

# Delta Academy

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## STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

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## School Schedule 2009-2010

August	11, 12, 13	Teachers Meetings
August	14	First Day of School (½ day)
August	17	First Full Day of School
September	7	Labor Day Holiday
November	23 - 27	Thanksgiving Holiday
December	15 - 18	Exams
December	19 - January 3, 2010	Christmas Holiday
January	4	Classes Resume
January	18	Holiday
March	12	District Teachers Meeting
March	15 - 19	Spring Break
April	2 - 5	Easter Holiday
May	14	Graduation
May	18 - 21	Final Exams
May	21	Last Day of School

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## Foreword

The purposes of this handbook are:

- To provide students and parents with a better understanding of the organization and administration of the school program.
- To encourage and establish correct school habits and a favorable attitude towards the school and its activities.
- To serve as a guide to the students in making their education experiences as profitable as possible.

***The Delta Academy Student/Parent Handbook is a guide to life at Delta Academy. It provides useful information regarding programs, policies and procedures. The School reserves the right to amend these programs, policies and procedures as necessary throughout the school year.***

One copy of this handbook is furnished to each student at the beginning of each school year. It is important for both students and parents to become thoroughly familiar with the information provided. **This handbook should be kept throughout the year as a handy reference for answering questions concerning Delta Academy.**

When hundreds of people live and work together in one building, rules and procedures are necessary to avoid complete confusion. All questions that may arise cannot be answered in this handbook; therefore, students and parents are urged to keep in touch with teachers, counselors and school officials concerning all parts of the school program.

Your school offers you many opportunities for growth in knowledge, in skill, in appreciation and in human understanding. Make the most of the opportunities day by day and you will be rewarded by the deep satisfaction that comes from personal growth.

With the hope that this handbook will promote loyalty, honesty, sportsmanship, school pride and genuine spirit of understanding, it is sincerely dedicated to the youth of this school community.

This handbook is also available for download on the main page of Delta Academy's web site at: <http://www.deltaacademy.org>

DELTA ACADEMY COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN ALL ITS ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANYONE PROTECTED BY LAW BECAUSE OF AGE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, RELIGION, SEX, HANDICAP, VETERAN OR OTHER STATUS.

## Welcome to Delta Academy

The information in this handbook is carefully prepared and is presented so that it will be of value in helping you adjust to our school and to become a real part of it.

The ultimate purpose of education is to help each pupil become an effective citizen of his community and nation. To develop and accept the responsibilities and obligations of good citizenship will help us to participate successfully in the changing world of tomorrow. We hope you will participate within our school, which will prepare you to live a full life. Always remember the success you will receive at Delta Academy will be in proportion to the effort you put forth.

Delta Academy welcomes you to its ranks and we hope you will always have the desire to do the things that will make our school great.

## Your Record

Every day you live you are making a record. You should ever be conscious that this record becomes synonymous with your name. The working world has learned through experience that a complete school record of your scholarship, activity and citizenship gives valuable information in evaluation your ability and fitness to do certain jobs. Your school record is a link in your life that will be examined many times through the years by those concerned about you and your future. **Remember that your record is what you yourself make it.** Make yours one that you will be proud to claim.

Individual ongoing records are maintained and will be provided to parents upon request or as needed. This includes cumulative records, honors, attendance, tardies, demerits, etc.

## Accreditation

Delta Academy holds AA accreditation by the Mississippi Private School Association in Elementary and Approved in Secondary.

## Philosophy

The Board, administration, teachers and parents of Delta Academy believe that a school system should provide a basic academic curriculum for both college bound students and those who plan to enter the workforce

We believe that a school should endeavor to develop creativity, independence, integrity, honesty and respect for authority, property and the rights of others. **Lying, cheating and stealing have no place at Delta Academy. At the conclusion of ALL tests, each student will be required to write and sign a pledge on the back of his/her paper stating: "ON MY HONOR, I PLEDGE THAT I HAVE NEITHER GIVEN NOR RECEIVED ANY UNAUTHORIZED HELP ON THIS WORK." Honor can be learned, and at Delta Academy we have included it as an integral part of each student's learning experience.**

Student activities form an integral part of the school program. Involvement in these activities provides an opportunity for the application of democratic principles essential to becoming an effective American citizen.

We believe that the school shares with the home, church and community the responsibility of the total education of the student.

We believe that the teacher is the ultimate component in providing the varied learning opportunities in a controlled atmosphere of free expression and student participation. All faculty members and administrators are expected to be professional at all times. The teachers not only must facilitate learning – to stimulate it, guide it and ensure that it happens – but must develop inquiry and value clarification among their students.

The school, through the guidance and testing program, should make the students more aware of themselves and their potential. They should be led to accept responsibility for their own decisions, to choose the direction their education and life will take and to develop the self-discipline needed to reach their individual goals.

The school population consists of students of various lifestyles, cultural backgrounds, economic opportunities and degrees of maturity; therefore, the school should include experiences to meet the needs of all its students regardless of their post-high school plans. Because today's society is changing so rapidly, the curriculum should constantly be examined to make sure courses offered meet the needs of the student.

The school has a definite obligation to develop talents and capabilities to give each student a sense of fulfillment and self-confidence based on accomplishments and a sense of belonging through participation in various extracurricular activities. Accepting the responsibility, the school establishes a total education program by providing, supporting and urging student participation in a variety of organizations.

Though the entire community shares the responsibility for educating its youth, the school must accept the role of leadership in this task. With the dedication of the faculty, the leadership of the administration, the support of the school board, and the continued goodwill of the community, DELTA ACADEMY will meet the needs of its students.

## Objectives

- The student will be able to interpret information, understand facts, principles and concepts, develop communication skills that will enable him to survive in further education and in his chosen occupation.
- The student will be able to function as an informed consumer to meet his need for financial security.
- The student will develop initiative and self-reliance with pride in his workmanship.
- The student will be tolerant of others views and will recognize the importance of others rights.
- The student will hold respect for authority and the property of others.
- The student will be able to filter information and make decisions on a logical basis.
- The student will have an understanding of our American system based on democratic principles and will be able to function in his local government and in national and international affairs.
- The teacher will utilize local resources to demonstrate and reinforce application of classroom principles.
- The teacher will maintain classroom flexibility in order to meet the students changing needs, interests and abilities.
- The teacher will continue to upgrade professional knowledge and be aware of the changes occurring in the students world.
- The student will be able to evaluate his ability and interests and develop an accurate self-concept.
- The student will make a decision as to further education or entry into the world of work, based on his interests and ability.

## Bell Schedules

7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Period	Time
Warning Bell	7:55
Homeroom	8:00 – 8:08
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:11 – 9:02
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:05 – 9:55
Break	9:55 – 10:10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:13 – 11:04
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:07 – 11:58
Lunch	11:58 – 12:25
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:28 – 1:18
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:21 – 2:11
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:13 – 3:03

### Entrance Requirements

Any student transferring to Delta Academy in grades 1-12 must submit a completed **Application for Admission** and be tested in order to be admitted. Students scoring low on the test, along with parents or guardian, meet with the Headmaster to determine placement for that student.

No student will be enrolled at Delta Academy if they have been expelled from another school.

