

**Tupelo Public School District
2008-2009
Handbook Changes**

School	Page #	Summary of Change
Athletic Dept	10	Outside Team Play -Added to handbook.
Carver	24	Tardies - We wanted a consistent tardy policy among the 4-6 elementary schools.
	25	Classroom Observations - While we encourage parents to observe our classes, some parents want to talk to teachers during instructional time.
	25	Parent Conferences - It is important for our parents to understand that we have designated times during the school day to communicate with them about their children's progress.
	25	Movies shown at school - We wanted a consistent movie policy among the 4-6 schools.
Church Street		No Changes
ECEC		No Changes
Fillmore Center	1	Added Character Education to our mission statement. The change was made because we are going to use Positive Behavior Support (PBS) in our school this year.
	11	Changed searches are performed in the hallways and include removal of shoes, socks, and belts to students are thoroughly searched each day upon entry to the Fillmore Center. The change was made because the other sentences were too wordy.
	11	Changing of Classes- This change was made to expedite time.
	11	Deleted the sentence the vehicles of students who drive are subject to search at any time. The change was made because students will not be allowed to drive to the Fillmore Center.
	14	Added approximately 30 days. The reason is that the probation could be more or less.
	16	Deleted the second paragraph. The reason is students will not be allowed to drive to the Fillmore Center.

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Joyner	1	TPSD Mission Statement
		New statement for 08/09 school year
		Mrs. Amy Heyer added to board members list
	2	School Staff - Changes made to kindergarten, first grade, and third grade lists
		Change PTA Officers – list new officers
	5	Parent Information - Arrival time – building opens at 7:15 instead of 7:10
	6	General Information -Residence statement added
	10	Traffic Plan -Change morning drop off time to 7:15 – 7:40
		Deleted Joyner Special Events and Trips page from handbook
Lawhon	3-4	Updated names/Information
	5	TPSD Mission Statement
	6	Changed pick-up procedures
	8	Visitors -Combined information on pages 8 and 14
	13	Media Center -Added times for checking out materials before school starts.
	14	Visitors -Combined information on pages 8 and 14
Lawndale	8	CELL PHONES -Students are not allowed to have cell phones at Lawndale. Cell phones that are brought to school will be taken and turned in to the office. Parents may come and pick them up, if they wish; otherwise, the phones will be returned to the student on the last day of school in May.
	11	AED Procedures - The AED machine is located in the main office. AED drills will be conducted throughout the school term. Upon having an emergency, qualified staff will be prepared to respond effectively.

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	20	<u>TARDIES</u> -Students who arrive late for school/class create a disturbance and cause all students in the class to lose valuable instructional time. School begins at 8:00 a.m. and dismisses at 3:15 p.m. Students who arrive at school after 8:00 a.m. must check in through the office and receive a tardy slip before going to class. Parents will be notified after the third tardy. Detention will be assigned to students for the 4 th and 5 th tardies. One day of In-School Suspension (ISS) will be assigned after the 6 th tardy. Two days of ISS will be assigned after the 7 th tardy. The 8 th tardy, and every tardy thereafter, will result in Out of School Suspension (OSS). Student tardies will return to zero at the end of each grading period.
Milam	11	Parent Conferences: The wording was changed to clarify scheduling conferences.
	11	Tardies: We changed the process of recording morning tardies to school from year long to six weeks.
	11	Classroom Observations: We added this section to provide guidance for parents wanting to schedule the observation of a teacher.
	11	Movie Show at School: We added this section to clarify for teachers and parents our guide for showing a movie at school.
Parkway	3	Staff directory - Updated names of new teachers and deleted staff that are no longer here.
	6	Lunch schedule - updated names for lunch schedule
Pierce Street		No Changes

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Rankin	ALL	New headings were added to each of the pages
	Front	Inserted the TPSD mission statement
	2	Added a message from the principal
	3	Updated the nurse's information and added graphics
	6	Updated TPSD calendar
	7	Added graphics
	8	Updated dates for koalaty kid celebrations
	9	Added Positive Behavior Support program to the intervention list
	Addition	Monthly full page calendars will be added
	Addition	PTO officers will be added along with PTO information
Thomas Street		Changed all dates from 2007-2008 to 2008-2009
	Front Cover	A Message from Our Principal: Deleted Walk A Mile in My Shoes-Walk with us! Deleted 2 nd and 3 rd Grade Clubs-drama, etc. These are being replaced with Fitness Fridays. Deleted sentence in principal's letter...:Oh, by the way, come and meet our resident rabbits-Thomasina and Oreo! Thomasina and Oreo are in bunny heaven!
	2	Revised school staff
	12	If there is an increase in school lunches that will be changed
	20	Physical Education: changed P.E. two days a week for 25 minutes to P.E. two days a week for 30 minutes
	22	Change Club Friday info to Fitness Fridays
	31	Update PTO officers
	32	Update current Board Members
THS	2-4	ACADEMIC INGEGRITY- The Tupelo High School faculty expressed a need to have a more detailed definition of academic dishonesty and procedures to follow if it occurs.
	24-25	TARDIES TO SCHOOL AND TO CLASS- The practice of being punctual is considered by Tupelo High School to be an acquired habit that enhances the student's ability to succeed in adult life.

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TMS	3	Bell Schedule adjusted to accommodate MDE Health Instructional Requirements.
	4	Insert 2008-2009 School Calendar
	22-24	Insert TPSD Discipline Ladder