

Mr. Carl Merritt, Superintendent

From: Konya, Team Leader  
Dropout Prevention

Date: December 2, 2015

Re: SY 2015-16 Dropout Prevention Plan Approval Request

Dropout prevention is a major concern for Poplarville School District, the State of Mississippi, and the Nation. In response to this concern, the Poplarville School District implemented its Dropout Prevention Plan called Hornet PRIDE. Hornet PRIDE is the district plan developed in SY 2008 and revised in 2011. The latest published results for the current plan as implemented cite a graduation rate for Poplarville School District in SY 2013 of 84.8% and a dropout rate of 11%.

Recent legislation requires a Mississippi school district with a graduation rate of 80% or below to develop a dropout prevention/graduation completion plan each year for submission to MDE for approval. Since Poplarville has a higher graduation rate, it is not required to submit a new plan to MDE; however, we are asking for your approval to continue implementation in SY 2015-16 of this plan of record which addresses identified dropout indicators of concern for our district.

Below are the highlighted PRIDE initiatives in existence.

PRIDE = Personal Responsibility In Daily Efforts

PRIDE in Attendance – Encourages attendance in school as a critical dropout prevention strategy;

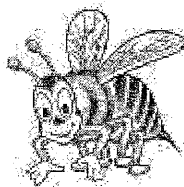
PRIDE in Safe and Healthy Schools – A safe and healthy school climate provides a supportive atmosphere that encourages students to stay in school;

Professional PRIDE – Ensuring a highly qualified staff that understands and addresses the diverse needs of our students;

Parent and Community PRIDE – Motivating parents, community, and schools to support the efforts of our students;

Project PRIDE – Promotes academic success of all students.

Students, parents, staff and community are invited to actively participate in our Hornet PRIDE initiative as we strive to decrease the number of students who drop out and increase the number of students who graduate.



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Hornet PRIDE Motto – Do you have it? Do you want it? Do you show it? Ask me about it!