### Immunization Regulations

The Mississippi Legislature has made it mandatory for all students attending school or kindergarten to be vaccinated by 4 years of age. The minimum number of immunizations required are: Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (DTP) – 5 doses; Polio (IPV) - 4 doses; Hepatitis B - 3 doses; Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) – 2 doses; and Varicella (chickenpox) - 2 doses. The law requires removal of children from classes if they are not adequately immunized. DELTA ACADEMY wishes to cooperate with this ruling. All students in grades K-12 will be required to present a Certificate of Compliance (Form 121), which may be secured from the local health department or family doctor. Failure to do this will result in suspension until such time that a statement of immunization is secured in the school office. ( The two-dose requirement for Varicella for children entering Mississippi schools during the 2009 - 2010 school year has been waived for that year only due to delays in availability.)

### Mandatory Random Drug Testing

At least twice yearly, Faculty, Administration, Board Members, and Students will be subjected to drug testing. Each family is given a copy of the regulation and procedure. Copies of this policy are available in the school office. Please be aware of this policy and the steps involved. This policy will give your children another reason to decline the offering of illicit drugs.

Students who leave school after being called for drug testing will be required to be tested prior to their return to school, at their own or their family's expense.

Students missing the test after being called will automatically be tested each time testing is done in the future.

## Curriculum

The entrance requirements of different colleges vary widely. Very few colleges require exactly the same distribution of entrance units in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Languages and other approved subjects. Furthermore, scholarship requirements vary widely. Some colleges will not accept a student unless he ranks in the upper two-thirds of his class, and some put it on a grade point average basis. In addition, more and more colleges are requiring successful scores on Scholastic Aptitude Tests (ACT/SAT).

The possession of a diploma from any high school is not a guarantee of entrance to all colleges. Students should make the selection of courses in high school in accordance with the specific entrance requirements of the college he chooses.

### Regulations Pertaining to the Program of Studies

- The curriculum a student chooses must meet the approval of the parents, the counselor and the headmaster.
- Graduating Seniors and students with special circumstances may take six (6) major subjects.
- **All students are required to take five (5) academic subjects. One of these must be English.**
- No student may earn more than six (6) units during one regular session without special permission from the headmaster.

#### \*\*\*\*\* NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS \*\*\*\*\*

No child will be permitted to enter 1<sup>st</sup> grade unless his sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) birthday is on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR IHL AND GRADUATION FROM DELTA ACADEMY**

English	4 units	
Math	4 units	Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and a senior level math - Advanced Math, Senior Math
Science	4 units	Biology I, Chemistry, and 2 of the following: Biology II Physics or Physical Science, Anatomy and Physiology
Social Studies	4 units	World History, American History, U.S. Government, Economics, World Geography, Mississippi Studies
Fine Arts	1 unit	
Computer Applications	1 unit	
Advanced Electives	2 units	2 years foreign language or 1 year foreign language and Advanced World Geography
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>20 units</u></b>	

Regular Admission Requirements:

1. Complete college prep curriculum with 3.20 GPA.
2. Complete college prep curriculum with 2.50 GPA plus 16 ACT score.
3. Complete college prep curriculum with 2.00 GPA plus 18 ACT score.
4. Below 16 ACT – Academic Support Program.

\* The Valedictorian and Salutatorian must have taken four (4) years of mathematics, including advanced math, and four (4) years of science, including chemistry and an advanced science.

Curriculum at Delta Academy

Grades 1&2

Language  
Numbers  
Reading  
Spelling  
Science  
Penmanship  
Music  
Art  
Computers  
Acc. Reader

Grades 3&4

English  
Math  
Reading  
Spelling  
Science  
Penmanship  
Soc. Studies  
Music  
Art  
Computers  
Acc. Reader

Grade 5

English  
Math  
Reading  
Spelling  
Science  
Soc. Studies  
Music  
Art  
Computers  
Acc. Reader

Grade 6

English  
Math  
Reading  
Spelling  
Science  
Soc. Studies  
Music  
Art  
Computers  
Acc. Reader

Grade 7

English  
Math  
Ms. Studies  
Science  
Spelling/Literature  
Chorus  
Athletics  
Acc. Reader

Grade 8

English  
Pre-Algebra  
Am. History  
Science  
Spelling/Literature  
Chorus  
Athletics  
Acc. Reader

Grade 9

English I  
Algebra I  
Geography  
Biology I  
Christian Character  
Chorus  
Athletics  
Speech/Drama

Grade 10

English II  
Geometry  
World History  
Biology II  
Keyboarding/Computer  
Chorus  
Athletics  
Journalism  
General Business  
Creative Writing  
Novels

Grade 11

Algebra II  
Am. History  
Athletics  
Chemistry

Chorus  
English III  
Journalism  
Keyboard/Comp.  
Spanish I

Grade 12

Accounting  
Advanced Math  
Algebra II  
Am. Government  
Athletics  
Chorus  
Computers II  
Economics

English IV  
General Business  
Journalism  
Anatomy & Physiology  
Psychology  
Senior Math  
Spanish II  
Creative Writing  
Novels

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN MUST BE ENROLLED AT DELTA ACADEMY DURING THEIR ENTIRE JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS. GRADES ARE CALCULATED ON BASIS OF FOUR-YEAR ACADEMIC COURSES.

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian must have taken four (4) years of mathematics, including advanced math, and four (4) years of science, including chemistry and advanced anatomy and physiology or physics.

Students who do not meet academic requirements for graduation will not be allowed to participate in Baccalaureate or Graduation exercises.

A student may not take 2 English classes for new credit in one (1) year. (Exceptions will be considered by the Headmaster.)

**VAL/SAL/BETA MUST BE TAKING 5 ACADEMIC COURSES.**

Course Offerings

Elective

Psychology  
 Drivers Education  
 Jr. Chorus  
 Accounting  
 Delta Singers  
 Athletics  
 Spanish I  
 Journalism  
 Health  
 Biology II  
 Christian Character  
 Speech / Drama  
 Computer II  
 General Business

College Prep

Algebra I & II  
 Geometry  
 Advanced Math       W  
 English I-IV  
 Geography  
 World History  
 Am. Govt./Economics  
 Biology  
 Anatomy               W  
 Chemistry            W  
 Physics                W  
 Spanish I & II        W  
 American History  
 Advanced World Geography  
 Keyboarding / Computer Applications  
 Creative Writing  
 Novels

Non-Academic units include: Athletics, Tutors, Delta Singers, Driver Ed., Office Aid. None of these courses may be counted as academic units.

### Classification of Students

Students will be placed in grades according to the number of major units of credit earned:

5 credits – 10<sup>th</sup> grade  
10 credits – 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
15 credits – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

The classification of a senior does not necessarily qualify a student as a candidate for graduation.

### Change of Schedule

No student will be allowed to change his class schedule without permission from the Headmaster. Before any teacher can drop or add a student to his roll, the student must present the teacher with a PERMISSION TO CHANGE SCHEDULE form from the office authorizing the change. No schedule will be changed after ten (10) school days. \*

### Correspondence and Summer School

The last five (5) units must be earned in residence at Delta Academy before the school may grant a diploma.

**Only two units ( 2 courses) of correspondence may be accepted by MPSA.** Correspondence courses and summer school courses are only accepted in extraordinary circumstances and must be approved by the Headmaster prior to taking. First option will be summer school at Delta Academy if it is offered that year.

