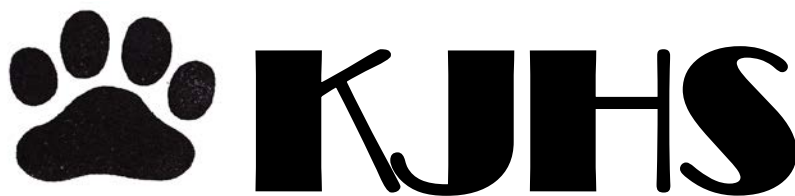


Kosciusko Junior High School
Student Handbook 2015-2016



Motto

At KJHS we will be Prepared for class, be Respectful to ourselves and others,
be students of Integrity, be Dependable, and always give our best Effort.

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WELCOME

Welcome to Kosciusko Junior High School where spirit and pride are key elements in our school and community of which we can be proud. This handbook is designed to provide you with a set of general rules and regulations that should assist you in your everyday effort at the Kosciusko Junior High School. The administration retains the right to add, adjust, and enforce the rules and regulations that might be necessary for the safe, healthy, and efficient operation of the school. Remember that your success in this school will be directly proportional to your efforts.

2015-2016 Kosciusko School District Calendar **Whippet *PRIDE* is hard to hide!**

First Semester

August 3,4.....Staff Development
August 5.....Classes Begin
September 7.....Labor Day Holiday
October 5-9.....9 Weeks Test
October 14-16.....Fall Break
October 21.....Report Cards
November 23-27.....Thanksgiving Holidays
December 14-18.....Semester Exams
December 21-January 1.....Christmas Holidays
January 4.....Classes Resume
January 6.....Report Cards
January 18.....Holiday
March 7-11.....9 Weeks Test
March 14-18.....Spring Break
March 23.....Report Cards
March 25.....Holiday
May 16-20.....Final Exams
May 20.....Graduation
May 23.....Holiday
May 25.....Report Cards
May 24-27.....Teacher Workdays

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance on the part of all students is necessary for success in school. For some students, one tardy or one absence can be detrimental to good work. Students are expected to be in school except in cases of emergency or one of the following reasons: personal illness, illness in the family, death of a relative, quarantine of the home, doctor appointment for illness, and other special reasons pre-arranged with the principal and/or assistant principals. Students are encouraged to have dental appointments after school hours.

Two types of admit slips will be issued for absences:

1. Excused (meets one or more of the above criteria)
2. Unexcused (missed work and assignments cannot be made up. A grade of (0) zero can be issued for work missed.)

MAKE UP WORK

Students have the number of days missed not to exceed 5 days to make up missed assignments. For example, 1 absence allows for one (1) day to make up work, 2 absences and the student has two (2) days to make up the missed assignment, this is not to exceed five (5) days. This is the policy unless the work was assigned before the absence or if the absence was principal and/or assistant principal approved or medically excused. The administration maintains the right to approve special circumstances.

Steps to follow when absent:

1. Bring a written excuse from parent, guardian or doctor to the office (note should state name, date, days absent, and reason for absence). **All notes and excuses are due upon your return.**
2. Present the note to the office personnel between 7:30 and 7:50 a.m.
3. An admission slip will be given to the student by the office personnel and must be presented by the student to each class he/she missed for the teacher's signature. Leave the admission slip with your last period teacher.
4. Only five (5) parent excuses will be accepted per semester. Each day on the excuse constitutes as (1) one parent note. After the 5th parent excuse, an unexcused absence will be given unless the student has a doctor's note or has been preapproved. Exceptions may be granted by the principal and/or assistant principals. After five (5) unexcused absences the student will be referred to the Attala County Attendance Officer.
5. **CUMULATIVE ABSENCES:** There is a compulsory school law and absences will be referred to the Attendance Officer according to the law. A student who misses more than 25 days of school during a year will not be promoted or receive credit for any course taken. Exceptions may be granted for extenuating circumstances such as accidents or extended illness when validated by a written excuse from a licensed medical doctor.

