-enrollment period. Parents will be emailed appropriate re-enrollment instructions and tuition fee schedules prior to this registration period. Re-enrollment is achieved only when online forms are completed in full and all enrollment fees are paid. Upon expiration of this period, new students will be assigned remaining classroom spaces in accordance with the date of their application.

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Grades K3-K5

In order to be considered for admission:

- 1) Complete online enrollment application.
- 2) Pay new student registration fee.
- 3) Complete an admission assessment to determine readiness for grade applying.

NOTE: Mississippi State law requires that in order for a child to enter kindergarten, the child must be five by September 1. After this assessment has been evaluated by the admissions committee, a recommendation will be made to accept the student, reject the student, or accept upon condition.

Grades 1-12

In order to be considered for admission:

- 1) Complete online enrollment application.
- 2) Pay a new student registration fee.
- 3) Provide an unofficial transcript and current report card from current school.
- 4) Provide a discipline report from current and previous schools.
- 5) Provide results of standardized tests from previous school.
- 6) Complete an admission assessment to determine readiness for grade applying.
- 7) May not be age 20 or older at the date of expected graduation.
- 8) Attend at least one semester before the semester of graduation to be eligible to receive a diploma.

NOTE: A child must be six by September 1 to enter the first grade. After these items have been evaluated by the admissions committee, a recommendation will be made to accept the student, reject the student, or accept upon condition.

PRIORITY ADMISSION

When classroom vacancies exist, first preference is given to brothers and sisters of students attending North Delta, NDS alumni, and/or children of the faculty. Special consideration also will be given to those students who do not progress as they should or for unusual circumstances must repeat a grade. All applications will be considered in order received and priorities will be exercised by application and payment of the required fees. Final approval of all applicants will be made by the Administration or Board of Directors.

CLASS SIZE

Class size normally will not exceed 25 students per class in grades 1-12. Kindergarten enrollment will be guided by a student to teacher ratio of 12:1. Exceptions to this guideline must be granted by the Board of Directors.

HEALTH RECORDS

The State of Mississippi has mandated that students attending preschool, kindergarten, or school must be vaccinated. The minimum number of immunizations required are:

Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus	5
Polio	4
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2
Hepatitis B	3
Varicella (chickenpox)	2

All preschool and kindergarten students, first graders, and transfer students must have a complete and up-to-date health record on file in the school office. As of the 2012-2013 school year and subsequent years, the state requirement for entering 7th graders is an additional Tdap booster. Proof of this vaccine is due on or before the first day of school. The State of Mississippi requires that this record show proof of age by means of a birth certificate or birth certificate number, all required immunizations, and a physical examination by a physician. Children will not be considered accepted as students until these requirements are met.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and Fees Policy

Tuition rates are established annually by the Board of Directors and are outlined in the school's official Tuition and Fee Schedule. Payment plans are available and coordinated through the Director of Finance. See full Tuition and Fees Policy and Contract Release Policy in Appendix D.

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

The North Delta School Board of Directors has established a Minority Scholarship Program to support qualified students through a partial tuition scholarship. Awards are based on both academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be in good financial standing on all North Delta School accounts.

Recipients will be selected by a designated scholarship committee. Selection criteria include standardized test scores, current high school GPA, character, family income, and letters of recommendation, if requested. Scholarship credits will be applied directly to the recipient's tuition account. If the recipient defaults on a tuition payment at any time, the remaining scholarship credits will be forfeited and removed from the account for the remainder of the school year.

Interested applicants should contact the Administration Office to request the appropriate application forms.

NELL C. RANDOLPH LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Nell C. Randolph has established a Scholarship Program to support qualified students through a partial tuition scholarship. Awards are based on both academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be in good financial standing on all North Delta School accounts.

The recipients of this leadership scholarship will be selected by a designated scholarship committee. Selection criteria include standardized test scores, current high school GPA, character, family income, and letters of recommendation, if requested. Scholarship credits will be applied to the recipient's account on a monthly basis, contingent upon the successful completion of each month's tuition payment.

Interested applicants should contact the Administration Office to request the appropriate application forms.

BELL SCHEDULES

K5 – 5th GRADE EXAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE (Schedules may vary by grades)

8:05 – 8:40 a.m.	Class Alternate Activity
8:40 – 9:00 a.m.	Snack/Break
9:00 – 11:10 a.m.	K5 – 2 nd Activity Alternate Activity
11:10 – 11:40 a.m.	Lunch
11:40 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Class
*1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Classes alternate Recess
2:50 p.m.	Dismissal

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULES

GRADES 9-12

8:05 – 8:56 a.m.	1 st Period
8:59 -9:50 a.m.	2 nd Period
9:50 – 10:05 a.m.	BREAK
10:08 – 10:59 a.m.	3 rd Period
11:02 – 11:53 a.m.	4 th Period
11:56 a.m. – 12:47 p.m.	5 th Period
12:47 – 1:12 p.m.	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:06 p.m.	6 th Period
2:09 – 3:00 p.m.	7 th Period
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

GRADES 6-8

8:05 – 8:56 a.m.	1st Period
8:56 -9:11 a.m.	BREAK
9:14 – 10:05 a.m.	2nd Period
10:08 – 10:59 a.m.	3rd Period
11:02 – 11:53 a.m.	4th Period
11:53 a.m. – 12:18 p.m.	LUNCH
12:21 – 1:12 p.m.	5th Period
1:15 – 2:06 p.m.	6th Period
2:09 – 3:00 p.m.	7th Period
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

CHAPEL BELL SCHEDULES (WEDNESDAYS)

GRADES 9-12

8:05 – 8:51 a.m.	1 st Period
8:54 -9:40 a.m.	2 nd Period
9:40– 9:55 a.m.	BREAK
9:58 – 10:44 a.m.	3 rd Period
10:47 – 11:17	CHAPEL
11:20 a.m. – 12:06 p.m.	4 th Period
12:09 - 12:55 p.m.	5 th Period
12:55 – 1:22 p.m.	LUNCH
1:25 – 2:11 p.m.	6 th Period
2:14 – 3:00 p.m.	7 th Period
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

GRADES 6-8

8:05 – 8:51 a.m.	1st Period
8:51 -9:06 a.m.	BREAK
9:09 – 9:55 a.m.	2nd Period
9:58 – 10:44 a.m.	3rd Period
10:47 – 11:17 a.m.	CHAPEL
11:20 a.m. – 12:06 p.m.	4th Period
12:06 – 12:33 p.m.	LUNCH
12:36 – 1:22 p.m.	5th Period
1:25 – 2:11 p.m.	6th Period
2:14 – 3:00 p.m.	7th Period
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

PEP RALLY BELL SCHEDULES

GRADES 9-12

8:05 – 8:51a.m.	1 st Period
8:51 -9:40 a.m.	2 nd Period
9:40– 9:52 a.m.	BREAK
9:55 – 10:42 a.m.	3 rd Period
10:45 – 11:32 a.m.	4 th Period
11:35 a.m. – 12:22 p.m.	5 th Period
12:22 – 12:47 p.m.	LUNCH
12:50 – 1:37 p.m.	6 th Period
1:40 – 2:27 p.m.	7 th Period
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	PEP RALLY
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

GRADES 6-8

8:05 – 8:51 a.m.	1st Period
8:51 -9:06 a.m.	BREAK
9:09 – 9:55 a.m.	2nd Period
9:55 – 10:42 a.m.	3rd Period
10:45 – 11:32 a.m.	4th Period
11:32 – 11:57 a.m.	LUNCH
12:00 – 12:47 p.m.	5th Period
12:50 – 1:37 p.m.	6th Period
1:40 – 2:27 p.m.	7th Period
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	PEP RALLY
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

The principle academic focus of NDS is to ensure that graduates possess the tools necessary to succeed at the next level of their educational pursuit. Embodied within this focus are the goals stated in the NDS philosophy, including the school's goals to prepare students at the spiritual level. Course offerings are tailored to meet or exceed the admission standards of most Colleges/Universities in the Mid-South area. North Delta School adheres to the recommended guidelines set forth by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), including the 24 credits recommended by IHL for readiness at the state's universities.

NORTH DELTA'S COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM

English	4 units (I, II, III and IV; Dual Enrollment English Composition I and II)
Mathematics	4 units (Algebra I and above)
Science	4 units (Biology I & above)
Social Studies	4 units (Miss. Studies, W. Geog., W. Hist., US Hist., Gov't & Econ.)
Electives	4 units (ACT Prep, Personal Finance, Fine Arts, Social Media)
Advanced Electives	2 units (Psychology, Ancient History of the Middle East) or an advanced English, Science, or Math)
Technology	1 unit (Computer)
Fine Arts	1 unit (Drama, Art I)

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES' ADMISSION STANDARDS

These admission standards apply to high school graduates who apply for regular admission to state universities.

SUBJECT CARNEGIE UNITS

English 4

All courses require substantial communication skills components (i.e., reading, writing, listening, and speaking).

Mathematics 3

Courses should include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. A fourth, higher level, mathematics class is highly recommended. Through a partnership with Northwest Mississippi Community College, North Delta offers Dual Credit classes to qualifying students. (See "North Delta Requirements for Graduation.")

Science 3

Courses should include Biology, Chemistry, Physics, A & P, Environmental Science, or any other science course with comparable rigor and content. One CARNEGIE unit from a rigorous Physical Science course with content at a level that may serve as an introduction to Physics and Chemistry may be used.

Social Studies 3

Courses should include United States History (1 unit), World History (1 unit), MS Studies (1/2 unit), World Geography (1/2 unit), U.S. Government (1/2 unit), and Economics (1/2 unit).

Advanced Electives 2

Requirements may be met by earning two CARNEGIE units from the following areas/courses, one of which must be in Math, Science, or English.

Technology 1

This course emphasizes computers as a productivity tool. Instruction should include use of application packages such as word processing and spreadsheets. The course should also include basic computer terminology and hardware operation.

Art 1

This course introduces students to basic concepts of drawing and painting, as well as basic art vocabulary.

Eighth Grade Units

Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, MS Studies, W. Geography, and/or Computer are examples of eighth grade courses that can be accepted for admission provided the course content is taught the same as the high school course. These rules are currently being changed by IHL, with the possibility of credits being earned in grades younger than eighth grade. North Delta will respond to those changes as appropriate.

NORTH DELTA MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

North Delta School requires 24 credits for graduation. These 24 credits must include 4 units in English, 4 units in social studies, 4 units in mathematics, 4 units in science, and the remainder in electives approved by the Administration. It is recommended that all students in grades 9-12 be enrolled in a minimum of six courses which include math, English, science, and social studies classes each year they are enrolled at NDS. Courses taught in the eighth grade on a high

school level may receive graduation credit. NOTE: Completion of the ACT is also a graduation requirement. Graduation is completed only after commencement exercise and the awarding of diplomas.