Junior High and Elementary summer school work is not accepted. [Elementary students who fail reading, math, or a combination of two academic subjects will be retained. 7th and 8th grade students who fail 2 or more subjects will be retained.](#)

### Counseling Service

It is the aim of Delta Academy to help each student profit as much as possible from his school program and to assist in plans for employment or further educational study after completing this school program. The Headmaster, Counselor, or Teachers are available to discuss with students or parents any problem or question arising relative to the educational program of the school. The school officials invite parents to contact the school when problems arise and help may be obtained by the calling the Headmaster.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents are cordially invited to visit the school and talk with the Headmaster at any time concerning the work of their child. The Headmaster or School Secretary will gladly schedule an appointment.

## Elementary and High School Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance on the part of all students is necessary for successful accomplishment at Delta Academy. Repeated absences frequently cause students to become discouraged and often fail. It is, therefore, important that parents have their children in school on time every day that the school is in session, and only in unavoidable cases should a student be taken out of school before the close of the day.

IF A STUDENT MISSES TWENTY (20) DAYS IN A SCHOOL YEAR, ALL DAY OR IN A SUBJECT AREA, HE CANNOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR WORK. This means twenty (20) days per subject for a one (1) credit course and ten (10) days for a ½ (one-half) credit course. Parents will be notified by letter when a student has missed fifteen (15) days for a one (1) credit course or seven (7) days for a ½ (one-half) credit course. Unusual circumstances resulting in excessive absences will be subject to a review by the Administration to determine if the student does or does not receive credits for work done during the year. This does not include school field trips or school sanctioned events.

Students in the elementary grades (1-6) should bring excuses for being absent to their homeroom teacher.

If a student is in school for the day, he may be absent from classes, library, study hall, or other assigned places **ONLY AFTER PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED FROM THE OFFICE. NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE.** YOUR PARENTAL SUPPORT OF THIS POLICY IS MOST IMPORTANT.

### Absences

Excused absences are those due to illness of the student, serious illness or death in the immediate family, medical appointments, school sponsored events and those that have been coordinated by the parents with the Administration at least one (1) day prior to the absence. PARENTS – If your child will be absent from school, please call the office between 7:45 and 8:30 am. If the school does not hear from a parent, the office will attempt contact. If no contact is made, parents must send a note to school the first day the student returns.

Absences not verified by a note or personal contact from parents will be considered as unexcused. Students have three (3) days after an absence to clear up unexcused absences. **THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE WILL BE THE LOSS OF TWO (2) POINTS OFF THE NINE (9) WEEKS AVERAGE OF EVERY CLASS MISSED DURING THE ABSENCE.**

Students habitually unable to attend school on the day following an extracurricular event will, for the sake of their health, be dropped from participating in the event.

### Tardies

A student is tardy when he is not in his/her assigned room at the proper time without a proper written excuse. On receiving the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) tardy, the student's parents will be notified. Six (6) tardies within a nine (9) week grading period will result in detention. Seven (7) will merit after school detention. Eight (8) will merit out of school suspension. This policy applies to total tardies – homeroom and each individual class.

Tardy to homeroom – Go directly to the office.

Tardy to class – Report to class with an excuse from the previous teacher, headmaster or office personnel.

A tardy as a result of a doctors or dental appointment will not be counted.

#### Dismissal From School

Without prior approval, parents or guardians will be called by the school before any student is allowed to leave the campus. All students dismissed from school because of illness will be sent directly home or to a doctor after the parent has been contacted. **Any student leaving or entering school late during the day MUST sign out or in on the pad in the school office with approval of the Headmaster.** PARENTAL SUPPORT OF THIS POLICY IS MOST IMPORTANT.

#### Make-up Work

All work missed as a result of an excused absence must be made up within one (1) week or it will be recorded as a zero by the teacher. Students who get an excused absence will not be penalized in their work provided they make up the work missed. **Students should remember that it is their responsibility to contact the teacher about arrangements for making up work!** It is not the responsibility of the teacher. Prolonged illness or other providential reasons will constitute exceptions to this rule.

#### Tutoring Policy

Any off campus tutoring must be done after school or during study hall periods. Tutoring done during study hall times must have prior approval of the Headmaster.

#### Grading System

The marks for daily recitations, homework, and tests are combined to determine each nine weeks grades.

A+	100-99	B+	92-91	C+	84-83	D+	75
A	98-96	B	90-88	C	82-78	D	74-73
A-	95-93	B-	87-85	C-	77-76	D-	72-70
						F	Below 70

Students transferring to Delta Academy will be assigned numerical equivalents, based on the scale listed above, for the letter grade received from the student's previous school.

### Scholar and Honor Rolls

Scholar Roll – An overall average of 93 or above in each grading period and satisfactory in conduct for each subject. Music, Physical Education, and Handwriting must earn satisfactory (S) grade.

Honor Roll – An overall 90 average in each grading period and satisfactory conduct for each subject. Music, Physical Education, and Handwriting must earn satisfactory (S) grade.

Achievement Roll – An overall 85 average in each grading period and satisfactory conduct for each subject. Music, Physical Education and Handwriting must earn satisfactory (S) grade.

Semester and yearly honor rolls will be determined by the semester averages and/or the yearly averages. **Highest average awards will be based on all work through the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) week of the final nine (9) weeks grading period in grades 7 through 11.**

### Passing and Failing

A student must have an overall average of 70 or better to pass. In grades 1- 8 a student is not eligible for summer school for the purpose of promotion. If a student fails two (2) consecutive years, he will be called before a review board to discuss his future at Delta Academy. The review board will consist of the Headmaster and the Executive Board members.

### Progress Reports

PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE SENT TO ALL STUDENTS AT THE END OF THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS OF EACH GRADING PERIOD. Progress reports are to be signed by the parent and returned to the teacher.

### Report Cards

At the end of each nine-week period, a report will be sent home by the students to the parent or guardian. If, for any reason, the report is not brought home, the parent or guardian should communicate with the Headmaster and ascertain the standing of the student for that grading period. The report cards should be promptly signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the student's teachers. In the event of tampering/changing grades, parents will be notified and parent-teacher-Headmaster conference will be required. If a report card is not returned to school within five (5) school days, break privileges will be lost. A \$2.00 fee for any lost report card will be charged.

### Exemption Policy

To encourage good attendance and grades, the following exemption policy will be in effect for second semester exams for students in grades 9, 10, 11 & 12.

12th grade students who meet requirements may be exempt from all final exams.

11th grade students who meet requirements may be exempt from 3 final exams.

10th grade students who meet requirements may be exempt from 2 final exams.

9th grade students who meet requirements may be exempt from 1 final exam.

Any student who has missed five (5) days or less and has an average of 90 or higher for the year may choose to be exempt from final exams.

Any student who has missed eight (8) days or less and has an average of 93 or higher for the year may choose to be exempt from final exams.

Seniors who have been absent for no more than ten (10) days may be exempt 2<sup>nd</sup> semester with an 85 average for the year for each individual class.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED DETENTION OR OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTION UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. STUDENTS MUST ATTEND CLASS A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES TO BE COUNTED PRESENT.

### Regulations for Student Conduct

Discipline is looked upon by the Administration as a means to accomplish two primary purposes: (1) to insure students and teachers against annoying, distracting, or disorderly conduct which results in the loss of valuable time and learning opportunities; and (2) to help develop within each student the capacity for enlightened self-control and a safe atmosphere. Education is a privilege provided for the young people of this school community by parents who recognize the importance of education. It is not a "right" to be exercised without regard for the welfare of others, and should not be claimed without the acceptance of certain responsibilities. Each student should feel his individual responsibility to every other student by conducting himself in such a way as to improve the general welfare of all rather than to interfere with the educational opportunities of his classmates. Each student should be aware of his responsibility to his parents to the extent that he will take fullest advantage of every opportunity made available.

