

## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Rob Picou, PhD  
Re: Modifications to Policies Resulting from Coronavirus  
Date: April 20, 2020

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Based upon the Coronavirus pandemic and the extended school closure ordered by the Governor, the Mississippi Department of Education and the State Board of Education waived many of its policies, standards and requirements. As they pertain to TPSD policies, we are recommending the following policy actions be approved by the Board to be in effect during the State of Emergency.

**1. AE School Year**

This policy requires school to be in attendance for 180 days. This policy should be suspended during the State of Emergency.

2. All required federal and state assessments for the 2019-20 school year have been waived. Any TPSD policy related to this requirement is suspended during the State of Emergency.

3. Current 3rd graders will be promoted to 4th grade for the 2020-21 school year if the student meets all other district requirements for promotion.

**4. IHF Graduation Requirements**

Under Section 2., recommend adding as a new paragraph:

Seniors in the graduating class of 2020 may graduate with 21 Carnegie Units. The requirement that students take end-of course assessments in Algebra I, English II, Biology and US History is suspended for seniors.

This addition should be included after the first paragraph of Section 2. The rest of the policy will remain unchanged.

5. It is the Board's intent that any other TPSD policy with which compliance is impossible due to the State-ordered extended school closure and/or the the actions of MDE/State Board of Education, is suspended during the pendency of the State of Emergency.