HONORS PROGRAM

In addition to the regular college-prep curriculum, honors courses are offered to permit greater depth and acceleration of study. Selection of students is based on discussions with parents, demonstrated achievement at high levels, test scores, and teacher recommendations. Starting with eighth grade math, these courses lead to Dual Credit courses for college credit in the 11th and 12th grade. Student performance in grades 7-9 is very important in the selection process.

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES

1. The curriculum a student chooses must meet the approval of the parents, the counselor, and the Head of School.
2. It is recommended that each student register for a minimum of six classes (units) per semester.
3. No student can earn more than 7½ academic units during one regular school year, with the exception of dual enrollment credits.
4. No student may audit a class.
5. Students who are taking Chemistry must be taking or have taken Algebra II.
6. Students who are taking Physics must have taken Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry (trigonometry is preferred).
7. Prerequisite for Biology II (Advanced Biology) is Biology I.
8. Athletics (9-12) will be considered as physical education during the course of the respective seasons. No more than ½ unit may be earned for athletics during one school year with a maximum of 2 units for graduation credit.

COURSE OFFERINGS AT NORTH DELTA SCHOOL

NOTE: Honors and Regular Tracks available in most classes listed below. Sufficient interest from students required for all classes listed below to be offered.

ENGLISH: English I, English II, English III, English IV

MATHEMATICS: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Advanced Algebra

SCIENCE: Biology I, Biology II, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Physical Science.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Mississippi Studies, World Geography, World History, U.S. History, American Government, Economics

FINE ARTS: Drama, Art

ELECTIVES: Driver's Education, Yearbook, ACT Prep/Personal Finance, Ancient History of the Middle East, Bible, Psychology, Social Media, Health, Statistics, Creative Writing, Physical Science

TECHNOLOGY: Computer Applications

PASS/FAIL CLASSES: The following classes will be graded on a Pass/Fail grading scale: Yearbook and Driver's Education.

ATHLETICS: Varsity and junior high softball, football, basketball, baseball, tennis, track, cross country, golf, cheer, volleyball, and peewee football, basketball and cheer for 5th and 6th graders. 4th graders may be allowed to participate in Pee Wee sports at the discretion of administration.

DUAL CREDIT: College Algebra, English Composition I and II. These are college courses for qualifying seniors offered through Northwest MS Community College. Students must meet the following requirements to enroll:

- Earn a minimum ACT score of 17 in English and/or 19 in Math. ACT superscores will not be accepted.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Successfully complete at least two honors-level courses in the subject area.
- Earn a grade of B or higher in the subject area for which enrollment is being requested.

If the senior does not have the qualifying ACT scores, he/she will have the opportunity to take the Accuplacer test to qualify. Dual Credit classes will calculate into a student's GPA and will count as credit for both North Delta and NWCC.

DUAL ENROLLMENT: Other College level courses are available online through Northwest MS Community College. These classes are offered to Seniors and Juniors who have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Dual Enrollment (DE) classes are taken online and will not be calculated into a student's GPA or counted as credit for North Delta. DE classes will count as college credit only. See the counselor for a list of these classes. **NOTE: Senior and Junior students taking any dual credit and/or dual enrollment courses will be taken at the expense of the student.**

GRADE CLASSIFICATION

Academic credits required for classification:

Less than 6 units	9 th grade
7 units or more	10 th grade
12 units or more	11 th grade
17 units or more	12 th grade

GUIDANCE SERVICES

It is the goal of North Delta School to help each student profit as much as possible from the school programs and to assist him or her in plans for further study. Students and parents will find the counselor available to help students:

1. Select and outline a program of study;
2. Participate fully in the school program;
3. Identify abilities, interests, and special aptitudes by use of standardized tests and other sources of information;
4. Improve social and academic attitudes;
5. Maintain good attendance at school;
6. Obtain information on college entrance requirement and available scholarship awards;
7. Achieve at the level of their abilities and to develop their maximum potential;
8. Understand themselves and their opportunities;
9. Make appropriate adjustments and decisions in light of their understanding.

The school encourages parents and students to contact the counselor when problems arise or when help is desired.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

A student may request a schedule change, but the request must be made no later than four weeks after the start of school. The requested change will be evaluated by the specific teachers, counselor, and the Administration. The decision to change a class schedule should be based on a specific and appropriate reason. Honors course changes must be made during the first week of school.

To change a class schedule, a student will report to the counselor to have his record checked and to get initial approval. The counselor will present the request to the teachers and Administration for final approval. After this final step, the counselor will supervise the change of schedule on the student's schedule and forward the necessary information of schedule change to the teachers involved. If a withdrawal is deemed necessary by the administration after the second progress report, there will be a "withdrawal failing" designation on the student's academic record.

GRADING SYSTEM

Academic grades for students 1-12 will be as follows:

90-100	A
80-89	B
73-79	C
70-72	D
Below 70	F

(Note: Dual Credit courses will follow the appropriate collegiate guidelines for grading.)

Conduct grades for students in 1-12 reflect classroom conduct and class preparation:

A	Excellent
B	Good
C	Needs Improvement
D	Poor
F	Unsatisfactory

Grade Weighting - Dual Credit Courses and Honors Courses will be graded on a 4.5 Quality Point System, and all other courses will be on a 4.0 QPS.

REPORT CARDS

The school year will be divided into four nine-week grading periods in grades 1-12. Reports will be issued to each student via FACTS (the school's online school information system) at the end of each grading period. Parents are requested to examine the electronic report card carefully.

FAILURE OF CLASSES AND RETENTION

1. Credit will not be given for grades below 70.
2. Retention of students in kindergarten will be based upon the teacher's evaluation of work performance, achievement tests, and readiness for placement in the first grade.
3. In grades 1-3, students who fail either reading or math will be retained.
4. In grades 4-5, a yearly average of "F" in one major subject (English, reading, or mathematics) will constitute a failure of the grade level. A student who has failed a grade may not attend summer school for the purpose of promotion to the next grade.
5. In grades 6-8, failure of one major subject (English, mathematics, science, reading, or history) will constitute failure of the grade level. Students who have failed the grade level may be considered for promotion based upon summer remedial work.
6. In grades 9-12, students failing to receive a full credit in a year's major course may repeat the failed course using an approved summer school, online or a correspondence course, or retake the class the following school year. Students are permitted to enroll in only three correspondence or online courses during their four high school years from an accredited source approved by the school administration.

GRADEBOOK POLICY:

Teachers in grades 6-12 will use the following grading percentages:

- Tests, Quizzes, and Major Projects: 60%
- Daily Grades and Homework: 40%

EXAMINATIONS

Semester exams are given in grades 6-12. Semester grades are an average of the two nine-weeks' grades and the semester exam score. The exam score will count one-fifth, or 20 percent, of the semester grade. Final exam exemptions follow the exemption policy guidelines below. These averages will be computed by the classroom teacher based on all course work (grades) during first and second semesters.

* North Delta School teachers are not required to give nine-week exams. Should a teacher give a nine weeks' exam, he/she will address those dates in his/her particular class.

EXEMPTION POLICY

Exemptions from final examinations may be granted only to students in grades 6-12 with a yearly average of 90 or higher. All other students are required to take semester examinations. A teacher can overrule this policy if he/she wishes a student to take an exam. Teachers and students will work cooperatively to determine who is eligible to be exempt from the exam. Exemptions are a privilege and will be treated as such.

Guidelines for Exemptions:

- No detention or ISS;
- No more than ten (10) absences for the year in a single class;
- No more than five (5) absences for the semester in semester course;
- Consideration will be given to students who have multiple absences as a result of documented medical circumstances.
- Any commitment of a major infraction, including cheating, or in-school or out-of-school suspension automatically excludes a student from exemption.

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S LIST AND HONOR ROLLS

The following honors will be recognized each nine weeks and at the end of the year at the Awards Day program:

- Head of School's List for 90 or above in all subjects and an "A" or "B" in conduct each nine weeks
- Honor Roll for 80 or above in all subjects and an "A" or "B" in conduct each nine weeks

DIPLOMAS

The diploma will be awarded to students who (1) earn twenty-four units of credit as established by the State, MAIS, and School regulations, and (2) meet the attendance and conduct requirements of North Delta School, and (3) have attended the first semester of their senior year at North Delta if transferring from another school. *Note: A student who fails to earn*

the correct number of credits by graduation date will not participate in the Graduation exercises. Special circumstances must be presented to the Head of School and approved by the Board of Directors.

ACADEMIC HONORS

A student must take at least 10 honors courses, of which 2 must be dual credit, to be considered for valedictorian, salutatorian, or historian. Accumulated honors points will be reduced by 10 points per day for in-school or out-of-school suspension. Any candidate for Hall of Fame or Honor Graduate who is suspended may have his or her suspension point reduction reviewed by the Academic Honors Committee.

- **Valedictorian:** Highest grade point average of seniors with previous five semester's attendance at North Delta School and a minimum of ten honors courses. * Beginning with the class of 2027, the determining measurement for Valedictorian will change from GPA to highest numerical average.
- **Salutatorian:** Second highest grade point average of seniors with previous five semester's attendance at North Delta School and a minimum of ten honors courses. * Beginning with the class of 2027, the determining measurement for Salutatorian will change from GPA to highest numerical average.
- **Historian:** Third highest grade point average of seniors (attendance and courses same as above) Numerical grades (85, 90, etc.) will be used to break all ties (2 decimal places). * Beginning with the class of 2027, the determining measurement for Historian will change from GPA to highest numerical average.
- **Hall of Fame:** Induction into the Hall of Fame will be based on a point system. These points will be awarded for outstanding performances while participating in North Delta's total scholastic program. Students will start earning points toward induction when they enter the ninth grade. Hall of Fame candidates can only earn academic points in college prep courses at North Delta. Points for induction in the Hall of Fame must be 85 or greater. Honor graduates must accumulate 65-84 points. Points may be removed from a student's total for disciplinary reasons. The Head of School, counselor, and senior sponsors will serve as a Hall of Fame committee and will be the final authority.