No organization can function in an orderly and efficient manner without reasonable adherence to certain rules, whether written or unwritten; and little learning can take place in an atmosphere of disorder. It is with this thought in mind that the following regulations are set forth with the belief that students will respond more constructively when it is clearly known what standards of conduct are expected of them. It is hoped that these regulations will not be looked upon as an end in themselves, an attempt to enforce rigid "military type" regimentation, or an insistence upon unquestioning obedience to authority, but rather as a guide in the development of desirable character traits and an aid to the learning process. However, any student who repeatedly demonstrates unwillingness to accept his responsibility, by conduct which disregards these standards, will forfeit his privilege of attendance at Delta Academy.

Every effort will be made by the Administration to enable a student to correct his conduct before resorting to suspension or expulsion. If these efforts fail, the student will be suspended until he and his parents have had a conference with the Headmaster.

Some of the kinds of conduct which should be avoided by every student are as follows: Disrespect to teachers, administrators and school personnel; cheating; truancy; gambling; fighting; insolence; stealing; vandalism; smoking; possession of obscene literature, knives, firearms, alcohol, drugs or cigarette lighters; and other conduct or language which disregards school citizenship.

To attend a school function of Delta Academy, each student must understand that he must abide by the rules and regulations of Delta Academy. If out-of-school dates are asked to attend, it is the responsibility of the Delta Academy student to inform his date that they must abide by the rules and regulations of Delta Academy.

### Detention

Detention and suspension will be part of the normal method of student discipline. School suspension and expulsion are reserved for major infractions of school regulations.

Detention will be served for a specified time outside the normal hours of the school day. The Administration will set the time, place and nature for detention. Students will be notified by a teacher or staff member when they are being assigned detention. The office will post a list early enough to allow for transportation arrangements to be made. Failure to report to detention will result in the assignment of a second detention. AFTER THE THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) DETENTION DURING A GRADING PERIOD, A SUSPENSION WILL BE LEVIED AGAINST THE STUDENT. Any further detentions during the same grading period will necessitate more severe consequences.

### Suspension

Students who repeatedly violate school rules and regulations will be subject to suspension from school for a period determined by the severity of the act (not to exceed five (5) days). Each day missed will be counted as an unexcused absence and result in the loss of two (2) points from the grading period average in each class missed. All work is to be made up. The suspended student will be notified verbally and in writing of the suspension. Parents who seek recourse may appeal first to the Headmaster and then to the Board of Directors. The Headmaster will notify the Board at the earliest date of all suspensions. Prior to re-admittance following a Suspension, the student and parent will consult with the Headmaster.

### Expulsion

Students whose willful misbehavior endangers the welfare of other students, or whose continued disregard for established rules disrupts the school environment, or who have excess detentions are subject to expulsion. Should such an occasion arise, the Headmaster will suspend the student and may recommend expulsion of the student to the Board of Directors. Students will be entitled to a hearing to explain their acts. A detailed account of the violation will be provided to the student, the parents and the board. A "due process" hearing will be conducted if warranted.

## General Disciplinary Actions

The following actions may be used to handle general misconduct by students. Teachers may administer any of the following:

1. Warning
2. Detention
3. Loss of privileges
4. Parental conferences
5. Corporal punishment (See #2 below)

## Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is considered a final procedure when all else fails. The following procedure will be used by all personnel when corporal punishment must be used:

- (1) Paddling is the only corporal punishment to be used.
- (2) No more than three “licks” are to be given. These are to be administered by the Headmaster, Assistant Administrator or coaches.
- (3) The sex, age, and size of the student will be considered prior to the application of paddling.
- (4) Another staff member must witness the application of corporal punishment
- (5) The student is to be told the reason for punishment.
- (6) The student will repeat to the teacher why he is being punished.
- (7) The paddling is then administered.
- (8) The student will repeat why the corporal punishment was given.
- (9) Parent/Guardian of the student will be notified when possible.

## Care of School Property

The walls in the building, the furniture in the classrooms, library, gym, etc. – in fact, the building and whatever fixtures they contain – are provided at great expense and sacrifice by the students’ parents and patrons of Delta Academy.

Every student should not only refrain from defacing or destroying school property, but should make every possible effort to encourage his friends and fellow students to care for school property.

Help the janitorial staff by placing all paper and wastes in containers provided for this purpose. ***Do not throw paper on the campus or on the floors.*** Any student causing damage to school property either intentionally or through neglect on his part will be liable for such damages and face disciplinary measures. Damage to the school property can only result in less money to be spent on other needs.

## Chewing Gum Policy

We have a “NO CHEWING GUM POLICY” at Delta Academy and it will be enforced with firmness. Chewing gum may be enforced by detention. Repeated offenses may result in suspension.

### State Gun Laws

The state law effective 1994 states ANY PERSON BRINGING GUNS OR EXPLOSIVES ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL GROUNDS OR SCHOOL BUSES COULD BE ARRESTED ON FELONY CHARGES AND FACE UP TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON UPON CONVICTION UNDER ONE OF A BROAD RANGE OF NEW STATE LAWS WHICH TOOK EFFECT IN JULY 1994. The law makes it a felony to encourage or assist a person under 18 years of age to carry firearms or explosives on to school property. The law also includes stiffer penalties against parents or guardians who knowingly allow a child to carry a DEADLY WEAPON in violation of state laws. Violation may lead to suspension/expulsion. This rule is in effect even during hunting season. NO GUNS ON CAMPUS AT ANY TIME EVEN DURING HUNTING SEASONS!! This policy includes knives, any dangerous item designed or used to cause injury or pain.

### Alcohol or Other Intoxicants

Possession or use of any form of intoxicants (alcohol or drugs) on campus or at any school-sponsored event is strictly forbidden and will result in suspension or expulsion. This includes students who arrive intoxicated to a school event, or having been in use of alcohol or drugs prior to a school event. Parents/Guardians will be notified. The penalty will be a two (2) day suspension. Drug possession will result in a longer suspension or expulsion.

### Prohibited Use of Tobacco Products

Tobacco is highly dangerous. Students and school staff are not to smoke or use smokeless tobacco products in the school buildings or on school grounds at any time or during any school-sponsored activity. Students should not have in their possession tobacco, lighters, or matches. Failure to adhere to this rule will bring immediate disciplinary measures from the Administration. The penalty will be a one detention.

### Cell Phones

Students are not to use cell phones, beepers, cd players, mp3 players or any other similar electronic devices at school. **If cell phones are brought into the building, they will be deposited with the teacher upon entering class and may be picked up as they leave. Cell phones should be turned off during school hours (7:55am - 3:03pm).** Students found using any communication device will have the device confiscated and turned in to the Headmaster's office.

- 1st Offense - Device will be held for 3 days
- 2nd Offense - Device will be held for 5 days
- 3rd Offense - Detention

Example: If the device is picked up on Friday as a 1st offense, the device will not be returned until the following Monday. If the device is picked up on a Monday as a 2nd offense, the device will not be returned until the following Monday since the end of the 5 days falls on a Saturday.

