

# HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## AGENDA

August 4, 2025

5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Items to be added:
- III. Approve Agenda (BCBH)
- IV. Approve Minutes (BCBH)
  - 7/28/2025
- V. Public Comments (sign-ins) (BCAF)
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Policy Updates - Second Reading and Recommended Adoption
    - IFG - Early Graduation
    - IA - Distance Learning
    - IDCH - Correspondence Courses
- VII. New Business
  - A. Annual Policy Review - First Reading
    - Section F Facility Expansion
  - B. Policy Updates - First Reading
    - IU (E1) - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
    - IFBC - District Cellular Telephones
    - JBDE - Reporting attendance for Virtual Learning
  - C. Superintendent's Report
  - D. Consent Agenda Items

The items listed below are consent agenda items, which may be approved in one action of the Board. It is noted that any item may be removed from the consent agenda for separate action or discussion of the Board. An asterisk (\*) denotes an item added to the agenda after the original release on Friday.

    1. Approve Claim Docket for checks prepared and reconciled by the Accounting Department. (DJ)
      - 8/1/2025
    2. Authorize payment in the amount of \$35,274.00 to Samuel B. Day Construction, Inc. for Pay Application #9, Lyman Elementary School Renovations & Floor Replacement, Project No. 024-032 for work completed through May 12, 2025 (100% complete) releasing retainage. (FDGB)
    3. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,332.00 to Adams & Reese for professional services rendered through June 2025. Specific cases are detailed in the document provided and on file. (FDGB)
    4. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,038.30 to Wynn E. Clark for professional services rendered through July 31, 2025. Specific cases are detailed in the document provided and on file. (FDGB)
    5. Authorize Harrison County School District to accept a \$10,000.00 grant from the Pilot Travel Center for the District-wide STEAM initiative.
    6. Approve renaming the old code office building, located 15309 Community Road, Gulfport, MS, to "Harrison County School District Curriculum and Special Service Center". (FB)
    7. \*Approve permission to advertise a bid for:  
Supplemental Phonemic Awareness & Writing Curriculum

Supplemental Reading Curriculum

Federal and/or district funds could be used to fund this purchase.

8. Approve HCSD intention to support the U.S.M. - MS Teacher Residency Program in Elementary Education (K-6) & Special Education Mild/Moderate program hosting teacher candidates.
  9. Approve updated job descriptions for:
    - Network Administrator
    - Network Cabling and Network Technician
    - School Nurse
  10. Authorize the Harrison County Athletic Department to contact the Harrison County Board of Supervisors for assistance. Specifically, for use of Harrison County athletic fields for HCSD programs during the 2025-2026 school year, pending availability; and waiver of the rental fees under the Interlocal Agreement.
  11. Approve request to allow Harrison Central High School Volleyball to travel to Satsuma, AL for a JV Tournament on 8/23/2025. (JMA)
  12. Approve affidavit for removal of property from the fixed asset inventory list for COF Gifted (St. Patrick Catholic High School). These items are broken, beyond repair, outdated, stolen, or damaged. (DM)
- E. Approval of the following:
1. Personnel (GBD:GBQ)
  2. Lowest Quote, Contract Services, Professional Development and/or Travel (DJED)
    - 17 Quotes
  3. Single Source (DJED)
    - No Single Source
- F. Executive Session
- VIII. Reminders
- Next Board Meeting 8/18/2025
- IX. Adjourn



July 28, 2025

To: Mr. William Bentz  
Superintendent of Education

From: Natasha R. Williams, Ph.D.  
Director of Research & Development

Re: Approval of Revisions to Policy IFG- Early Graduation

Please find attached the revisions for Policy IFG- Early Graduation. The Harrison County School Board subscribes to the Mississippi School Board Association Policy Service, and it is up to each district that subscribes to this service to review, revise, and implement policy to ensure compliance with current practices.

Please advise if you have any questions or concerns regarding the attached policies. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

**Policy IFG: Early Graduation**

**Status:** ADOPTED

**Original Adopted Date:** 12/17/2018 | **Last Revised Date:** 06/23/2025 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 06/23/2025

**Early Graduation**

Early graduation involves the completion of all high school academic requirements in less than a traditional four-year program. Any high school student who will complete the number of Carnegie units and other existing standards required by both the state and the district prior to completing eight (8) semesters of high school work may petition to graduate early.

Students who are at least two (2) years behind their kindergarten cohort who wish to graduate early are eligible to graduate with a traditional diploma.

Students who are not behind their kindergarten cohort must pursue an endorsement (academic, CTE, or distinguished) in order to qualify for early graduation.

The student must submit the early graduation request to the principal at least one (1) semester in advance in which the student wishes to graduate.

The Board authorizes the superintendent to establish administrative procedures consistent with this policy.

A student's plan may be terminated at any time due to academic, behavioral, or attendance issues.

Last Review: **September 9, 2024**

Review History: [12/03/2018] [12/17/2018] [02/03/20] [02/17/20] [05/03/21] [05/24/21] [05/02/22] [05/16/22][05/15/2023][06/05/2023][08/19/24][09/09/24]

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