The following list indicates number of points to be earned or lost:

General	Grades Honors	Dual Credit
A = +2	A = +4	A = +4
B = +1	B = +3	B = +3
C = +0	C = +2	C = +2
D = -1		D = +1
F = -2		

Memberships

Scholastic Organizations +1
(Mu Alpha Theta, Quill and Scroll, National Honor Society)

Athletic Participation + ½ maximum per sport per year

Anchor Club + ½ * Must meet required number of hours

Honors

- Office held +1
- Honors won +1

(The following are considered Honors: NDS Who's Who; Beauty Revue Top 5; Handsomes; District and/or State Math/Science competition winners; ACT clubs; District and/or State individual athletic awards; select community sponsored awards; school selected awards)

Rotary Student of the Month +1

Citizenship/Discipline + 1 / - 0 to 5 (based on the severity of the discipline)

TESTING PROGRAM

All students at North Delta School take standardized tests throughout their school years. The results of these tests should always be taken in context with all other methods of evaluating academic progress. Although the score of any given test may not be significant in and by itself, a series of scores over a period of time may provide a picture of the

academic progress that a student is making. Parents and students are notified of test results at the earliest time; the guidance counselor or administration should be consulted if questions arise.

Placement Tests: Students entering North Delta School in grades 1-8 for the first time may be given placement tests to help determine the best placement in the school program.

Readiness Tests: Students entering kindergarten may be given readiness tests prior to the beginning of the school year to evaluate their educational and emotional readiness. Similar tests are administered in the spring to help determine the child's progress and readiness for first grade.

Admission Assessments: Every new student shall complete an admission assessment to determine readiness for grade applying.

Standardized Tests:

Grades K5-12: STAR Reading and Math Assessments

Grades 8-9: Pre-ACT

Grades 10-12: American College Test (ACT), Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), and the ASVAB aptitude test. The ACT and SAT may be taken as often as a student desires.

NOTE: The ACT and SAT are college entrance exams. Students must take either test at least once prior to graduation.

TUTORING

North Delta School strives to provide to its students the highest standards of teaching in the classroom by its teachers and staff members during the regular school periods. Should a teacher or parent feel that a student is not advancing at a proper pace in a subject, and they feel additional tutoring services by a North Delta teacher or staff member would be appropriate, the school wishes to cooperate to provide an environment to assist them in obtaining this additional tutoring. Upon the referral or request by a teacher or parent of a student, a student may receive outside tutoring assistance from a teacher or other employee of North Delta School on the school property. The onsite tutoring by a staff member shall be subject to approval of the appropriate administrative principal (either elementary, middle school, or high school) following a conference with the parent. If the parent and principal agree that tutoring by a staff member would be appropriate, and the teacher requested is agreeable thereto, then tutoring may take place on the campus of North Delta School subject to the following conditions:

1. The tutoring should have the approval of the appropriate administrative principal.
2. The tutor shall be a current teacher or staff member of North Delta School.
3. All tutoring sessions shall take place following the completion of the regular school day and after school hours, so as to not interfere with regular class schedules.
4. All compensation for tutoring shall be negotiated directly between the parent and the tutor, and all fees paid are separate from tuition paid to North Delta School.
5. The teacher or staff member tutoring the student shall be employed directly by the parent as an independent contractor and the school is not responsible for any liability in tort or contract for the actions of the staff member while providing the additional tutoring services.

ASSIGNMENTS

A student's assignments and current grades postings may be obtained by checking the FACTS link at the North Delta School website (www.northdeltaschool.net). If you need assistance in logging on to this link, please contact the school secretary. This service should replace the need for the secretary to collect a written compilation of assignments missed when a student is absent.

CONFERENCES AND STUDENT PROGRESS

Parents are invited to visit the school by appointment and confer with the principals and teachers concerning the work of their child. Please do not call teachers during non-school hours. The secretaries will schedule appointments for you. Parents are urged to arrange a conference with teachers at the first sign of problems in a class. Poor performance can often be corrected with communication and cooperation between teacher and parent.

Parents can view their child/children's progress daily by logging on to FACTS (a link to the Family Portal is on the NDS website). Parents will select a username and a password upon enrollment that only they will have access to for their children. Complete directions can be emailed to parents on how to log on to the family portal to view their child/children's grades and homework assignments.

At the end of each nine-week period in grades 1-12, a report listing your child's averages in all classes will be viewable on FACTS. Parents can print a copy of their child's report card and are urged to keep them on file for information and study. If accounts are not current, student grades will not be viewable. Delinquent accounts include tuition, library fines, book fines, or any amount owed to the school. This includes sports uniforms and equipment that must be returned to the school.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts will be provided by the school without charge. Transcripts will be furnished to the student or to colleges at the request of the student.

STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board of Directors, administration, faculty and staff expect that all students are capable of conducting themselves in accordance with acceptable standards of behavior. Honesty and moral integrity are also expected of every student. Disruptive behavior that interferes with another student's opportunity to learn or interrupts a teacher's right to teach will not be tolerated; therefore, certain disciplinary actions will be utilized as consequences for student misconduct. Disciplinary measures will be recorded and kept on file in FACTS.

The school administration's main sequence of punishment is as follows: warning and/or loss of privileges, counsel with student and parents, Wednesday morning detention in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, recommendation for expulsion. Also, there are times when the school administration will deem corporal punishment to be a necessary punishment. The details of each form of punishment are outlined below.

Each time a conduct referral is written, it is kept on record. Each referral will result in an increase in penalty. Once a referral is sent to the office, it is recorded, and the penalty assessed. Exceptions to the steps will not be made and should not be requested. Accumulation of referrals is a sign the student needs more parental intervention and action. Parents are urged to act on all referrals in order to reduce the possibility the student will receive additional referrals.

PENALTIES FOR CONDUCT REFERRALS

1st Referral:

- Warning unless student action requires detention or immediate suspension
- Administration contacts parent

2nd Referral:

- Detention unless student action requires immediate suspension
- Administration contacts parent

3rd Referral:

- One day of in-school suspension unless student action requires additional days
- Administration contacts parent
- A one point deduction will be made in every class missed per day of suspension from their final quarter average

4th Referral:

- Two to three days of out-of-school suspension
- Student is placed on probation
- Parents will meet with the principal and headmaster
- A one point deduction will be made in every class missed per days of suspension from their final quarter average

5th Referral:

- Student is suspended until expulsion hearing

DETENTION

Detention will be used as a consequence for unacceptable behavior. It will be held from 7 a.m. until 7:50 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. During this time, students will complete written homework assignments (no computers allowed) or write copy for the entire time. Students who report late will not be given credit for attending and will have to return the following Wednesday. A student who is absent from detention will be assigned two additional detentions. If a student misses either of those two, he/she will be given a conduct referral and one day of in-school suspension.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

1. Corporal punishment administration may be used as consequences for unacceptable behavior.
2. Parents will be given the option of corporal punishment or a one-day in-school suspension for their child's unacceptable behavior.
3. There will always be a faculty observer present when corporal punishment is administered.
4. Records will be kept in the respective office.

BEHAVIORS WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

Some actions require serious disciplinary action regardless of the number of conduct referrals a student has received. A list of these actions and the days suspended appears below:

- **possession of a gun or other weapon** -suspension until board hearing on expulsion
- **use of tobacco at school or during school functions** -one day suspension and required counseling
- **use of vaping device at school or during school functions**– one day suspension and required counseling
- **skipping class**–one day suspension
- **violation of computer/internet policy**-one day suspension
- **posting, showing and/or sharing of videos/photos/inappropriate material regarding North Delta School, North Delta students, faculty, staff, or administrators during school hours or school functions**-three day suspension
- **throwing food or ice in the cafeteria after being warned once**-one day suspension
- **disrespect of faculty or staff** -one day suspension
- **use of profanity** -one day suspension
- **vandalism or destruction of school or student property** -three day suspension or expulsion plus the cost of repair or replacement
- **use or possession of alcohol at school or at a school function on or off campus**-three day suspension
- **use or possession of drugs at school or at a school function on or off campus**- three day suspension (will also count as a positive test result)
- **stealing from school or student**-three day suspension
- **use of racial slurs**-one day suspension
- **severe technology infractions**-minimum one day suspension
- **fighting**-minimum one day suspension

BULLYING

Bullying, harassment, intimidation, or threatening behavior toward any student, employee, volunteer/substitute teacher, or member of the school community, including verbal, physical, written, electronic (cyberbullying), or sexual harassment, is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion, or dismissal from employment.

WEAPONS AND THREATS

The School takes all threats seriously, even when students make comments in jest, on the Internet, by text, or away from School toward or about another student, employee, or the School. Students are prohibited from bringing any type of weapon (whether operable or not) to School or School-sponsored events, including knives, guns (all types), fireworks, etc. (this includes, without limitation, leaving weapons in vehicles). This prohibition includes, without limitation, pocket knives (even those that are part of a key chain), firecrackers, matches, lighters, smoke bombs, stink bombs, or any type of explosive device. Any such item may be confiscated and, if appropriate, reported to and turned over to law enforcement. Any pictorial depictions of weapons, or verbal or written comments that the administration determines in its discretion to be threatening in nature, or any behavior that is threatening, will result in disciplinary consequences. Violators of this Weapons and Threats Policy will be subject to disciplinary consequences from the School, up to and including, expulsion, as well as subject to penalties imposed by state authorities.

All members of our community are required to immediately report any comment, posting, text, or other form of communication or information that they receive or learn about that reflects that someone has made a threat toward or about another student, an employee or the School. If there is any communication or behavior that concerns you, report it to one of the deans or to any administrator.

Threats of violence or acts of violence by a student, employee, parent or other individual may be reported to law enforcement and any other authorities the School deems appropriate. The School will cooperate with investigations by authorities, and the School may also conduct its own investigation. With respect to such threats or acts by students, the

School may report such threats or acts of violence to future schools, camps, athletic programs, and other organizations in which the student participates. The student's transcript or report card may also note the threat or act. In determining whether to report such threats or acts of violence, the School may consider, among other factors, the gravity and nature of the threat or act violence, the disciplinary history of the individual, academic or work performance, behavioral history, social profile, other information available to the school (i.e. access to weapons, mental health information, family situation, etc.), and/or the outcome of any investigations.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism is defined as submission of work copied directly from any source that is not properly enclosed in quotation marks and acknowledged by parenthetical documentation and/or in the Works Cited OR paraphrasing and/or restating an author's original idea that is not acknowledged by parenthetical documentation and/or in the Works Cited. Plagiarism is a form of cheating.