### Cheating and Stealing

**Cheating** – Students must do their own work. Cheating is an immoral act which will not be tolerated. In each instance of cheating, a grade of zero (0) will be given on the paper, a notation will be made on the grade sheet and a conduct grade of “U” will be given. Repeated instances will result in suspension and/or expulsion. All instances of cheating will be reported by the teacher to the Administration and the students parents. Work may be made up for partial credit. Students caught cheating are subject to a one (1) day suspension.

**Stealing** – All students are expected to respect the property of others at all time. Students who are found guilty of this action will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion. Appropriate law enforcement agencies may also be notified.

**Honor Code – Lying, cheating and stealing have no place at Delta Academy. At the conclusion of ALL tests, each student will be required to write and sign a pledge on the back of his/her paper stating: “ON MY HONOR, I PLEDGE THAT I HAVE NEITHER GIVEN NOR RECEIVED ANY UNAUTHORIZED HELP ON THIS WORK.”**

### Boy-Girl Relationships

Boyfriend-girlfriend relationships should be guided and chaperoned from the home. School is not the place for OUTWARD DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION for one’s girlfriend or boyfriend. If such a situation occurs and persists, the school will be forced to appropriate action.

### Married Students

The Quitman County Educational Foundation has adopted a policy that married or divorced students will not be allowed to enter or remain in school.

Students who become pregnant will NOT be allowed to continue to attend Delta Academy. This includes the FATHER and the MOTHER.

### Motor Vehicles

Students will be allowed to drive motor vehicles to school as long as they observe the necessary precautions for safe driving including a ten (10) mile per hour speed limit and provided they park their cars in a designated student parking area.

Students who ride motor bikes are also expected to conform to regulations pertaining to motor vehicles. Motor bikes are not be ridden across the grounds of Delta Academy.

**NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE WITHOUT A LICENSE OR PERMIT. THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.**

No one will be allowed to stay in parked automobiles on campus.

STUDENTS ARE NOT TO RETURN TO AUTOS/TRUCKS DURING SCHOOL DAY UNLESS PERMISSION IS GIVEN BY OFFICE.

All students who drive on campus must show a valid driver’s license number to be kept on file in the Headmaster’s office. Failure to adhere to this ruling will result in suspension from driving on campus. Non-licensed drivers who park off campus will not be allowed to drive on campus at any time. This includes during athletic events or practices, Delta Singer programs or practices, or any other school-sponsored functions.

Any student who does not exhibit proper driving habits will face possible suspension from school.

Any student on campus caught driving off the designated driving areas without permission and with intent to destroy property will lose driving privileges on campus and/or suspension.

### Dress Code

There is a close relationship between students dress and conduct. Any dress that attracts excessive attention, interferes, distracts or interrupts either the learning process or any school activity is prohibited. Inappropriate messages on clothing are also against the dress code. The following regulations apply to the dress of students:

#### BOYS:

Blue jeans, khakis, dress pants, and cargo pants are allowed.

Collared shirts or Delta Academy T-shirts may be worn everyday.

No torn, ripped frayed, or ragged trousers or shorts are allowed.

Boys may wear shorts. No gym shorts are allowed.

Shirrtails must be tucked in at all times. With pants or shorts that have belt loops, a belt must be worn.

Bare feet are not acceptable.

Boys must be cleanly shaven. No beards, mustaches, or goatees. This applies to student athletes participating in sporting events during school holidays.

Tank tops, body shirts, or muscle shirts are not to be worn.

Caps/hats of any type will not be worn on campus until school is dismissed.

There should be no other writing on clothing other than brand names. (Exception: Delta Academy T-shirts.)

No tattoos or body piercing. This includes earrings.

Dress Code will be in effect during mid-term and final exams.

There will be NO Dress-up Day.

#### GIRLS:

Midriff tops, halter tops, halter dresses, and extremely short or tight skirts/skorts are not allowed. Spaghetti straps are not to be worn. Skirts/skorts may be no shorter than 4 inches above the crease in the back of the knee.

No hooded sweatshirts may be worn as an outer garment.

No torn, ripped frayed, or ragged clothing may be worn.

Girls may wear walking shorts. Shorts must be hemmed to an appropriate length no higher than 4 inches above the crease in the back of the knee. No gym shorts are allowed.

Delta Academy T-shirts may be worn.

Leggings are not appropriate as outerwear.

Caps/hats of any type will not be worn on campus until school is dismissed in the afternoon.

There should be no other writing on clothing other than brand names. (Exception: Delta Academy T-shirts.)

No tattoos or body piercing. (Exception: a maximum of two earrings per ear may be worn)

Dress Code will be in effect during mid-term and final exams.

There will be NO Dress-up Day.

Anyone not complying with these regulations will be sent to the office and asked to change clothes.

He or she may also receive an automatic detention. If required, parents will be contacted to arrange a change of clothing or a change of clothing will be provided by the office. Continued problems with the

dress code will result in strong consideration being given to school uniforms.

### Hair Styles

The only request that is made of the girls' hairstyles is that it be kept combed out of the face and that all bangs be kept cut above the eyebrow.

Boys' hairstyles: The hair should be neatly groomed at all times. It should not be combed forward to an extreme (out above the eyebrow) nor should sideburns be below the ear lobe or any part of the shirt collar. Students will be counseled with only once on this matter of dress and hairstyles. If full cooperation is not given, the parents will be contacted in order that the above recommendations be complied with by the student.

### Jewelry

Girls' use of jewelry should be in keeping with an academic atmosphere and not be overdone so as to distract from normal school activities. Body piercing will be limited to the ears only with no more than 2 pieces of jewelry in each ear. No inappropriate ornamentation will be allowed.

Boys will not be allowed to wear ear studs, hip chains, excessive neck jewelry, etc. to school or at school functions.

NO VISIBLE TATTOOS ARE ALLOWED.  
PIERCED TONGUES ARE NOT ALLOWED.

### Parents' Responsibility

**Delta Academy feels that it is the responsibility of the parents to see that their children conform to the dress regulations and hairstyle regulations that have been established by the school board. If parents will not accept their responsibility in this area, Delta Academy will be forced to assume this responsibility for them.**

### Visitors

Visitors are welcome at Delta Academy; its doors are always open to parents and others interested in the school. It is the desire of the school staff to acquaint friends with all the offerings of the school. PLEASE USE THE ENTRANCE NEXT TO THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE. This policy will help to insure the safety of all concerned. **All visitors, including parents, need to check in at the Headmaster's office.**

### General Student Information

Assembly programs: Assembly programs will be held on a regular basis.

Athletics: A diversified program of athletics has been in effect at Delta Academy for a number of years, and it is designed to appeal to the interest of as many students as possible. All students are encouraged to find a place somewhere in the athletic program of the school and should consider themselves a definite and necessary part of the activities of the school. The athletic program for boys includes, for interscholastic competition, the major sports of football, basketball, baseball, and track. Interscholastic competition for the girls include basketball, softball, and track.

Corridors: In passing through corridors to classes, or in entering or leaving the building, please be as quiet as possible. Always keep to the right and do not block the corridors by stopping to talk or by playing. Loud talk and whistling are out of place in any hall or corridor.

Break: During this time, students are allowed to get food and take a short break in the lunchroom. Students are to keep all food and drink out of the halls and rooms. **FOOD IS TO REMAIN IN THE CAFETERIA OR IN PICNIC AREA AT ALL TIMES.** All students in grades 7-12 should stay out of the elementary building during break and lunch, unless they are given permission by the proper authority.