TARDINESS

Students are expected to be in their seats when the tardy bell rings. There are 4 minutes between classes. There are very few valid reasons for being tardy. Each student is allowed 3 unexcused tardies. Upon receiving the 4th unexcused tardy and all subsequent unexcused tardies, student may be subject to disciplinary actions. Only three (3) parent excuses will be accepted for tardiness in the morning time (per semester)

CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

No student may leave campus at any time without obtaining permission from the principal or/and assistant principal. A student shall be dismissed only after a parent has signed the check-out sheet. Once a student reports to school he or she is not to leave the school campus for any reason, other than with a parent, guardian, or properly designated person listed on the student's registration form. Check outs will not be performed over the phone or by hand written notes. **No Exceptions** will be made. To be eligible for participation in a

school activity, a student must remain in school on the day of the activity. Exceptions may be granted by the building principal.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

Students who live in another school district and wish to attend this school must obtain a transfer permit from their district's school board. This permit must also be approved by the Kosciusko School board. These students are responsible for their own transportation. Tuition must be charged.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

In the event it is necessary for a student to withdraw from school, the student is required to turn in all books to the classroom teacher and report to the Principal's office to pick up a withdrawal slip. All textbooks must be returned before a book card is issued. Student records will be forwarded upon written request by new school.

REPORT CARDS AND GRADING SYSTEM

Report cards will be issued each nine week term.

Standard Grades: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (65-69), F (Below 65), NG (No grade for incomplete work).

9 weeks averages will be determined as follows:
Homework-10%; Daily Grades-30% and Tests-60%

9 weeks grades will be determined as follows:
Nine Weeks average = $\frac{3}{4}$; Nine Weeks exam = $\frac{1}{4}$

Semester grades will be determined as follows: both nine weeks grades will be averaged and will count $\frac{3}{4}$ of the semester grade. The semester exam will count the other $\frac{1}{4}$.

MID-TERM/FINAL EXAMS EXEMPTION

Students can earn exemption from mid-term/ final exams in the following ways:

Mid-Term

A-2 Absences, B-1 Absence, Passing with perfect attendance

Final Exams

A- Exempt, B-1 Absence, Passing with perfect attendance

1. Maintain perfect attendance. Perfect attendance is defined as being neither absent nor tardy for any class. A student must possess a passing average for this rule to apply. Checking out of school negates perfect attendance. (Except students will be granted up to 5 doctor or dental visits per year that are one (1) hour or less each. These absences will require a doctor's excuse immediately upon return to school and will not affect perfect attendance.)
2. The administration retains the right to review special cases and to grant exemptions in cases of extenuating circumstances. This will not be used to overrule exemptions where students fail to meet grade point requirements for exemptions.

HONOR ROLL

Two types of Honor Roll may be earned at Kosciusko Jr. High:

1. Superintendent's Honor Roll: 90 and above
2. Principal's Honor Roll: 80 -89

HOMEWORK

At Kosciusko Junior High, we realize that homework is a major part of the academic process. Homework grades will be given and figured as part of the overall average. If a student fails to complete the assignments given by the teacher, punishment may include after school detention, work detail, or paddling.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Academic rules for students participating in activities: To be eligible **only** for middle/junior high activities, a student must have passed any four courses (that meet the equivalent of 250 minutes per week and meet MDE requirements) with a 2.0 average for the preceding semester (computed numerically or by GPA). The year-end average for the spring semester will be used to compute averages for the fall semester. Students must be on track to be promoted to be eligible. All other requirements must be in compliance with the MHSAA guidelines.

Sixth graders are not eligible for athletic competition.

HEALTH, P.E., AND DRUG AWARENESS

All seventh and eighth grade students not enrolled in sports or band will take Health/P.E., Drug Awareness will be included in Health/P.E. program.

STUDY HALLS

There will be no study halls for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

SUBJECT AREA CLASSES

Student scoring a grade of 84 or below in 8th grade Science are required to take Science Skills and Reasoning in 9th grade.