Cheating is submitting for credit as one's own, someone else's work. Cheating includes but is not limited to the following:

- giving or receiving answers during quizzes, tests, or exams
- using any form of memory aid during quizzes, tests, or exams without the expressed permission of the teacher
- lending homework to a fellow student to copy is considered cheating by both participants
- copying, emailing, or in any way duplicating assignments that are turned in, wholly or in part, as original work
- using online summaries of assigned readings instead of reading the text in its entirety
- using ChatGPT or other AI (Artificial Intelligence) sites to create assignments that are turned in as the student's original work

Disciplinary Actions for Plagiarism and Cheating

A student who is caught plagiarizing or cheating on an assignment, quiz, test, or exam will be given a zero. The student's parents/guardians will be notified. A student who is caught cheating loses his/her right to be exempt from the final exam in the class he/she was caught cheating. Repeated violations will result in in-school suspension or out of school suspension, and the parents/guardians must meet with the Head of School to have their child readmitted to class.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

In-school suspension will be assigned by the Administration. Cell phone usage is not allowed during in-school suspension, and computer usage will be at the discretion of administration. A student must make up work missed in each class during his or her suspension; additionally, he or she is classified as absent. The absence will count as one of the absences allowed each semester. The following point deductions and penalties will occur per day of in-school suspension:

- One (1) point from the final quarter average per academic class missed
- Ten (10) honors points per day from accumulated honors points for Hall of Fame/Honor Graduate
- Loss of eligibility of awarding of The Crest's Who's Who. See Appendix C.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Students who repeatedly violate school rules and regulations will be subject to suspension from school for a period determined by the severity of the act (not to exceed five days). Each day missed will be counted as an unauthorized absence and result in the following point deductions and penalties:

- One (1) point from the final quarter average per academic class missed
- Ten (10) honors points per day from accumulated honors points for Hall of Fame/Honor Graduate
- Loss of eligibility of awarding of The Crest's Who's Who. See Appendix C.

All work is to be made up. The suspended student will be notified verbally and in writing of the suspension. Parents who seek recourse may appeal first to the Head of School and then to the Board of Directors. The Head of School will notify the Board at the earliest date of all suspensions. At the next regularly scheduled monthly school board meeting, the Head of School shall provide a report to the Board of Directors of all In-School Suspensions and Out-of-School Suspensions with a disciplinary history for the student(s) suspended. Prior to re-admittance following an out-of-school suspension, the student and parent (s) will consult with the Head of School.

EXPULSION

Students whose willful misbehavior endangers the welfare of other students or whose continued disregard for

established rules disrupts the school environment are subject to permanent expulsion. Should such conduct arise, the Head of School will expel the student, promptly notify the Board of Directors of the expulsion and notify the parent or guardian of the expulsion. The Notice of Expulsion shall provide a detailed account of the violation(s).

The Notice of Expulsion will entitle the student to a due process hearing before the Board of Directors if the student and/or parents follow the procedure to request a hearing. If no hearing is requested within ten (10) days of the Notice of Expulsion being served on the parents/guardians, then the expulsion of the student shall be final.

To request a "due process" hearing, the parents and/or guardians shall provide the Head of school with a request for review, in writing. A date will be scheduled for the hearing no earlier than a 24-hour period after the occurrence. Student and parent/guardian must be present at the appeals hearing. In the event there are multiple students expelled, the group will elect one student and one parent to represent them at the hearing. Once the case is presented to the Board of Directors, the Student and Parent will be dismissed from the meeting and premises. The Board of Directors will provide a ruling of the Board's decision within 48 hours after the hearing.

In the event of permanent expulsion, all tuition and fees owed pursuant to the student's enrollment contract shall remain due and payable, and no refund or reduction of tuition will be granted.

MARRIED STUDENTS

Married students may not attend North Delta School. Students who marry are considered adults and are no longer under the authority of their parents; therefore, they are not eligible to attend North Delta School.

PREGNANCY AND ABORTION

Because of our responsibility and concern for the health and welfare of North Delta's student body, students who are pregnant, or have been pregnant, and students who are responsible for a pregnancy are not eligible to attend North Delta School.

BOY-GIRL RELATIONSHIPS

Boyfriend-girlfriend relationships should be guided and chaperoned from the home. School is not the place for outward displays of affection for one's girlfriend or boyfriend. If such a situation occurs and persists, the school will be forced to take appropriate action.

DRESS CODE

North Delta School's dress code, which is for children in K5 through 12th grade, has been implemented to try to eliminate the ongoing clashes between modern fashion with more modest attire that is appropriate for the school setting. Current research clearly indicates that school uniforms help to improve academic focus, decrease student discipline problems and also promote a sense of belonging.

North Delta expects its students to be clean, neat, well groomed, and modestly dressed. Our dress standards are not intended to remove the creativity of the individual, but rather to eliminate distractions from the supportive environment. We ask parents to help us avoid sensitive moments by checking their children's attire before they come to school.

CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATION

- 1ST VIOLATION - If a student's attire for the school day or school-related activity is found to be unacceptable according to the Dress Code standards, the student will receive a referral and be asked to contact the parents to bring the appropriate item of clothing. If a student has to miss class due to such violations, the absence is counted as unexcused. Students will not be permitted to return to class until the dress code violation has been resolved.
- 2nd VIOLATION - In addition to the above, students will be assigned detention.
- 3rd VIOLATION - In addition to the above, students' parents will be contacted by administration.
- 4th and FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS - In addition to the above, students will be assigned out-of-school suspension.

****All uniform clothing is only available from our uniform provider - The Uniform Shop in Senatobia, MS.****

- **OUTERWEAR:** To maintain our dress code in the classrooms, we require that outerwear come from The Uniform Shop or approved outerwear purchased through NDS. Outerwear must be black, gray, green or white. A school uniform shirt must be worn under school approved outerwear (i.e., the ND logoed polo shirt must be worn under all sweatshirts). Non-NDS outerwear may be worn outside but must be taken off once the student comes into the building.
- **HEM LENGTHS:** Shorts, skirts and skorts must be hemmed to an appropriate length no higher than 4 inches above the crease at the back of the knee.
- **LEGGINGS/SOCKS:** Leggings or knee/crew socks must be solid black, white, or dark gray.

- **TUCKED SHIRTS:** For males grades 6-12, shirts must be tucked in and a belt worn with all pants and shorts.
- **SHOES:** Obvious attempts by students to work against the function and purpose of school uniforms through inappropriate choices of shoes will be considered a violation of the school uniform policy.
- **CASUAL DAY:** On football gameday and other special occasions, the administration may provide the students with a “casual day.” Guidelines for Casual Days are listed below:

Boys: NDS polo shirt/t-shirt is required on casual days. Shirts must be tucked in at all times for boys in grades 6-12. Shirts should not have any holes or any damage that alters the color or image or exposes the skin. On these days, blue jeans with no holes, tattered hems, patched holes, or distracting additions to the pants and uniform approved khaki pants/shorts are acceptable. A belt is required to be worn on these days. Athletic pants and shorts are also allowed on these days only.

Girls: NDS polo shirt/t-shirt is required on casual days. Shirts should not have any holes or any damage that alters the color or image or exposes the skin. On these days, blue jeans with no holes, tattered hems, patched holes, or distracting additions to the pants and uniform approved skirts/khaki pants/shorts are acceptable. Leggings/Jeggings are only allowed for girls in grades K3-3rd.

All: All shirts, tops, and dresses must cover the top of the shoulders. Backs should be covered. No see-through apparel is allowed. No skin may show between the top of the pants or skirt and the bottom of the shirt.

References to alcohol, tobacco products, or drugs are not permitted on any student clothing. If the student chooses to wear a t-shirt, it must be a NDS t-shirt. ND Sweatshirts may be worn as outerwear. Joggers, wind pants and athletic shorts, following appropriate length guidelines above, are acceptable. Appropriate game/practice apparel (shorts/sweats) may be worn.

HAIR STYLES

All hairstyles should be neatly groomed and kept out of the face. Extreme hair colors or permanent/semi-permanent adornments will not be allowed. Boys' sideburns should not be below the lobe of the ear. Boy's hair should be no longer than the base of the shirt collar. Boys may wear braids if the braids are tied and put on the head. Students will be clean shaven; no beards, goatees, or mustaches are permitted.

The following items are not acceptable:

1. Boys may not wear earrings. No body parts may be pierced with the exception of a girl's ears.
2. Any article of clothing, hairstyle, or shoes that is deemed distracting will not be allowed.

USE OF TELEPHONE AND CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones are a distraction in the classroom and a disruption to the learning process. Cell phones are not allowed to be used during the school day. Students may NOT use cell phones in classrooms, hallways, or common areas at any time.

Students with an approved medical accommodation that requires the use of a cell phone to monitor a medical condition may keep their phones on campus. At the beginning of each class period, the student must give the phone to the classroom teacher so the student's medical information and alerts can be monitored as needed. The phone must remain with the teacher unless it is needed for medical purposes. During class changes, the student must place the phone inside his or her backpack before entering the hallway. The phone may not be carried openly or used in hallways or other common areas. During lunch, chapel, assemblies, or other activities outside the classroom, the student must give the phone to the teacher or staff member on duty. This exception applies only to the approved medical accommodation and does not permit the student to use the phone for calls, messages, social media, or any other nonmedical purpose.

All other cell phones will be deposited in school-provided bins each morning when students arrive at school. The bins will be divided by grade level, and each student will have a designated spot for his or her cell phone. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to ensure that the phone is labeled with the student's name or has another way to identify it. Students who drive may leave their phones in their vehicles.

The school administration reserves the right to search for cell phones or other electronic devices at any time without prior notice. Students who are seen with a cell phone or whose cell phone is heard during the school day will receive the following consequences:

- ★ **1st Offense** - Phone will be taken up and kept in the office. The child's parent must pick up the phone and pay a \$50 fine at the end of the school day that it was taken.
- ★ **2nd Offense** - Phone will be taken up and kept in the office. The child's parent must pick up the phone and pay a \$100 fine at the end of the school day that it was taken. In addition to the fine, the student will receive three days of in-school suspension.

- ★ **3rd Offense** - Phone will be taken up and kept in the office. The child's parent must pick up the phone and pay a \$200 fine at the end of the school day that it was taken. In addition to the fine, the student will receive three days of out-of-school suspension. If the student is found with the phone on campus at any time during the rest of the school year, then the student will go before the head of school for further disciplinary consequences.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Students are expected to uphold the standards of conduct outlined in the North Delta School Handbook at all times, including on social media and digital platforms. Any inappropriate behavior—whether directed toward fellow students, faculty, staff, or their families—may result in disciplinary action. This includes content shared on social networking sites, messaging apps, or any other digital communication platforms.

Disciplinary measures will be administered according to school policies and may include suspension or expulsion.

Additionally, students are not permitted to film or record other students during school hours (7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) or during sports practices and other supervised school events. This includes behaviors such as horseplay or roughhousing. This restriction does not apply to officially sanctioned athletic games or performances.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR STAFF AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

All members of the North Delta School community—including staff, parents, and guardians—are expected to represent the school in a respectful and appropriate manner, both in person and online. The following actions are strictly prohibited when posted on social networking sites or digital platforms:

- Bullying, threats, harassment, or defamatory comments
- Inappropriate or harmful portrayals of North Delta students, faculty, or staff
- Posts that may cause distress or damage the reputation of the school or its community

Employees who publicly identify themselves as affiliated with North Delta School (e.g., through logos, photos, or bios) must adhere to professional standards online. This includes avoiding:

- Personal insults
- Profanity
- Ethnic slurs
- Any disrespectful or harmful language that could be associated with North Delta School

Consequences:

- **Parents/Guardians:** A first violation may result in removal from school events and programs. A second violation may lead to suspension or expulsion of their child(ren).
- **Teachers/Staff:** A first violation will result in suspension without pay. A second violation may result in termination of employment.