Activity period: Class or club meetings will be held at this time. If additional time is needed, arrangements must be made in advance with the Headmaster. Permission for class or club meetings should be obtained from the Headmaster in advance so the schedule can be arranged.

Class officers: Class officers will be elected during the first nine weeks of the school term. Each class shall elect a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and two (2) Student Council Representatives. **These officers must have attended Delta Academy the previous semester and must have maintained an 85 or above grade average.**

School insurance: The school will have available to students Student Accident Insurance which will cover injuries that occur at school or at school-sponsored activities. Further information on this insurance will be sent home during the first week of school.

Lunch service: Students will eat their lunches in the place provided by the school. All students are expected to report for the lunch period regardless of whether they plan to eat or not. Extremely loud talking, breaking the line, or playing will not be tolerated in the lunchroom. Dispose of all trash in a waste receptacle before leaving the building and place drink cans in the proper container. Failure to comply with this policy will result in forfeiture of break privileges for the individual and/or the group.

Daily Announcements: Announcements will be made each morning over the intercom and a morning report will be delivered to each classroom. Students, teachers, or organizations desiring to have announcements made should write them in the form desired and turn them in to the Headmaster's office. Announcements should be as brief as possible and turned in to the office by 7:55 A.M. Announcements concerning non-school activities should be approved by the Headmaster. The Headmaster must approve all announcements before they are made to the student body.

**General Information: Students must be enrolled at Delta Academy before participating in any school activity. This includes summer athletic and cheerleader activities.**

#### Asbestos Management Program

Delta Academy has a Management Plan in place for dealing with asbestos in our physical plant. This plan and all necessary data, inspection reports, and locations are on file and available to parents, patrons, and employees.

Delta Academy is surveyed yearly by a trained LEA designated person and a three-year reinspection is conducted by a certified asbestos inspector. Although there are only minimal amounts of asbestos in our facility and there is no danger to students and staff, we want you to be aware.

## Emergency Information

Fire and tornado drills are of importance in training students to conduct themselves in an emergency which might affect the entire student body.

Fire and tornado drills will be held regularly at announced and unannounced times. When the signal is given, the teacher will direct the class as to the procedure for leaving the room and where the students are to go. All teachers will be familiar with the fire drill and tornado drill bulletin concerning their particular room. Two mandatory fire drills will be held during the first two weeks of school.

**Fire Drill:** A series of short rings of the bell

**Tornado Drill:** A long continuous ring of the bell

Civil Defense Drill: If community Civil Defense measures are finalized, the school may be invited to participate in periodic drills (usually once a year). In such an event, specific instructions for the Civil Defense Drill will be issued to each school in the system.

All emergency drills are serious business and students should view them as necessary training in the art of survival. Student Weather Monitors will be used to help administration and teachers conduct drills.

First aid supplies will be supplied by the school staff. Medical supplies will be furnished by the students.

Medicines: Parents are required to provide the school with written permission to provide student with nonprescription or prescription medication. Written permission must be on file, including doctor's permission, before Delta Academy personnel will be allowed to administer any nonprescription or prescription medicine. Also, please indicate any special medical problems which may arise, allergies, etc.

Severe Weather: Students will be kept at school during severe weather alerts.

School closing Due to Inclement Weather: Information pertaining to closing of school due to weather conditions can be heard on television Channel 3 – WREG in Memphis. This information will also be on Delta Academy's web page at <http://www.deltaacademy.org> and radio station WBLE in Batesville.

## Annual Patrons' Meeting

The annual meeting of the Patrons of the Quitman County Educational Foundation shall be held each year in Marks, Quitman County, Mississippi, in the month of March. Each parent/guardian of a student attending Delta Academy is considered a patron.

## Mothers' Club/Booster Club

Every mother of a Delta Academy student is automatically a member of the Mothers' Club. Every parent or guardian of a Delta Academy student is considered a member of the Booster Club.

**The Mothers club and the Boosters Club rely heavily on the proceeds from the concession stand to supplement academic and athletic programs at Delta. In order to assure adequate workers at the concession stand, it is necessary for all parents/guardians to participate. Rules governing your concession stand participation are located on page 31 of this handbook.**

## Election of Directors

The directors shall be elected annually by a majority of those present and voting at the annual membership meeting. Each director shall serve a three (3) year term. No director shall receive any compensation for his service.

2009-2010 Members: Don Haynes – President; Eric Patterson – Vice-president; Barbara Jamison – Secretary; Bill Graeber – Treasurer; Dennis Corbin, Angie Crawford, Chris Dancy, Kevin Rushing, Bob Schiele, Kenny Turner and Gerald White. Also attending board meetings in non-voting capacities are Booster Club President and the Mothers' Club President.

#### What To Do If ....

- (1) You are detained by a teacher or the Headmaster and you are late to class or activity: Obtain from the person who detains you a written excuse stating the reason you are late.
- (2) You have been absent: Pick up admit slip from office.
- (3) You wish to make a TELEPHONE CALL: Use the telephone in the office.
- (4) You are ill and want to go home: Get a special excuse from the teacher to go to office.
- (5) When you want information concerning colleges: Consult the Guidance Counselor, who has college catalogs in office.
- (6) You wish to participate in some sport or school activity: Contact coach or sponsor.
- (7) You wish to leave school before the regular dismissal time: Bring a written note from your parent and bring it to the Headmaster's office before 8:05 AM for approval.
- (8) You need help concerning your program of studies: See the Headmaster or Guidance Counselor.
- (9) If in doubt, check with the counselor or front office.

#### Clubs and Organizations

Since classroom work deals with the mental or intellectual values associated with various subjects, and there is little opportunity for students to practice all of the fundamentals they are supposed to learn in various classes, the organization of clubs came about to afford a means of putting into practice the things that lie beyond the ordinary scope of curriculum.

The purpose of clubs and associated organizations at Delta Academy are:

1. To increase fellowship and cooperation among groups of similar interest
2. To broaden the interest of students in different areas
3. To motivate and enrich classroom work
4. To develop worthwhile social ideals, attitudes and habits
5. To develop a sense of responsibility and leadership qualities

Club officers, Annual editor and Newspaper editor must have attended Delta Academy the previous semester and maintained an 85 average.

Homecoming court representatives must have attended Delta Academy the previous semester.

Student Council: The general theme of this group is the improvement of the pupils and the school. It is comprised of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 representatives from each grade of grades 7-12.

Senior Beta Club: The Senior Beta is an honorary organization open to outstanding students in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Members are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and character. To be eligible, students must have and maintain an overall 88 or above average. Induction into the Beta Club will be conducted at the beginning of the year based on the previous year's average.

Junior Beta Club: The Junior Beta is an honorary organization open to outstanding students in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Members are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and character. To be eligible, students must have and maintain an overall 88 or above average.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: FCA is an organization designed to confront athletes and coaches, and through them the youth of the nation, with the challenge and adventure of following Christ and serving Him in the fellowship of the church and through the vocations. Membership is extended to any coach, athlete, manager, trainer, and anyone involved with an athletic team. Junior High FCA is grades 7-9 and Senior High FCA is grades 10-12.

Interact: Student community service club sponsored by the Quitman County Rotary Club. Student members selected by the current membership and sponsor. Interact scholarship nominees must have completed 30 hours of school or community service.

Delta Girls: Student campus service club that is open to girls grades 10-12. Members are selected by the current membership and sponsors.