Students scoring a grade of 85 or above in 8th grade Language Arts can take Honors English in 9th grade.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule changes are made only when absolutely necessary with the Principal or Assistant Principal's approval. When schedule changes are made, the teacher involved must be presented written permission from the Principal's office. It is the student's responsibility to obtain and present this permission.

RETENTION

In order for **6th grade students** to be promoted to the next grade, three (3) of the following four (4) major subjects must be passed: Language Arts, Math, Science, and History.

In order for **7th grade students** to be promoted to the next grade, three (3) of the following four (4) major subjects must be passed: Language Arts, Math, Science, and History.

In order for **8th grade students** to be promoted to the next grade, three (3) of the following four (4) major subjects must be passed: Language Arts, Math, Science, and History.

QUEST STATEMENT

The Kosciusko School District provides for students who have been identified as intellectually gifted through the Quest program in 2nd through 6th grades. All students in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade are screened for possible referral to the program each spring. Students must go through the referral process to be considered for testing. If your child qualifies for testing you will be notified in writing and you must give your permission before the child is tested. You may contact your child's teacher if your child has not been referred and you would like for your child to be considered for testing. Please contact the teacher by January. If you would like information on giftedness you can visit www.hoagiegifted.org for pertinent information.

GUIDANCE

Kosciusko Jr. High employs a guidance counselor to assist students in schedule development, admission, school adjustment, dealing with personal problems, and all record keeping. Records may be viewed according to the *Privacy Act of 1974*.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is a key to an excellent school. Always treat teachers and fellow students with respect. Apply yourself to your studies. Be on time. Failure to work and perform in the classroom is cause for disciplinary action. Fighting will not be tolerated. If you have a problem, seek help before it becomes serious. Students will receive a zero (0) for all work missed while either suspended or expelled. A student may be referred to the Alternative School. Any student who feels unjustly treated by a teacher or other employee has the right to appeal. The order of appeal shall be as follows: Teacher, Principal, Superintendent, and the School Board. Each level must be exhausted before appealing to a higher level.

FIGHTING

The Kosciusko School Board has adopted a zero tolerance policy for fighting at the Junior High School and the High School.

1. If your child is involved in a fight on campus, on school buses, or school activities he/she will be subjected to a **minimum 5 day suspension. This suspension will be immediate.** In case of bus suspension, student(s) must be picked up by 3:30. Your child will also be subject to the loss of all privileges during the rest of the school year, including participation in break, pep rallies, assemblies, and school trips.
2. Incidents involving fighting will be handled by the Principal. All applicable police referrals and charges will be brought by the Principal.
3. Assignment to the Alternative School negates participation in break, pep rallies, school trips, and all non-academic honors (including Cheerleading, Class Offices, Homecoming, Student Council, Who's Who etc...)
4. A student involved in a fight at a ball game will be banned from attending all further games and after school activities for the remainder of the school year.
5. Fighting on the bus will result in dismissal from the bus

for an indefinite period of time.

6. Any student filming fights on campus, at school activities, or on a school bus will be subject to suspension and/or placement at the alternative school.

WEAPONS, DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS AND CONTRABAND

A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit a knife, razor, ice pick, explosives, pistol, rifle, shotgun, pellet gun, or any other object that can reasonably be considered a weapon, dangerous instrument or any contraband materials. There will be a **zero (0) tolerance policy** concerning firearms. As required by the Gun Free School Act, **the penalty for bringing or handling a firearm on school property shall be expulsion from school and all of its activities for a minimum period of one calendar year.**

VANDALISM AND PROPERTY DAMAGE

Students are expected to take care of school property. Students who destroy, abuse, or vandalize school property will be required to pay for losses or damages as well as being subject to disciplinary action and/or legal action. Stealing is a violation of the law and shall be treated as such.

FIREWORKS

All forms of fireworks are prohibited at school, on buses, or school property.

