



# LEXINGTON JUNIOR HIGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The year is underway and we, as a staff, are very excited about the school year to come. We are working hard to ensure that your child has every opportunity to have a safe, fun and successful school year. I believe that students can reach their full potential when they have the ambition and motivation to successfully use the tools at their disposal. That is our goal. We want to motivate your child to be an eager learner, and provide them with those tools to be a success. I believe students will learn if we set high standards and motivate them to do the best they can do to achieve success.

There are several changes taking place this year and I wanted to review a few of those with you. We have changed our schedule from the modified block style to 8 periods of 45 minutes. I believe this will help our students retain the information presented to them through daily repetition. Most attention spans are only about 30 minutes long and this new schedule will help our students stay on task throughout the school day. Another change is our lunch time "playground" location. We have moved the students to the parking lot on the north side of the administration building. We plan on making many improvements to that area in the coming months (basketball goals, shaded awnings, volleyball nets, etc.). The last change I wanted to make you aware of really isn't a change at all. Our attendance policy has been in place since I have been here, but for whatever reason it was difficult to enforce. District Attorney, Greg Mashburn has taken on the job of making sure that our students are in attendance in our district.

*Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, section 10-105 provides: It shall be unlawful for a parent, guardian, or other person having custody of a child who is over the age of five (5) years, and under the age of eighteen (18) years, to neglect or refuse to cause or compel such child to attend and comply with the rules of some public, private, or other school, unless other means of education are provided for the full term the schools of the district are in session or the child is excused as provided for in this section.*

Our policy states that 10 absences in any class period during a semester will result in a failing grade. Oklahoma law also requires us to report those that miss 10 class periods in a semester to the District Attorney's office for truancy. To provide the best education we can, we need to have your children in class. Please help us with attendance anyway you can.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at (405) 527-7236, extension 231.

Let's work together to make this a great year!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hall  
Middle School Principal

# Bulldogs