Mu Alpha Theta: Math honorary club open to any student in grades 10-12 who display above average aptitude in mathematics. Active members are students who have completed four (4) semesters of math and are enrolled in a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) semester. The student must have an eighty-eight (88) average in math courses and no failures in any other subject. The student must maintain this average and be enrolled in a math course to be considered an active member each year. Associate members are students who have completed semesters of Algebra and who are enrolled in a semester of Geometry or Algebra II. The student must maintain an eighty-eight (88) average in math courses and have no failures in any other subject.

Cheerleaders: Parents and students should read all rules concerning responsibilities for being a cheerleader. Any student who wishes to tryout for cheerleader must have attended Delta Academy for one (1) semester and be presently enrolled from the beginning of the second semester. She must have passed four (4) academic units the previous year and four (4) academic units the first semester to be eligible to try out the second semester. Outside judges will be used to select the cheerleaders. Judges will use score sheets and a numerical calculation of points acquired will be made. Insurance must be purchased by the cheerleader or a waiver signed by parents relieving the school of liability must be provided. Participants must agree to attend all cheerleader functions, practices, meetings and camps throughout the year. Girls wishing to try out must submit a permission form signed by their parents stating an understanding of these rules. Academic eligibility requirements are the same as for athletes.

Delta Singers: Academic eligibility requirements are the same as for athletes and cheerleaders.

Weather Monitors: Monitors help administration and teachers conduct drills. Academic eligibility requirements are the same as for athletes and cheerleaders.

### Athletics

#### DELTA ACADEMY REGULATIONS:

In order to remain eligible at Delta Academy, a student must pass 4 academic subjects each grading period (Progress Reports & Report Cards). A student not passing 4 academic subjects when Progress Reports go out will be placed on probation. A student not passing 4 academic subjects when Report Cards go out will be ineligible until the next Progress Reports go out. If an ineligible player passes 4 academic subjects during the next grading period, eligibility will be restored. Athletic eligibility requirements will be based on each separate nine weeks grading period. Fall eligibility requirements will be determined by the previous yearly grades.

## ACADEMY CONFERENCE REGULATIONS:

There are several regulations by the Academy Conference that govern athletic competition among member schools. The regulations listed below apply to all potential student athletes.

1. Be a bona-fide student: A student shall be enrolled in school by the opening of that school's session and taking at least one major academic subject and a member in good standing according to the school's and/or conference regulations. If a participant represents a school in an inter-school competitive event before the start of that school's opening session, he must enroll in that member school at the opening of that school's session in the same year. If a participant, who has represented a school in a competitive event before the opening of the school session is not enrolled at that school at the opening of the session, any or all games played while that participant was a member of that school's team will be forfeited to the opponent and the school will be subject to disciplinary action by the Affairs Committee. – When a legal and enforceable contract exists between the parents and the school, said students will be ineligible as of that date at any other school unless other eligibility rules apply.
2. Shall not have reached his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1 in the school year in which he wishes to participate.
3. Shall not be a graduate of a high school.
4. Shall not have participated in athletics above the high school level. (This does not mean that a student cannot attend sports camp that are held on college campuses and often instructed by college coaches.) Said camps shall be approved by the Director of Activities.
5. Upon entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, a student will have 4 (four) consecutive years of eligibility in inter-school contests. This is interpreted to mean that a student is eligible for 4 (four) consecutive years after entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade regardless of when he began to participate. Entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade means that a student is carrying at least 4 subjects which carry credit toward graduation and are acceptable under the heading of major subjects according to the definition set forth in Rule VI, p. 8.
6. First and second semester eligibility:
  - a. To be eligible for the first semester of a school year, a student must have accumulated four (4) major units (credits) the previous academic year. Previous academic year is interpreted to be "a complete year or any part of the school year in which a student is enrolled at either a member or a non-member school."
  - b. To be eligible for the second semester of a school year, a student athlete who was ineligible for the first semester could become eligible for the second semester if he passed four (4) major academic subjects during the first semester of that same academic year. If a school is not on a semester basis, the student must be passing four (4) major subjects as of January 1.
7. Courses taken in summer school shall be considered as an extension of the school year and credits earned this way may be used in determining scholastic eligibility of students. Accredited correspondence courses started in the spring or summer may be accepted for establishing athletic eligibility for the first semester of the year (eligibility beginning on completion date). Accredited correspondence courses started after the beginning of the first semester may be accepted for establishing athletic eligibility for the second semester (eligibility beginning on completion time). All correspondence courses must be cleared with the Headmaster.

8. No student may be eligible to participate in inter-school athletics if he has been shown financial consideration by the school or any of its associated organizations on the basis of his value to the activity program of the school. A student shown financial consideration of any kind shall be so noted on the eligibility lists that are submitted to the Director of Activities. If the ownership of stock is a requirement for entrance into the school, the gift of such stock to a student who enters into school on someone else's share of stock is considered to be receiving financial aid must be so noted.

Junior High Eligibility: In order to participate in junior high athletics (grades 7,8,9 inclusive) a student shall not have reached his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1 of the school year in which he wishes to participate. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade competition only, no participant shall have reached his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1 of the school year in which he wishes to participate. Students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade shall have three consecutive years of eligibility in junior high. Any student who repeated the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade would NOT be eligible as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader on the junior high level – Only on the Varsity level.

Jackets, provided by the Booster Club, are awarded to deserving athletes. This includes 1 jacket, letter, number and name per student. The coaches are responsible for determining eligible students. Requirements for determining who is eligible to receive a jacket will be developed by the coaching staff and the Booster Club. Final decision is at the discretion of the Booster Club.

## **Student Transportation Policy**

In an attempt to ensure the safety of Delta Academy's students during travel to and from athletic and all school events, the Board of Directors of Delta Academy has adopted the following policy:

When at all possible, students will be transported in school-owned vehicles driven by properly-licensed drivers. All students will be required to travel to the school-sponsored event with the school group. All staff will coordinate field trips, school functions, and athletic events in an effort to use school transportation whenever possible.

Students may return with their parents with annual written permission provided in advance, along with verbal permission at each event. Parents who give their children permission to be transported by another parent must provide written permission in advance to school personnel. Students who do not have written permission for alternative transportation will be required to return on school-provided transportation. Delta Academy will not be responsible for students who are transported in other students' vehicles. In the event that parents are enlisted for transportation, both Delta Academy and these parents will be responsible for these students.

Coaches and staff will be required to provide the headmaster with a roster of students attending athletic events, field trips, and school performances including parents' names, contact numbers and detailed insurance information. In the event of accident or problem (e.g. wreck, broken window, student injury), a report should be filed with the insurance company and police/sheriff's department. The Headmaster should be contacted immediately.

History of the Quitman County Educational Foundation  
d.b.a. Delta Academy

Quitman County Educational Foundation was incorporated in 1964 and in the fall of 1965 County Day School opened its first session in the Presbyterian manse with Mrs. Charlotte Owen as teacher and principal, with four classes, twenty-two students and one other teacher.

In September of 1966, County Day School moved to the old C.R. Berryhill house with grades 1 through 5, 42 students and three teachers. In the school year of 1967-68, the school entered its new building with grades 1-8, 116 students and 10 teachers. The school year 1968-69, the patrons of County Day School deemed it necessary to establish a high school and thus complete the primary and secondary educational program. The Foundation leased a former school building from the Walnut Land Company and Delta Academy, with grades 9-12 and 110 students, was opened in this building in September 1969, thus bringing the total kindergarten through grade 12 to 327 students. The high school program was in such demand from students, the Board found it imperative to more than double the size of the high school for the year 1970-71.

