



Hazlehurst Middle School

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Hazlehurst City School District *Excellence is the Expectation*

Cloyd Garth, Jr., Superintendent

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back! Within the next several days, we will open our school doors to welcome scholars to the new year at Hazlehurst Middle School – **Where Excellence is the Only Option!** The expectation of Hazlehurst Middle School will be one of *EXCELLENCE* as we focus on enhancing school culture and climate, improving academic achievement via building teacher capacity, and engaging all stakeholders so that our scholars are given the opportunities to experience success! Our goals are to ensure that Hazlehurst Middle School exemplifies sheer excellence in **ALL** capacities because **Excellence is the Only Option!** It is imperative that our scholars are college and career ready when they leave the Hazlehurst City School District, and we **ALL** play a major role in their success!

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL AND ARRIVES ON TIME EACH DAY!

My expectations are vastly high this year – expectations for myself, assistant principal, teachers, HMS scholars, and parents. It is the expectation that **ALL** scholars are present and on time every day. Classroom instruction will begin promptly at 7:35 am, and it is important that scholars are here on time, prepared for school, and ready to handle academic business! School attendance is the first step to ensuring that our scholars are college and career ready. The Mississippi College and Career-Readiness Standards are very rigorous and can be challenging for scholars, so it is necessary that they are present every day on time, on task, and on target.

Our school day begins at 7:35 am and ends at 3:15 pm. Our school doors will open at 7:00 am for breakfast. The breakfast line will close promptly at 7:25 am. Please plan to have your child(ren) report to school no later than 7:15 am to receive a nutritious breakfast.

HAZLEHURST MIDDLE SCHOOL 2019-2020 SCHOOL GOALS:

We expect each scholar to do their ABC's:

Attendance: Maintain a 96% attendance rate for the year (less than seven absences for the year);

Behavior: Follow school rules and display proper conduct at all times; and

Coursework: Achieve at least 85% mastery in all content areas via class, homework, and tests (these students tend to be ready for high school and beyond if they can maintain this average year-round).

Educationally yours,

Morgan R. Davis

Morgan R. Davis, Principal