LUNCH AND BREAK CONDUCT

A lunch program is available for students in all grades. Lunch menus will be available the week prior. Students may also bring a sack lunch. The lunch period is 25 minutes long. Conduct and behavior in the lunchroom should exhibit pleasing and acceptable manners. Students will not leave the lunchroom without special permission. Students are not permitted in the food service area by order of the Health Department. Students are responsible for maintaining a clean and neat break and lunch area. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. Students will remain in the designated area until dismissed by the bell or by a staff member. Snacks and drinks may be purchased during break time or the lunch period only. **No food or drinks should be taken from the cafeteria without the consent of the Administration.**

LOCKERS

Student lockers are the property of North Delta and are assigned to students as a privilege. Lockers are subject to inspection at the Head of School's discretion. If a student chooses to put a lock on the locker, an extra

key/combination must be kept in the main office. Each student will use only the locker assigned to him. Book bags should be stored in the lockers. Students are responsible for locker appearance and/or damage. Book bags must not be left on the floor.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for the security of their personal property throughout the school day. Items not used for classroom/educational purposes should not be brought to school unless left in the office during the school day.

STUDENT VEHICLE PARKING

No student will be allowed to drive on campus without a valid driver's license. A student must register their vehicle in the High School office annually to park on campus. Students will pay a \$5 annual registration fee. Registration will only be allowed to students with a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. Upon registration, students will be issued a parking hang tag which must be hung from the rear-view mirror at all times while on campus. If they lose their hang tag, students must pay a \$10 replacement fee.

Students may park in the designated student parking areas only. Students must only operate their vehicle on the paved areas of campus and are prohibited from any reckless driving activities. Violations of these rules or any driving misconduct deemed unacceptable by administration will be subject to punishment up to suspension or expulsion depending on severity of offense.

VISITORS/PARENTS/GUESTS

All parents, visitors, or salespersons must report to the office upon arrival on the campus. Parents may not sit in a classroom while class is being conducted without having been invited by the teacher. **NOTE:** All deliveries must be brought to the office. Gifts/flowers should not go directly to a classroom.

SCHOOL SECURITY

North Delta School reserves the right for its Head of School and/or administrators to search lockers, automobiles, and any school bags, without the student's knowledge or presence. Reasonable search of students may be necessary for the safety and welfare of our students and faculty. Any means practical may be exercised by North Delta School to ensure a drug-free environment, including the use of specially-trained drug dogs. Guns, knives, or any other instrument that could endanger other students are prohibited on campus and will be confiscated. Furthermore, North Delta utilizes a video surveillance system on its premises at all times.

ATTENDANCE

A student is required by Mississippi State Law to attend school each day unless a valid excuse is presented. Since regular attendance is paramount to normal progression through the curriculum, students are expected to remain in school every minute of each school day, including assigned study halls. Should excessive absences impact academic performance, parents will be contacted by a member of the faculty or the Head of School. In order to receive a perfect attendance certificate, a student must attend every school day the entire day the entire school year.

ABSENCE

All students are required to be present in 90 percent of class meetings for every course in each semester. A student missing a class more than 18 times (excused or unexcused with the exception of school-sponsored activities) within a full year's course or nine (9) times within a semester course may not receive credit for the course missed regardless of the grade achieved. If the maximum number of absences is reached, the student and his parents will be informed and required to jointly confer with the Administration. A student must attend class for 30 minutes to be counted present. Four hours constitutes the minimum time for a school day. Each teacher is responsible for keeping an accurate record of absences. Flexibility is required and each case will be dealt with on its own merit. Consideration will be given to students who have multiple absences as a result of documented medical circumstances. School sponsored events are not counted as an absence. Appeals to the Board of Directors may be made by following the appeals process.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Excused absences are those due to illness of the student, serious illness or death in the immediate family, medical appointments, school sponsored events, and those that have been coordinated by the parents with the Administration at least two days prior to the absence(s). **If** your child or children will be absent from school or tardy please call the office between 7:45 and 9 a.m. If no contact is made, parents must send a note to school the first day the student returns.

Note: An excused absence will be counted against Perfect Attendance eligibility, with the exceptions of school-sponsored events.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Absences not verified by a note or personal contact from parents will be considered as

unexcused. Students have three days after an absence to clear up unexcused absences so that they will be able to make up any missed work.

If a student is absent from school or class for any reason, one of the following types of excuses must be presented to the teacher (K3-5) and the office (6-12):

- A note or phone call from a parent or legal guardian stating the reason for the absence;
- A medical doctor's note stating the reason for the absence.

PREARRANGED ABSENCES OR EARLY DISMISSALS

Students who are checking out must turn in notes before 8:30 a.m. In all cases, to prearrange an excused absence or early dismissal during school days, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Parents should send a note stating the specific reasons for the absence or dismissal no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day such request is to take place.**
2. No phone call checkouts will be permitted after 9:00 a.m. unless prearranged with the school office, as outlined above. **After 9:00 a.m., a parent or authorized guardian must come to the school in person to check out a student.**
3. All notes must have a home or business phone number of a parent or legal guardian for verification by the school.
4. The student should make arrangements with each teacher to complete the work that will be missed during the absence.
5. Students leaving the campus prior to the end of school must sign out in the office.
6. Parents who come to school to pick up a student should come to the office. The student/parent must sign out in the office before he/she leaves the campus.
7. If a student returns to school before the end of the school day, he should sign in at the office.
8. Students participating in athletic events that require early departure will be excused without a parental note. Siblings of these students are not excused without a parental note as described above.
9. Parents and students are encouraged to arrange dental, doctor, and other appointments after school or on Saturday when possible.

MAKE -UP WORK

When a student is absent, he/she will be permitted to make up missed work. Scheduling such make-up work is the student's responsibility, not the teacher's, and will be arranged at the teacher's convenience. A student will be permitted a period of time equal to the duration of his absence in which to make up missed work, except that in the case of an absence of one day or less, any assignment due on the day of the absence will be due the next day. For extended absences (over a week) the teacher may allow additional time. A student who has missed a test during his/her absence must report to a test make-up session scheduled before school. The student will be responsible for coordinating this make-up session with the teacher involved. A student who does not report to this make-up session will receive a zero on the test or tests to be made up.

No student will be excused from this make-up session for extracurricular activities or appointments. Work missed near the end of the first or second semester must be made up in order for the student to receive credit.

TARDINESS:

Students not in their classroom before the tardy bell rings will be considered tardy. Tardy students must report to the Head of School, Elementary Principal, or the designated administrator to obtain a tardy slip before entering class. No student will be admitted to class 30 minutes after the tardy bell rings. This will be an absence from that class and a tardy from school. They will remain in the office until the bell rings for the next class period. The student is responsible for getting assignments missed.

The penalty for tardiness will be administered according to the following guidelines:

- 1-3 tardies in a semester - warnings
- 4-5 tardies in a semester – Wednesday Detention
- 6 and subsequent tardies in a semester – In-School Suspension

Note: In the event of unusual circumstances that result in a student receiving a tardy, a parent may request of the Head of School that a tardy incident be excused. The request must be made in writing within two (2) days of when the tardy was issued. No requests will be accepted after this time.

ATHLETIC POLICIES

ELIGIBILITY/PARTICIPATION (NO PASS, NO PLAY POLICY)

A student must pass four major subjects and meet Mississippi Association of Independent School (MAIS) rules for eligibility to be permitted to play interscholastic sports at North Delta School. See your coach or athletic director for complete MAIS rules and regulations.

ATHLETIC PRACTICE POLICY

- If an athlete has more than one practice in a day for different sports during the school year, the total practice time shall not exceed 4 hours. The exception to this rule is football two-a-days.
- If an athlete has a game, they shall not be required to practice another sport on that day. The practice time to be calculated includes any team meetings, film, conditioning, strength training, and practice.
- All athletes must be given no less than one day a week to recover. No team activities may be required to take place on the scheduled off day. The practice time to be calculated includes any team meetings, film, conditioning, strength training, and practice.
- When possible, the Athletic Trainer and all appropriate staff should be given no less than 24-hours' notice of a practice/game addition and/or change. Any practice/game alteration due to weather is an exception to this policy.
- Athletes are expected to attend all regularly scheduled practices. Absences must be excused, just as in the case of class absences.
- A student will not be permitted to practice if they were absent from school that day. Exceptions will be considered only with a doctor's note or an approved school excuse.
- When academic and athletic obligations conflict, the teacher, coach, Athletic Director, and Administration should be consulted.

CHEERLEADING

In addition to the policies listed above, cheerleading must adhere to the following guidelines.

Eligibility/Participation

- A candidate trying out for the junior high squad must be a rising 7th, 8th, or 9th grader.
- A candidate trying out for the varsity squad must be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior.
- A candidate must pass four core subjects (English, math, science, history) prior to the cheer tryouts and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher to be eligible for tryouts. After making the squad, she must pass the four core subjects for the year prior to the cheer season.
- To maintain eligibility to cheer throughout the school year, a cheerleader must pass the core subjects. No cheerleader will be allowed to participate in any sporting event/pep rally if she fails two or more subjects. At each checkpoint the Athletic Director will notify the cheer coach/sponsor. During the period of suspension, the cheerleader will attend practices and carry out assigned cheer responsibilities. She must dress out for pep rallies and games and sit with the sponsor.

Conduct at School

- A cheerleader will lose eligibility for two consecutive weeks if she is given detention more than three times in any nine-week grading period. More severe consequences regarding eligibility will be administered if unacceptable behavior persists.
- A cheerleader must attend school for at least four periods to be eligible to cheer at a game or pep rally that day. A cheerleader unexcused from school Friday will not be allowed to cheer at a basketball game on Saturday.

Tryouts

- Each girl trying out to cheer must sign up in the high school office. If she meets the grade requirements for trying out, she will be given an information sheet/parental permission form that must be read and signed by one of her parents and returned prior to tryouts. The tryout fee of \$25 must be paid prior to tryouts.
- In order for a girl to be eligible to try out, the family's account (tuition and extracurricular activities) with the school must be current.
- A girl trying out for cheerleader must be registered for the upcoming school year.
- A tryout clinic will be held prior to tryouts. Typically, tryouts are the week prior to Spring Break. During this time, the girls will be taught the group cheer, group sideline and the group dance. Each girl will then be emailed a copy of the cheer and dance. Tryout practices are closed; only participants, instructors, and cheer coaches are allowed in the gym.
- UCA judges are used for tryouts.
- Tryouts are typically held the Thursday prior to Spring Break.
- Tryouts are closed; parents and friends will not be allowed in the cafeteria or gym during any portion of the tryout time.

