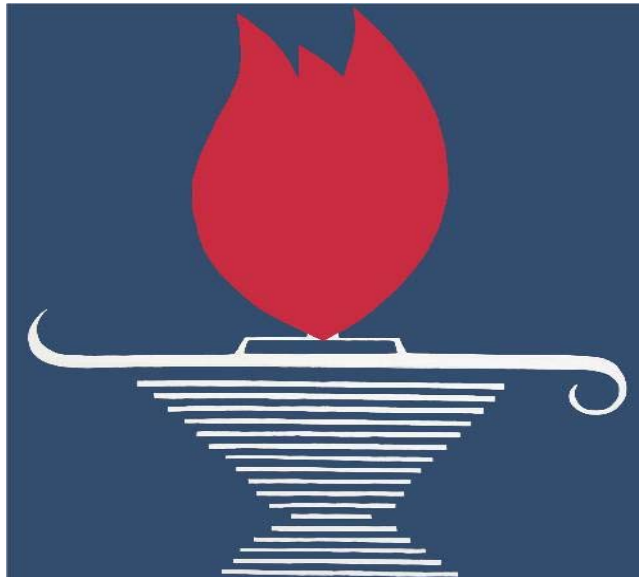


NCLB Parental Notification

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Hardeman County School System is to prepare each child for the future by developing skills, nurturing talents, molding characters, and inspiring dreams.

Parents play a vital role in the educational experiences of their children. The Hardeman County School District encourages the involvement of parents and wants to keep them informed of their rights.

- The Hardeman County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability in the provision of educational opportunities, activities, or administered programs.
- Your child attends a Title I Schoolwide School receiving federal funds under *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) Title Programs. This money is used through the implementation of the Tennessee Consolidated Planning and Needs Assessment Process.
- The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, requires schools to provide many different kinds of information and notices to parents about their children's school, academic progress, teachers, and more.
- As a parent, you have a right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) and any paraprofessional providing instructional support to your child. Teaching certifications can be found by accessing the Tennessee Department of Education, Teacher Licensing website (<https://www.k-12.state.tn.us/tcertinf/Search.asp>).
- If the system employs a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks who does not meet the highly qualified requirements, parents of the affected students will receive notification.
- Districts receiving Title I funds and each school served under Title I must develop and distribute to parents of children participating in Title I programs a written parent involvement policy. The district's policy can be accessed at www.hardemancountyschools.org. Copies of the district and individual school plans are also available at the Central Office and each Title I school.
- Parents of a student identified as limited English proficient (ELL – English Language Learner) must be notified in a timely manner of their child's participation in an ESL Program, details of the program, rights to waive participation, and specific information regarding the child's level of English proficiency. When a child registers for school, a Home Language Survey is completed. If a language other than English is spoken by the student or in the home, the school will assess the child's language proficiency to determine his/her eligibility for appropriate services. Criteria utilized to determine eligibility are on file and available upon request from parents.

- The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures the educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness. The school system strives to meet the educational needs of identified homeless children and youth. The term “homeless children and youth” refers to individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- Parents will have access to system/school report cards when released by the State Department of Education. These reports can be accessed at www.state.tn.us/education.
- Parents will be informed if their child is enrolled in a school identified for school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. The Hardeman County Schools will provide an explanation of what this means, academic comparisons with other schools in the district and state, the reasons for identification, steps being taken to improve academic achievement, strategies to increase parent involvement, etc.
- Parents will be informed annually about the availability of supplemental educational services if a school fails to meet adequate yearly progress.
- Districts receiving federal funds are required to notify parents of secondary school students that they have a right to request their child’s name, address, and telephone number not be released to a military recruiter without their prior written consent.
- The Hardeman County School System receives federal funding for safe and drug-free school programs. With these funds, the system provides students with prevention activities that are designed to create and maintain safe, disciplined, and drug-free environments.
- The Hardeman County School System strives to provide all students with complete privacy rights. Parents shall have a right to inspect all instructional material that will be used to collect personal information from their child. The district will not collect, disclose, or use personal information from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information.
- Under the Tennessee State Board of Education’s Unsafe School Choice Policy, any public school student who attends a persistently dangerous school, or any student who is victim of a violent crime while at school, shall be provided an opportunity to transfer to another grade-level appropriate school.
- Parents must also be informed that any organization or individual may file a written, signed complaint with the Commissioner of Education, Tennessee State Department of Education, Andrew Johnson Tower – 6th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243-0375, alleging that the state or a school district is violating a federal statute or regulation.