Social Media

Any student(s) posting images to social media during the school day that administration deems inappropriate may be subject to disciplinary actions.

DRUGS, TOBACCO, AND ALCOHOL

There will be a zero (0) tolerance policy concerning drugs, tobacco or nicotine related products, and alcohol in or on school property, during school hours, or at school sponsored activities. Any student(s) violating this policy can be suspended and/or receive up to 90 days at the alternative school. Student(s) may also be subject to legal action. Student(s) who have questions or want to discuss drug related problems are encouraged to talk with the principals, teachers, and/or guidance counselors. These conversations will be confidential. Referrals may be suggested if deemed necessary.

DRUG SCREENING

All students in grades 7-12 participation in extracurricular activities will be subject to **random** screening for illegal drug use. Extracurricular activities includes all athletic programs, cheerleaders, band or group the represents students involved in completion and or after-school-related activities or any student who seeks a privilege for which a school permit is required (i.e. operation of a motor vehicle on campus). Students involved in extracurricular activities and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will be made aware of the drug testing process and the steps/consequences if a student tests positive. Every precaution will be taken to assure and maintain accuracy and confidentiality of the test results, including the maintenance of a documented chain of specimen custody to insure the identity and integrity of the sample throughout the collection and testing process.

PURPOSE: The Purpose of the drug Screening Program is to aid and assist students involved in extracurricular activities. It is not the unduly interfere with the students' private lives or to bring hardship, but rather to protect the students' well-being and that of others who are associated with extracurricular activities in the Kosciusko School District.

CHEWING GUM, CANDY, ETC...

Kosciusko Junior High students are not to be in possession of any form of gum, candy, etc... in the school building or school grounds during school hours, nor is gum to be chewed on school buses or school grounds. When students are caught, the teacher or principal will discipline them.

PHYSICAL CONTACT

It is important for all students to understand that certain behavior may be viewed as correct in one social situation while at the same time be incorrect at another time or place. Physical contact, necking, and hand holding are inappropriate behaviors in school.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Any and all forms of Sexual Harassment are hereby strictly forbidden. Any student who feels they are being sexually harassed by anyone (fellow student or school personnel) should make an immediate report to the Principal, Assistant Principal, Counselor or Teacher. The Principal or designee shall investigate any and all such complaints and seek immediate cessation and resolution of all harassment.

STUDENT APPEARANCE

Students will be expected to keep themselves well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. Any form of dress or hairstyle which is considered contrary to good hygiene or detrimental to the conduct of the school will be forbidden. Shorts will not be permitted for boys or girls. Neither will tube tops, halters, backless garments, exposed midriffs, mini skirt or other similar clothes. Skirts may be worn but must come to the bend of the knee. If a transparent garment is worn, the garments underneath must be appropriate and meet school dress code. Clothing advertising alcoholic beverages or those with obscene or questionable printing on them will not be permitted. Clothing that is representative of gang activity will not be allowed. Unless the construction of clothing prevents it, shirts shall be tucked inside trousers. T-shirts must be tucked inside trousers. Girls may have only one item outside of trousers. No holes will be allowed in any garments. Boys and girls are to wear pants to the waist. All male students must wear a belt and it must be fastened properly. No rubber bands allowed around the pants legs. Male students will not tuck their pants into their shoes or boots. Sagging will not be permitted. All fasteners designed for use with an article of clothing will be fastened at all times with the exception of the top button on the collars. Shoes must be worn. No braless garments will be permitted. Students are not allowed to wear pajama pants or any type of sleep wear. No caps or hats allowed on school premises. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building. Piercings are allowed only on the ears (girls). No other facial piercings allowed. Students are not to have picks or combs in their hair. Students will not be allowed to wear clothing that promotes violence, vulgarity, etc. Boys-jogging pants/jogging suits may only be worn if the suit is KJHS athletic team issued