- Each girl will be judged in the following categories:
 - Entrance -Chant (tumbling is not required)
 - Jump
 - Group Sideline
 - Group cheer
 - Group dance
- Girls should wear shorts or a skirt (without writing on the back), a matching tank top or shirt, and tennis shoes. Girls who have been cheerleaders may not wear any ND cheer attire from the previous year(s). No jewelry can be worn, and each year's hair should be worn in a ponytail. Cheer shoes may be worn.
- Typically, sixteen girls may be chosen for the junior high squad and for the varsity squad. The top scores will be selected. More or less could be chosen if there is a break in the scores or the minimum is not met. This decision is completely up to the tryout judges. In the event of a tie, the tie will not be broken. The highest possible score is 150. To be eligible to make the squad, the minimum score will be no lower than 90.
- Score sheets will be tabulated by two North Delta staff members who do not have daughters or family members trying out for the squad. The cheer coaches/sponsors do NOT tabulate the scores.
- Tryout results will be posted on the North Delta website shortly after tryouts. All participants must leave the school building after tryouts.
- There is a 24 hour "cooling off" period. You may not contact the coach/sponsor, administration or anyone assisting with tryouts until after this time.

SCHEDULING OF ATHLETIC EVENTS

Schedules for all sports shall be made in collaboration with the head coach of each sport, the Athletic Director, and the Head of School. Every effort should be made to reduce the number of missed classes due to early departures for activities. Once a team's schedule has been submitted and approved, there will be no other contests added or changed unless bad weather requires rescheduling. Contests will be limited to two per school week, except during district or state tournaments, and competition during examination time will be carefully regulated.

TEAM TRIPS

Athletes traveling on team trips continue to be under the jurisdiction of North Delta School. All school rules remain in effect, and the athletes are directly accountable to the school coach who is responsible for them. All athletes making trips with their team will be expected to return with the team on the bus unless an athlete's parents speak directly to the coach and request permission for the student to return home with them. This privilege will usually be granted. The student driver of a vehicle departing from the school and transporting students to school events, must be approved by the Administration and have parental permission. A student driving a vehicle departing during normal school hours and transporting other students must be at least 17 years of age. Student riders must have their parent's permission to depart school with a student driver.

GYMNASIUM POLICIES

1. Coordination of the use of the gym is the Athletic Director's responsibility. Request for keys, dates, etc., must be approved by the Athletic Director.
2. No one will be allowed to practice or play at any time without proper coaching/adult supervision.
3. Keys will not be given to students.
4. Locker rooms are to be locked at all times when not in use.
5. Tennis shoes only will be allowed on the playing surface.
6. Clothes or items left on the floor or in the locker room will be discarded.
7. All equipment should be properly stored after use.
8. No food or beverage will be allowed in the gym during school hours.
9. Horseplay of any kind will not be tolerated.
10. Spectators should walk outside the black painted line on the gym floor.

CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

Poor sportsmanship by any coach, player, or spectator cannot be tolerated and will undermine North Delta's good relationship with the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools and the teams with whom we compete. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and any example of unsportsmanlike conduct during a contest is unacceptable. This expectation also extends to spectators, who in the heat of an exciting contest, may react in an unsportsmanlike manner. Such behavior can lead to (serious) punitive action against North Delta by the MSAIS.

Parents and spectators must understand that their behavior serves as a role model for our students; if we want them to be of strong character, we must demonstrate that type of principled behavior. **To do anything less will not be accepted at North Delta School and will not be tolerated.**

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

STUDENT COUNCIL

The purpose of the student council is to serve as a liaison between the student body and the Administration and faculty, to develop attitudes of the practices for good citizenship, to promote harmonious relationships throughout the school, to provide a forum for student expression, to safeguard the customs and traditions of the excellence of the school, to provide for the orderly direction of student activities, and to promote the general welfare of the school.

Officers for the following school year are elected by the student body. To run for president, a student must be a rising senior and have served on the student council two previous years. To run for vice-president, a student must be a rising junior and have served on the student council the previous year. Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors may run for secretary or treasurer. Student Council representatives are selected from grades 10 – 12.

THE NORTH DELTA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership is open to second semester sophomores, juniors, and seniors. To be eligible, a student must have a cumulative average of 3.5 or above. Each high school semester is considered. All students who meet the academic requirements will be considered for induction based on the following criteria: service, leadership, character, and achievement. Documentable reasons for exclusion must be provided if a student's name is removed from consideration. Additional information is contained in the NHS by-laws. Any member who is found guilty of cheating on any academic work will be expelled from the chapter. Cheating goes against the values held in high regard by NHS.

MU ALPHA THETA

Mu Alpha Theta is a national high school and junior college mathematics club. Above average grades in present mathematics classes and a 23 math subtest score on the ACT are criteria for membership for students in grades 10-12.

CLASS OFFICERS

Grades 6-12 will elect class officers to carry out activities for their class. The election of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer will normally take place early in the fall. A student who withdraws from school and then returns is ineligible to hold a class officer position if the withdrawal occurs during the semester the election is held.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Periodic publications include the school yearbook, The Crest. Students wishing to become part of the yearbook staff should make their desires known to the appropriate teacher/sponsor. Selection to the yearbook staff will depend on academic status and teacher/sponsor selection.

QUILL AND SCROLL

The purpose of the Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society for High School is to encourage and recognize individual student achievement in journalism and scholastic publication. Members of Quill and Scroll Honor Society must be chosen from students enrolled in the high school who, at the time of their recommendation, meet the following requirements:

1. They must be of junior or senior classification.
2. They must have the equivalent of a B grade average, or be in the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing, either for the year of their election or for the cumulative total of all high school work.
3. They must have done superior work in some phase of journalism or school media work. They may be staffers of a magazine, newspaper, yearbook, news organization, online site or radio/television station at the school, or one conducted by an external organization.
4. They must be recommended by the supervisor or by the committee governing the media.
5. They must be approved by the Quill and Scroll Associate Director.

STUDENT OFFICER GUIDELINES

To avoid the possibility of overloading a student with official responsibilities and to give the largest possible number of students the advantage, which comes from holding positions of leadership, no student shall hold more than one major office and one minor office at one time. If the person does not hold a major office, he will be permitted to hold two minor offices. The major offices shall be: Presidents of student council, all clubs, Editor of the yearbook, Captain of the cheer squad. All other offices are minor offices.

In order to be eligible for an elective office, students shall meet the following qualifications:

- MAJOR OFFICES: Must maintain not less than a B - (80) average in all subjects and no grade lower than a C. Eligibility

shall be based on the first three grading periods of the school session for student council office and the yearly average for class office.

- **MINOR OFFICES:** Must maintain not less than a C- (73) average of all subjects and no grade below 70. Eligibility shall be based on the first three grading periods of the school session for student council office and the yearly average for class office.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips with meaningful educational purpose are a vital part of our educational system. To coordinate transportation etc., field trips must be cleared by the teacher through the Administration approximately one month prior to the desired date. To the maximum extent possible, grades K3-5 will outline their trip activities prior to the start of each school year. To go on a field trip, a student must have a signed and dated permission slip from his parents. For grades 6-12, field trips will not be scheduled after April 30th. Students will be expected to travel with their group when group travel arrangements are provided by the school.

SALES OR FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

All fundraising projects, or any program where goods/services are sold or solicited on campus, must be approved by the Administration. All money collected for any activity must be deposited with the school bookkeeper as soon as it is collected. Students should turn in money to the staff member responsible for the project or their homeroom teacher. No organization may keep an account separate from its school account without specific coordination with the Administration. Furthermore, fundraising under the name of North Delta for non-school events (such as student trips) is prohibited.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

ACCIDENTS AND SCHOOL INSURANCE

If a student sustains an injury, he should report immediately to his teacher. Each and every accident must be reported to the office by the student or by the teacher in charge of the student at the time of the accident, and a written report must be filed. Students having to go to a doctor for treatment resulting from an accident covered by school insurance should notify school officials. The school will not accept any liability for medical bills due to an accident. The school urges parents to have good insurance coverage on their children or to purchase regular school insurance. All athletes (boys and girls) and cheerleaders must be insured.

ILLNESS AND MEDICATION

At the beginning of each school year, parents will complete emergency information forms on each student. These forms will be kept on file and will contain lists of emergency phone numbers, allergies, other medical problems, and medications which may be administered to the student. All medications for students in K3-5 must be kept and dispensed by the elementary personnel; medications for students in 6-12 will be kept in the main office.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Emergency drills for fire, earthquake, and tornado are held at irregular intervals throughout the school year.

Fire: The signal for a fire drill is one loud, continuous sound of the buzzer.

Instructions indicating how to exit the building are posted in each classroom. Students should move quickly and quietly to the designated area.

Earthquake: In the event of an earthquake, students are instructed to remain calm. If outdoors, they should remain outdoors away from electrical wires, poles, or anything else that might fall. Students who are in the classroom should drop to the floor, take cover under a desk or table, and hold this position. Students should stay away from windows and outside doors.

Tornado: The signal for a tornado drill is a series of short rings by the bell. All students will take cover against corridor walls, cover their heads, and pull up their knees. A bell will ring when the drill is over.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

On days when snow, ice, or other inclement weather precludes school operation, announcements will be listed on the school website, official social media page (@northdeltaschool), and the FACTS Parent Alert system.

ELEMENTARY INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY LEADERSHIP AND OFFICE STAFF

Our Elementary School is led by Principal Nikki Mills, Ed.M. Dena Sanders serves as Administrative Assistant for the Elementary School office. The Elementary Office phone number is 662-563-9994.

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

Subjects

The following subjects will be evaluated: English (Language), Reading, Process Writing, Spelling, Handwriting, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

The "activities" will not be evaluated: Art, Bible, Computer, Library, and P.E.

TESTING

A variety of tests will be used regularly to determine the level of proficiency achieved. Unit and chapter tests are permissible; however, no final exams will be given to students in Elementary School. When tests are missed due to absences, the teacher will determine the time for the completion of the work. No tests should be administered during any instructional period.

STUDENT HEALTH

North Delta School is committed to maintaining a healthy environment for our students and teachers. Students should not return to school after being ill until they are fever free for at least 24 hours.