In 1974, through the generosity of the patrons and friends of Delta Academy, an all-purpose "gymnasium" was completed. This structure provides space for indoor athletic events, stage productions and banquets.

In 1976, the patrons fulfilled a long-standing dream by voting to fund a building program to consolidate all grades on the Marks campus. This was accomplished, and in the fall of 1976, all grades, K-12, were on one campus.

In the summer of 1979, construction of a Media Center and Study Hall was begun to meet the needs of the students in providing an environment conducive to better study habits. This modern addition was completed for the 1979-80 school term.

In 1989 a weight room was constructed to serve the need of students and the community.

In the summer of 1991, the preschool building, "The Little Red Schoolhouse", was moved to its present site to house the K3 and K4 programs.

In 1997, a new high school science building was constructed to further serve the scientific needs of the students.

In 1997-98 a new lighting system and a complete renovation of the baseball field was completed.

In 1998 construction of a new football/track facility was started. The first football game was played on this field on October 1, 1999.

In 2000 construction of a new softball field was started. The first game was played in Spring 2001.

In 2001 a new wooden basketball floor was installed in the gym. The first games were played in the fall of 2001.

In 2004 renovations began on the baseball field that included a new fence, press box and scoreboard. Additional renovations began on a multi-sport concession stand and rest rooms. A new Linux server was installed to automatically filter all internet content.

In the summer of 2005, the new press box, rest rooms and fencing were completed. Also, the library, high school teachers' lounge and two classrooms were remodeled. Eight additional new computers and lcd displays were added to the school network.

In the summer of 2006, the weight room was renovated, new bleachers were built in the gym, a new roof was installed on the school, E.C. Chisholm's classroom was renovated and 10 computers and lcd displays were added to the school network.

In the spring of 2007, Delta's own mail server was installed at the school. In the summer of 2007, additional work was completed on the gym, several classrooms were renovated and 10 additional computers and lcd displays were added to the school network.

In the summer of 2008 the elementary computer lab was renovated with 14 computers, 14 new 19" lcd monitors, new tables, chairs and a network switch. The new network was tied to school network to provide access to filtered internet content.

In 2009 the old phone system was discarded and a new VOIP broadband network computer based system with Cisco phones was designed and installed "in house". The new system reduced our monthly telecommunication expenses by about 300%.

### In Closing

Delta Academy boasts of a complete physical plant and a curriculum that challenges students seeking quality education in both mind and body. Most Delta students continue their formal education after graduation.

Although a young educational institution, Delta Academy has among its graduates, students who have achieved outstanding success in numerous colleges and universities. Delta graduates have taken their places in society as productive, well-rounded citizens in many areas. Delta Academy is recognized as a leader in the Mississippi Private School Association and continually ranks high in achievement scores in national and local tests.

This progress has only been accomplished by the faithful and devoted parents and students who have determined that no effort is too great to provide a superior educational opportunity. The Board of Directors is most grateful to the people who have given so generously of their time, money and talents.

## **Fundraising**

As members of the Delta Academy Family, we are all working toward the same goal, preparing our children to meet the future and become productive members of the community. To help meet the financial goals necessary to accomplish our task, we have selected several programs in which we encourage our patrons to participate. ***These programs listed below all require a minimum of effort*** and have the potential of producing real financial returns for our school. The key to the success of these programs is your participation. Please get all of your family members and friends involved with these programs. Several items below are things that you normally throw into the trash. With your help, we will be able to turn your trash into cash for the school. The Senior Beta Club will sponsor these activities this year.

### **Boxtops for Education**

Save your coupons off of your cereal, cake mix and other General Mills and Pillsbury products and return them to the School Office. A refund will be made to the school for every coupon that you return. To learn more, visit the BoxTops for Education website at: <http://www.boxtops4education.com> and see the complete list of products that carry the coupons. Please save your Boxtops for Education coupons and turn them in at the school office.

### **Campbell Soup**

Please collect the labels from your Campbell Soup products and visit the **Labels For Education** website at: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com> for a complete list of products and instructions on how the labels need to be cut. Also, other products are listed on this site with instructions on what needs to be collected and turned in to the school office.

### **Recycle with EnviroSmart**

Recycle your empty ink jet cartridges with free postage paid mailers available at the school office. The mailers are bar coded with the school's number, and the school will be paid for each cartridge that you return. We do not collect laser cartridges anymore.

### **Schoolpop.com (formerly: schoolcash.com)**

- 1) Register at schoolpop.com and designate Delta Academy to benefit from your purchases.
- 2) When shopping online, start at <http://www.schoolpop.com> site.
- 3) The school will receive a rebate from each purchase that you make online.

### **Target**

- 1) Sign up for a Target Visa or Target Guest Card .
- 2) Designate your purchases to benefit Delta Academy. Our school ID # is: **9513**
- 3) All of your purchases using your Target Visa or Target Guest Card will benefit the school.

### **Tyson Foods Project A+**

Clip and save Tyson Project A+ labels and turn them in at the school office. Tyson will pay us **24 cents** for each label that we send in to them.

Information and links to these programs are also listed on the main page of the Delta Academy Web site at: <http://www.deltaacademy.org> . Remember, your participation in these programs has a direct effect on tuition, so, please sign up and/or participate in all of these programs.

***NOTE: ALL Fundraising must have prior approval of the Headmaster.***

## **IMPORTANT**

***The Delta Academy Student/Parent Handbook is a guide to life at Delta Academy. It provides useful information regarding programs, policies and procedures. The School reserves the right to amend these programs, policies and procedures as necessary throughout the school year.***

### **Signature Page**

I have read the information contained in this book and understand the explanation given concerning all aspects of school objectives, rules and regulations contained herein. I understand that this page must be signed and dated by both the student and parent/guardian and returned within five (5) school days to the Headmaster's office where it will be kept on file.

Parent or Guardian's Signature	Date
Student's Signature	Date

## **Concession Stand Duty at Delta Academy**

As a patron and member of the Delta Academy community, I understand that all **parents/guardians** are required to work in the concession stands 2 or more times a year as athletic schedules dictate. Therefore, a concession stand charge of \$200.00 will be added to my child's/children's tuition account(s) before the first day of school. Each time a parent/guardian works, \$100.00 will be deducted from my account. Completion of the entire shift is required to obtain credit. I also understand that if I am not able to serve at a required time, it is my responsibility to find an **adult** replacement to fill my designated time slot. If I fail to serve or find a replacement who serves, an additional \$100.00 charge will be added to my tuition account. This charge/fine will be removed from my account when I work an extra time in the concession stand. Any outstanding fees at the end of the school year must be paid before grades will be released. If your child is a graduating Senior, all fees and tuition must be paid no later than May 1, 2010 in order for that child to participate in graduation ceremonies. I understand that it is my responsibility to contact Tina Rayburn, Mothers' Club Concession Scheduler, at 662-645-8476 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or via e-mail at [ronnierayburn@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronnierayburn@bellsouth.net) to sign-up for my concession stand duty slots.

My participation is very important and necessary because proceeds from our athletic events help supplement school programs and operations.

Parent/Guardian - Family Representative's Signature	Date
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