and the athlete is still in good standing as a member of the athletic team. Hoodies and sweatshirt tops are acceptable. Dress codes also apply to all school-sponsored events. Due to the ever changing world of fashion, clothing deemed distracting to the learning environment will be at the discretion of the administration. Students who repeatedly disregard the dress code will be subject to suspension.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Occasionally, head lice are found in our school. When notified, the parent or guardian will be asked to come to the school and get the child. To be readmitted to school, the student shall report to the school office with the box top from the product or the bottle and the dated sales receipt, showing proof of purchase. Follow-up treatment should be according to product label directions, usually 7 to 10 days following the first treatment. A note stating type of treatment and date of the second treatment should be sent to the school office. The student must report to the school office with the required information, after both first and second treatments for readmission to school. The 1997 Legislature passed a law that states after 3 occurrences of the head lice in one school year, the child will be referred to the health department for further education and treatment

MEDICATION POLICY

The parent(s)/guardian of each student will be required to complete a Student Health Card as a part of registration. This card is to be updated by the parent(s)/guardian as needed. All prescription and over-the-counter drugs brought to school must be surrendered to the principal's office upon arrival at school. Students who fail to surrender medications to the office will be in violation of school policy and will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension and /or arrest. Administrative personnel will be responsible for administering all medications: prescription, non-prescription. No student is to administer his/her own medicine. A medication authorization form must be completed for any long-term medications, prescription or non-prescription. Medication must be in original container with label intact, including name, dosage, and expiration date of medication. Student's name must be on the bottle. Only a school week's supply should be sent at a time. The student may pick up the empty container on Friday. The parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school of any changes concerning the administration of a medication.

SELF-ADMINISTERING OF ASTHMA MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

A student with asthma may possess and use asthma medications when on school properties and at school sponsored activities. The School District shall incur no liability as a result of any injury sustained by the student from the self-administering of asthma medications. (*MS Code of 1972*)

BEFORE SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Upon arriving at school, all students will report to the designated area and remain there until first period.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

Kosciusko Junior High School operates under a closed campus policy and all visitors must report to the office upon arrival on campus. There will be no student visitors allowed on campus. All parent conferences are scheduled through the office.

PARENTS WHO BRING THEIR CHILDREN

Parents who wish to bring their children or pick them up in the afternoons must use the following procedure: All privately transported students must be dropped off and/or picked up in the west side parking lot only. Students will be dismissed at 3:10.

BUS REGULATIONS

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked for gross or continued misconduct. Students are subject to school authority and all school regulations while riding the school buses. **Only those students eligible to ride a bus may ride.** Students may not ride any bus other than their assigned bus without permission from the Principal. The school bus driver is responsible to the school district to maintain student order and to ensure maximum safety at all times. Therefore, he is authorized to instruct and otherwise control students as to proper conduct and safety while they are on the bus. **A student** suspended from the bus must be picked up by 3:30 while under suspension. Failure to be picked up by 3:30 will result in a suspension from school the following day.

SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIPS

Written permission slips are required for all school-sponsored trips other than band and athletics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are made on the P.A. system at the beginning or ending of the day. All announcements are to be signed by the teacher or sponsor involved. Announcements should be in the office by 7:45.

OUTSIDE RULES/BREAK

1. Stay in designated areas.
2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to self.
3. Show respect for teachers, students, and their possessions.
4. Use appropriate language. Use no obscene words. Maintain proper voice level.
5. Maintain proper conduct in all outside activities.
6. Refrain from littering the campus.
7. No wrestling, fighting, or running. Walk when moving about campus.
8. Break is a privilege and may be revoked.

HALLS

Students are to be in the halls only at the beginning and closing of school and during class changes unless they have special permission as indicated by a corridor pass. Running, pushing, abusive language, eating and drinking are not permitted in the halls.

RESTROOMS

Loitering in the restroom is forbidden. Students using restrooms during class must have a corridor pass. Students are expected to help maintain clean and sanitary restrooms.

POSTERS

Permission to display posters advertising activities not sponsored by the school must be obtained from the Principal.