Also, students who have head lice or any lice activity (including eggs or "nits"), may return to school only after they are treated. To protect the health of all students, students will be periodically checked for lice and when returning to school after missing due to head lice.

ELEMENTARY HONORS AND AWARDS

An "Elementary Awards Day" will be held each year to honor the students who have exceptional achievement in the areas of academics, art, and attendance.

The criteria for **academic honors** beginning in 1st grade are as follows:

- **Head of School's List:** Each grade on the report card is an "A" and no conduct grade is below a "B".
- **Honor Roll:** Each grade on the report card is an "A" or "B" and no conduct grade is below a "B".

The criteria for **attendance awards** are the following:

- **Perfect Attendance:** The student must have been present in the classroom each day for the entire school day (8 a.m. until 2:50 p.m.). Students who are tardy or who leave the classroom early for any reason are ineligible for this award.
- **Ineligibility:** Please note that students may lose eligibility for all awards should their behavior be deemed unacceptable by the teachers and administration. Written notification will be provided to the parents in the event this should occur.

Additional Awards: Awards for the highest average in Reading and Math are given in 1st - 5th grades. Other awards to be presented are for Art, Accelerated Reader, Spelling Bees, Motivation for Academic Performance, and academic competitions approved by the faculty and administration.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Class Parties: The homeroom teachers and the administration must approve any parties given on the campus. Parents are asked to defray the costs of the four non-academic parties (Harvest, Christmas, Valentine's, and Easter). The homeroom chairman in each homeroom will coordinate the planning with the teacher and the parents. Consideration will be given to the expense so that no family will be asked to contribute more than \$15.00 for a single event. Parents will choose one of the events to help sponsor. The Christmas party is on the last half-day of the first semester, and the Easter party is given the afternoon of the last day of school prior to the Easter Holidays. (No class may leave the campus before 11:45.)

Grades should function as a single unit for the Easter party as well as for all other events--with the exception of Christmas, unless accommodations on the campus permit the combination of grades.

Theme Parties: Theme parties planned by the teachers as culminating activities must be approved by the administration and must be scheduled two weeks in advance. Only parents who volunteer sponsorship of these classroom events will be asked to assist in any way.

Birthday Parties: Birthday parties for students or teachers at school must have prior approval of the Elementary Principal and may occur only during lunch, recess, or break. The simplest of refreshments are to be served and no class time should be involved.

Private off-site Parties: Parties given for students at North Delta but not included in the text above are not the responsibility of the school personnel. Such invitations must not be distributed at school unless every student in the class is invited. Students attending these parties must have written permission from their parents should they be departing the campus with a different ride.

Grandparents Day: If the school calendar permits, the grandparents of the students are invited to the campus for an afternoon. The guests visit the classrooms, tour the campus, and enjoy refreshments provided by the homeroom mothers. If donations are forthcoming, these benefit the elementary library focusing on the Accelerated Reader program.

D.A.R.E. Program: The Batesville Police Department conducts the D.A.R.E. program for fifth graders during the second semester of each school year. A "graduation" event is held in May.

North Delta School reserves the right to modify, add, or delete any policies at the discretion of the Head of School or the Board of Directors.

A CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear Father,

Thank you for our school. We humbly ask for Your continued blessings on our school, including the safety and health of our students, teachers, and our families. Our desire is to have a school that is pleasing in Your sight. We know from the Scriptures that submission to authority is important to You; thus, may our students learn this important part of life while they are in attendance at North Delta. We pray that we as a school would operate in submission to Your will and desires. Thank you for sending Your Son to die on the cross for our sins.

In Jesus Christ's holy name, we pray, Amen.

APPENDIX A: NORTH DELTA SCHOOL DRUG TESTING POLICY

All students in grades 9-12 are required to participate in the drug testing program.

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the drug screening program is as follows:

1. To educate the student concerning the dangers of drug abuse.
2. To help prevent any drug use or abuse by the students of North Delta School.
3. To identify any student who may be using drugs and to identify that drug.
4. To see that any chronic dependency is treated and addressed properly.
5. To provide reasonable safeguards in order that every student who attends North Delta School is medically competent.
6. To remove the stigma of drug abuse from those students who are users.
7. To reassure parents, students and the community that the health and academic progress of each of its students is the primary goal of North Delta School.
8. To re-emphasize to the student his or her responsibility as a positive role model.

TESTING PROCEDURE

1. The parents of each student, by signing the educational contract, are consenting to their child's or children's participation in the program.
2. All students will sign a form and give their Social Security Number during registration.
3. All administrators, teachers, employees and board members will be subject to random testing.
4. Each student will be tested during the school year and will be subject to random testing at any time thereafter.
5. The method of testing is a form of urinalysis. Any positive drug result will be confirmed by an additional test at a laboratory selected by North Delta School.
6. The selection and coding of specimen samples will be executed in a manner ensuring total confidentiality and identification.
7. The urine samples will be collected and analyzed by a private laboratory using the most up-to-date methods of pathology.
8. Specimen samples will be identified by number only to insure total confidentiality.
9. Drug screening results will be reported to the Head of School only.
10. The cost of the initial test will be included in the student's tuition. Any additional costs will be paid by the parents.
11. Once a student is picked to take the test, he/she may not leave the testing area until a sample is taken. No exceptions.

FIRST INCIDENT OF A POSITIVE RESULT

All specimens showing positive results will be automatically re-tested by the testing laboratory immediately to assure that no error has occurred. The second test will be a more specific test. If the positive result is verified and confirmed, then the following steps will be taken:

1. The student and the parents will be contacted in a confidential manner.
2. The Head of School will be advised of the results.
3. The student will be evaluated and assessed at the expense of the parents. This professional may include one of the following: Certified Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselor, Student Assistance Professional, Licensed Social Worker, Medical Review Officer, or other designated appropriate professional or agency.
4. The student will then be required to attend a drug counseling program as recommended by the health care professional at the expense of the parents.
5. The drug counselor will determine the length and manner of the program best suited for the student. The student must also participate in any after-care recommendations or follow-up.
6. If parents refuse a complete counseling program for his or her child, the student will be dismissed from school.
7. After a first positive test, the student must take every random test during the year.
8. Participation in school or school activities will be suspended until successful completion of a drug counseling program.

SECOND INCIDENT OF A POSITIVE RESULT

The specimen showing a positive result will be automatically re-tested by the testing laboratory immediately to assure that no error has occurred. The second test will be a more specific test. If the positive result is verified and confirmed, then the following steps will be taken:

1. The students and the parents will be advised in a confidential manner.
2. The Head of School will be advised of the results.
3. The student will be suspended from school until such time that he provides proof of successful completion of a pre-approved drug/alcohol rehabilitation program.
4. Reinstatement could occur with proof of a successful drug rehabilitation program and only after negative testing prevails. In order to maintain the reinstated status, the student will continue to participate in re-testing and must follow all after-care recommendations of the health care professional. Written documentation of participation in after-care must be provided to the school on a monthly basis for the remainder of the school year.

Failure to provide this information or complete an approved program will classify a student as a third incident of a positive result.

The third incident of a student testing positive will result in permanent dismissal from North Delta School.

APPENDIX B: NORTH DELTA SCHOOL'S HONOR CODE

PURPOSE OF THE HONOR CODE

The Honor Code is based on the belief that true learning depends on honesty. North Delta School functions on the basis of mutual trust and respect among all members of the community. As a result, students are expected to demonstrate integrity and individual responsibility, both personally and academically, in order to maintain a fair and honest environment. North Delta School strives for its students to embrace the Honor Code so that it becomes part of their lives, even after they graduate. Embracing the Honor Code continually also enriches a campus culture of trust, freedom, security, and academic freedom.

HONOR CODE PLEDGE

The following Honor Pledge will be signed by all North Delta School students at the beginning of the school year:

On my honor, I will conduct myself with integrity, respect, and honesty both personally and academically. I will hold others accountable for doing the same.

This pledge will also be posted in the front entrance of the school. By signing this statement, the student claims that he or she will not violate any part of the honor code which includes: cheating, attempting to cheat, plagiarizing, lying, stealing, or failing to report an act of dishonesty to the proper authority.

HONOR CODE VIOLATIONS

Cheating is defined as submitting for credit as one's own, someone else's work obtained either in or out of school; giving or receiving from another student unauthorized assistance in the preparation of that work for credit; and using any unauthorized materials in the preparation of work for credit.

Attempted cheating is defined as the attempt to accomplish any of the above.

Plagiarism is defined as submission of work copied directly from any source whatsoever that is not properly enclosed in quotations marks and acknowledged by parenthetical documentation and/or in the Works Cited; paraphrasing and/or restating an author's original idea that is not acknowledged by parenthetical documentation and/or Works Cited.

Lying is defined as the willful and knowledgeable telling of an untruth and any other form of deceit, be it oral or written. This includes but is not limited to: lying to administration and faculty members; forging or falsifying any official school document (i.e. progress report, permission slips, etc.)

Stealing is defined as taking or appropriating without permission to do so any property belonging to any member of the North Delta School community or property located on the school grounds.

Toleration is defined as the knowledge and acceptance of any of the above listed violations. A student who has knowledge of any of the above listed violations has an obligation to inform any faculty member or administrative authority within three school days. Failure to do so is itself a violation of the Honor Code.

APPENDIX C: WHO'S WHO ELIGIBILITY

1. Students must have attended North Delta at least one semester prior to voting. (Ex.- fall semester attendance qualifies a student for spring semester voting)
2. A student who has received in-school or out of school suspension is not eligible to receive Who's Who honors, and his/her name will not appear on the Who's Who ballot. Any student who has served a suspension is not eligible to participate in the Beauty Revue as a contestant or as one of the Beaux. A student who is suspended after the elections but prior to the Beauty Revue may not participate in the Beauty Revue and his /her Who's Who honor will be forfeited and awarded to the next person with the highest number of votes. Finally, if a Who's Who honor recipient receives a suspension after the Beauty Revue has taken place, he/she will forfeit the honor and will not be pictured in the Who's Who section of the Crest.
3. An individual senior is eligible for no more than two regular honors- one class level and one entire high school honor. Mr. or Miss North Delta is a special honor and not included in the regular honors. In the case of "run away" voting where the extreme majority of the student body vote should be recognized, a senior may receive two honors from the entire school honor list instead of only one.
4. Underclassmen are eligible for one class honor and one entire school honor.
5. Beauties (selected by judges) and handsomes (selected by students) are not included in the limit count of Who's Who honors.
6. Extra criteria for Mr. and Miss North Delta: He/she must have attended North Delta four full semesters of high school and must have maintained a GPA of not less than 3.0. This is to be a senior.
7. Most Likely to Succeed - He/she must have attended North Delta four full semesters of high school and must have maintained a GPA of not less than 3.0. This is to be a senior.
8. Middle School- No student can have more than one honor.
9. For higher honors requiring a GPA (Mr/Miss, MLTS)-- In the case of an unbreakable tie by vote the honor will be presented to the student with the highest GPA.
10. In case of an unbreakable tie for lower honors both students may be presented the award.

