



HARDEMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

"Preparing for the Future, One Child at a Time"

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Hello Hardeman County Parents,

The Tennessee General Assembly, during the 112th Session, passed several pieces of legislation impacting educators and families. Below are two things that we would like to help parents and guardians familiarize themselves with for the 2022-2023 academic year.

1. Grading Scale changes impact all 2nd through 12th- students in Hardeman County. The traditional grading scale consisting of a seven (7) point scale has been replaced with the ten (10) point scale. Rather than operating under two grading scales, HCS, like most systems in the state, is implementing the ten-point scale. High school students benefit from this change by becoming more competitive with neighboring states who implemented a ten-point scale and their students who compete for scholarship opportunities in and out of state.

The following represents the new grading scale:

- (1) The "A" letter grade is represented by the numerical range of 90-100;
- (2) The "B" letter grade is represented by the numerical range of 80-89;
- (3) The "C" letter grade is represented by the numerical range of 70-79;
- (4) The "D" letter grade is represented by the numerical range of 60-69; and
- (5) The "F" letter grade is represented by the numerical range of 50-59.

2. Third Grade Retention Law (T.C.A. 49-6-3115) impacts all students in grades K-3, with 3rd grade being the most impacted. A student in 3rd grade who does not meet the requirements on state testing set forth by the Tennessee General Assembly will be retained and/or required to attend summer remediation programs before being promoted to the 4th grade.

The importance of attending school daily and taking all local and state-mandated assessments seriously when administered is more important now than ever before. Due to legislation, promotion and retention now weigh heavily on assessment performance. Additionally, participation in tutoring programs can improve the chances of success on TN Ready assessments. We are planning an information session at each elementary school to share what is known regarding the 3rd grade Retention Law in the coming days and weeks with parent/guardians.