LOCKERS

Each individual is assigned a locker in school. All lockers are the property and responsibility of Kosciusko Junior High School. **Lockers can be searched.** The Kosciusko School Administration reserves the right to search any or all lockers at any time, without the student's knowledge and/or presence. No student has the right of privacy. Extra keys or combinations are to be turned in to the Principal's office.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are the property of the Kosciusko School district and fines will be charged for abuse, damage, or loss.

PHONE USE

The office phone may only be used in case of an emergency. Permission from the person in charge of the office must be granted to use the phone. Students are not permitted to accept phone calls at school. Any message received for students in the office before 2:30 will be conveyed to the students.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are not allowed to have electronic communication devices such as cell phones on their person at any time, while at school or on the bus. Students may not bring MP3 players etc..., electronic games, no cameras to school. If brought to school, they will be confiscated and a fee of \$25.00 will be charged for the release of the device. Such devices will only be released to a parent of the student. They will not be released to the student. The school reserves the right to destroy any such device if it is not claimed by a parent within 30 days. The school is not responsible for items that are stolen.

INTERNET USE

Computer/Internet use is provided as a privilege to students in the Kosciusko School District. Inappropriate use while on the internet, other network files or accounts is unacceptable. Inappropriate use includes copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, cyber bullying, the design or detailed information pertaining to explosive devices, criminal activities or terrorist acts, hate speech, social networks, sexting, sexism or sexual harassment, pornography, games, gambling, illegal solicitation, racism and inappropriate language. This also includes vandalism, accessing a student's personal information, or a breach in security of a computer system. The consequences may include, paying for damages, denial of access to computer use, detention, suspension, expulsion, or other remedies applicable under school disciplinary policy, state and/or federal law.

CAFETERIA

Students are expected to be orderly, tidy, and mannerly in the cafeteria. Students will pay for meals in the cafeteria by having the correct change. All students must:

1. Demonstrate good table manners which include taking tray, milk carton, paper, silverware, etc., to proper place before leaving the cafeteria.
2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to self.
3. Refrain from breaking line
4. Use appropriate language. Use no obscene words, maintain proper voice level.
5. Show respect for teachers, students, and their possessions.

No parent or business will be allowed to bring any take-out orders or home-cooked lunches to school.

Breakfast Program

A nutritious breakfast will be provided for all students desiring to eat breakfast at school. Students paying for their breakfast must pay as they go through the breakfast line.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Students who attend extracurricular activities and events as a spectator must also respect the opposing teams and conduct themselves according to school rules. Failure to maintain proper student conduct at any event may result in immediate removal, suspension from future events, or other discipline actions. **Parents and Students** alike should be aware that our school can be penalized by the Mississippi High School Activities Association for misconduct of any fan at any athletic contest.

FLOWERS, BALLOONS, ETC...

The school is not to serve as students' delivery service. The school will not accept delivery of flowers, balloons, candy grams, etc...

SALE OF MERCHANDISE AT SCHOOL

Students may not sell any product for any reason at school or school-sponsored activities without prior approval from the Principal. Do not even bring the products on campus.

FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS

Fire and tornado drills will be held at regular intervals during the year.

1. Fire alarm or Bomb – Three (3) short bells or over intercom
2. Tornado – Five (5) short bells or over intercom
3. Intruder – One (1) Continuous bell

Exit routes in case of fire and assigned location in case of a tornado are located in classrooms.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The library will be open Monday through Friday. Students are encouraged to use the library frequently. Books are loaned for 14 days and may be renewed for an additional 14 days. A fine of five cents per day will be charged for overdue books. Fines for damaged or lost books will be charged.