APPENDIX D: TUITION, FEES, AND CONTRACT RELEASE

Tuition and Fees Policy

Tuition rates are established annually by the Board of Directors and are outlined in the school's official Tuition and Fee Schedule. Payment plans are available and coordinated through the Director of Finance.

Maintaining current tuition and extended care payments is essential for continued enrollment. The following guidelines apply to accounts in arrears:

Delinquent Account Procedures

30 Days Past Due:

Accounts that are more than thirty (30) days past due will be placed on financial probation. The responsible party will receive written notification via the most appropriate form of delivery. A grace period of ten (10) business days from the date of written notification will be granted to bring the account current. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of the student's participation in all extracurricular activities, including but not limited to athletics, performing arts, clubs, and tryouts.

60 Days Past Due:

Accounts that remain unpaid beyond sixty (60) days will result in the student being temporarily withdrawn from school. Absences incurred during this period will be recorded as unexcused. **Per the absentee policy on page 21, a student missing a class more than 18 times (excused or unexcused with the exception of school-sponsored activities) within a full year's course or nine (9) times within a semester course may not receive credit for the course missed regardless of the grade achieved.**

90 Days Past Due:

Accounts delinquent for more than ninety (90) days are subject to actions above and will be referred to a collections agency for further action.

Additional Financial Policies

Registration Fees:

Students will not be permitted to attend school until all registration fees are paid in full.

Graduation and Records:

Participation in graduation ceremonies and the release of academic records (including transcripts and diplomas) is contingent upon all accounts being current.

Multiple Students on One Account:

In cases where multiple students are listed under a single financial agreement, any consequences related to delinquency will apply equally to all students on the account.

Special Circumstances

The school recognizes that families may experience unforeseen hardships. In the event of a significant life event—such as the loss of a home, job loss, or other major disruptions—families may request special consideration. Such requests must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and require approval from both the Director of Finance and the Board of Directors.

For any questions regarding tuition and fees, please contact the Director of Finance at 662-563-4536.

North Delta School Contract Release Policy

It is the intent of North Delta School and its Board of Directors to fully uphold the education contract agreements between North Delta School and all signed parties to the contract agreement. North Delta School and its Board of Directors fully understand that there may be life-altering circumstances that arise that would require a "Request to Release" of the signed parties from the contract.

To apply for a "Request to Release" the signed party must first submit a formal request in writing to the North Delta Head of School indicating the reason for the "Request to Release", the date requested to release, and any supporting documentation to substantiate the reason for the "Request to Release".

The North Delta Head of School will use the following guidelines below to determine if a "partial" or "full" release of contract is warranted. Upon determining eligibility, the Head of School will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on the "Request for Release". All "Request for Release" will be performed at the first regular scheduled Board meeting from the date of the submitted request.

For a "Request to Release" to be considered for review, the account must be current. The school will not release any records until the account is current.

Conditions that could warrant a full release of the Contract

- A medical condition that was discovered after the contract was signed
- A catastrophic Family Illness or Death
- A discovery of Disability that the School cannot provide resources to accommodate
- The relocation of residence outside a 65-mile radius of the school
- A force majeure loss of residence

The Head of School will review the "Request to Release" documentation provided to determine eligibility and present it to the Board of Directors.

For all other "Request to Release", the following will be utilized to remedy contract releases:

- a. Withdrawal request before the Start of School, after registration, but before July 1
 - i. Forfeit of registration fee
 - ii. \$500.00 administration fee due in full before release
- b. Withdrawal request before the Start of School and occurring after July 1
 - i. Forfeit of registration fee
 - ii. \$500.00 administration fee due in full before release
 - iii. 20% of the contract is due in full before release
- c. Withdrawal request during the First 9 weeks
 - i. Forfeit of registration fee
 - ii. 35% of the contract is due in full before release
- d. Withdrawal request during the Second 9 Weeks
 - i. Forfeit of registration fee
 - ii. 75 % of the contract is due in full before release
- e. All withdrawals past the Christmas break
 - i. Forfeit of registration fee
 - ii. 100% of contracts are due in full before release

For the contract to be released, all agreements must be paid in full. If not paid in full, the contract will be upheld and subject to legal recourse for payment.

APPENDIX E: NORTH DELTA SCHOOL Toilet Training Guidelines

Children enrolled in the K3 and K4 programs at North Delta School must be toilet trained before attending school. Children must be wearing underwear. A child having accidents daily would not be considered toilet trained. Please note that wearing pull-ups is not considered toilet trained.

Why do children need to be toilet trained before they begin school?

- There are standards for changing and disposing of wet and soiled diapers/pull-ups, and our classrooms are not equipped for this.
- When an adult is busy changing a child's soiled clothing, it is taking away from learning time for all students, and it removes one adult from the direct supervision of and interaction with the rest of the class.

We do understand that even toilet-trained children will occasionally have accidents. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the teachers will help children change their clothes, encouraging independence as much as possible.

A toilet-trained child is a child who can do the following:

- Communicate to the teachers that he/she needs to go to the restroom **before** they need to go
- Alert himself/herself to stop what he/she is doing to go and use the restroom
- Pull down his/her clothes and get them back up without assistance
- Wipe himself/herself after using the toilet (with minimal assistance for 3 year olds)
- Get on/off a regular sized toilet by him/herself (we have stools to help)
- Wash and dry hands
- Postpone going if they must wait for someone who is in the restroom or if we are away from the classroom
- Wake up during nap time should they need to use the restroom

We certainly will ask your child many times throughout the day and before naptime if they need to use the restroom. A teacher will assist children as needed, but children should be able to complete toileting activities independently.

It is not uncommon for a child who is fully toilet trained to have a setback when he/she is in a new environment. Teachers are aware of this and will assist the children when necessary. Please send a complete change of clothes to be left at school in case of accidents. Parents will be notified if a child has a toileting accident.

We understand that each child handles a transition to a new environment differently; therefore, we allow two weeks from the first day of school for your child to demonstrate accomplishment of this goal. However, if the situation is not manageable within the classroom environment, we will discuss the issue with parents and reserve the right to suspend attendance of the child at such time.

A child will not be considered toilet trained for our school program if the child continues to consistently have toileting accidents after the first two weeks of school.

After the first two weeks, the following guidelines will be in place for children who have accidents:

- If 3 accidents occur in a 4-week period, we will require the student to stay home for 3 consecutive school days. The student would need to be picked up at the time of the third accident.
- Upon return, should the student have another 3 accidents in a 4-week period, the student will be required to stay home for another 3 consecutive school days, and the parent will be required to pick the child up at the time of the accident.
- At the 3rd suspension at any point in the year, the student will be dismissed from North Delta School due to the inability to meet the toilet training requirements outlined in this document. If a student is released, the

tuition amount will be due as outlined in the North Delta Student Handbook.

Provisional Acceptance for non-potty trained students:

Students entering K3 and K4 will be admitted with a **provisional** acceptance status when enrollment contracts are released. We understand students are assessed well before the school year begins, and younger students will potentially potty train after they are assessed/accepted by North Delta. Families will be contacted by the Director of Advancement the first of June prior to the start of the school year to find out the child's status regarding the toilet training guidelines North Delta has in place. At that point, the following protocols will be used:

- If the family does not feel their student can comply with the toilet training guidelines as outlined, and it is prior to June 1, the family will be released from the enrollment contract with no penalty. The application and enrollment fee will not be refunded, but can be rolled over to the following school year.
- From June 1 to the first day of class, if a student withdraws because the family feels the student will be unable to comply with the toilet training guidelines, tuition will be required as outlined in the North Delta Handbook (see guidelines below). Parents are responsible for contacting the Director of Advancement to inform them of their desire to withdraw.
- If a student begins school and is released from the program after the first day of class due to the inability to meet toilet training guidelines, the family will be responsible for the tuition amount as outlined in the North Delta Handbook (see guidelines below).

****Once a student has been accepted, if the family decides to not enroll their child due to the toilet training expectations or if the child is released from the program due to the inability to meet the toilet training requirements, their application will be rolled forward to the next school year, along with their application and registration fee. The student will be reassessed for the next grade level before the following school year begins.**

Contract Release Policy excerpt from NDS Student Handbook:

Please refer to the NDS Student Handbook to review the complete policy.

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Please note these guidelines are not in place to shame or punish a child or inconvenience primary caregivers. Rather, cleaning accidents in the preschool setting is time-consuming, and this time that teachers spend attending to and cleaning accidents is time that they are not spending interacting with children and facilitating learning in a safe manner. These guidelines are intended to ensure the safety and happiness of our children and employees at North Delta School.

APPENDIX F: NORTH DELTA SCHOOL ASBESTOS INSPECTION NOTICE

ASBESTOS INSPECTION NOTIFICATION

Please be informed by this notice that all of the school buildings of North Delta School have been inspected for asbestos and have been determined to be asbestos free, or that letters of exclusion have been obtained for the contractors or manufactures. Such an inspection was mandated by the EPA.

All materials pertaining to the inspection may be found in the Head of School's office. Any interested party should feel free to stop by and see this material.

Jim Tom Copeland, M.Ed.

Head of School

July 28, 2025

APPENDIX G: NORTH DELTA SCHOOL HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A signed acknowledgement of receipt and understanding of all items addressed in the North Delta School Student Handbook must be signed by each student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). This acknowledgement page must be turned into the school office no later than 10 days after the first day of school.

This portion is to be signed by each North Delta School Student.

I understand it is my responsibility to familiarize myself with the contents of the North Delta School Student Handbook. I understand the contents of this handbook summarize current policies of the school, are intended as guidelines only, and may be amended at any time. I have read and discussed this handbook with my parent(s)/guardian(s), and I understand its contents. If I encounter situations that are not covered by these guidelines or our policies, I will discuss these with the Administration. I am aware this signed acknowledgement page will be placed in my student file.

Student Name (printed): _____

Student Signature: _____

Student Grade: _____

Date: _____

This portion is to be signed by at least one of the above Student's Parent(s) or Guardian(s).

I understand it is my responsibility to familiarize myself with the contents of the North Delta School Student Handbook. I understand the contents of this handbook summarize current policies of the school, are intended as guidelines only, and may be amended at any time.

I have read and discussed this handbook with my student and I understand its contents. If I encounter situations that are not covered by these guidelines or our policies, I will discuss these with the Administration. I am aware this signed acknowledgement page will be placed in my student's file.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____