ELECTION OF WHO'S WHO

Qualifications and General Rules:

1. Residency: Must be enrolled and in attendance for the two (2) consecutive semesters prior to the elections
2. Academic Average: Must have maintained a 70 or above average in each course for the two (2) consecutive semesters prior to the elections (70 or above on each nine weeks average)
3. Attendance: Must have missed less than 10 days in each of the past two (2) consecutive semesters
4. *Extracurricular: Must have been involved in or have been involved in at least one (1) extracurricular activity over the past two (2) consecutive semesters prior to elections.
5. There shall be no dual system of black and white for any honors.
6. Mr. and Miss K.J.H.S. are limited to eighth (8th) graders.
7. There shall be a nominating election in which students shall nominate candidates for honors.
8. The Teacher Screening Committee shall review all nominations. The top two qualifiers shall be voted on by the students for final election.
9. After the final election, office personnel/administrators shall tally all votes. Prior to any results being released, any student elected to more than three (3) honors shall be required to make a selection of only three honors (to be done in conference with the building administrators). The students with the next most votes for the honor(s) will automatically become the winners.

CANDIDATES FOR MR. AND MISS K.J.H.S.

Qualifications:

1. Residency: Must be enrolled and in attendance for two (2) consecutive semesters prior to the election.
2. Academic Average: Must have maintained an 85 or above overall average for the two (2) consecutive semesters prior to the elections.
3. Attendance: Must have missed no more than 9 days total during the past two (2) consecutive semesters.
4. *Extracurricular: Must be involved or have been involved in at least two (2) extracurricular activities over the past two (2) consecutive semesters prior to the elections.

*Extracurricular Activities: athletics, band, club organizations and offices

Candidates for Mr. and Miss K.J.H.S. will be screened by a teacher committee consisting of five members to select these individuals who meet qualifications. That slate of candidates shall be presented to the students and the top two (2) vote getters shall progress to a run-off election.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR HONORS

There shall be a nomination election in which students shall nominate candidates for honors. The Teacher Screening committee shall review all nominations for qualifications and shall present a slate of candidates consisting of not less than the top two qualified vote

getters to the students for final election. After the final election, office personnel/administrators shall tally all votes. Prior to any results being released, any student in the 6th and 7th grades elected to more than one honor shall be required to make a selection of only one honor (to be done in conference with the building administrators). The students with the next most votes for the honors will automatically become the winner. Any 8th grade student elected to more than three honors shall be required to make a selection of only three honors (to be done in conference with the building administrators).

MOST INTELLECTUAL

Teachers will be presented a list of those students with 90 or above overall average for two (2) consecutive semesters prior to the election. Teachers will vote for one boy and one girl.

AWARDS DAY

An annual awards presentation will be held to honor outstanding academic achievement and perfect attendance

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

A number of clubs and organizations exist at Kosciusko Junior High School for the student's enjoyment and education. Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing in order to belong to clubs and organizations and attend meetings. Academics always take precedence over clubs and organizations.

A schedule of meeting times has been provided to each sponsor. Clubs and organizations will meet only upon sponsor request. Clubs and organizations at Kosciusko Junior High School are: Junior High Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Student Advisory Committee.

The Kosciusko School District does not sponsor dances.

Kosciusko Jr. High Bell Schedule 1st Lunch/ Break

7:52-7:56	Warning Bell
7:56-8:50	1 st Period
8:50-9:00	7 th & 8 th Grade Break
9:04-9:57	2 nd Period
10:01-10:54	3 rd Period
10:54-11:19	Lunch
11:23-12:16	4 th Period
12:20-1:18	5 th Period
1:22-2:12	6 th Period
2:18-3:10	7 th Period

2nd Lunch/Break

7:52-7:56	Warning Bell
7:56-8:50	1 st Period
8:54-9:47	2 nd Period
9:47-9:57	6 th Grade Break
10:01-10:54	3 rd Period
10:58-11:51	4 th Period
11:51-12:16	Lunch
12:20-1:18	5 th Period
1:22-2:12	6 th Period
2:18-3:10	7 th Period

The Kosciusko School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion or disability. All questions should be directed to:

**Special Education/Section 504/ Americans with Disabilities Office
206 South Huntington Street
Kosciusko, MS 39090
(662) 289-7193**