

DIXIE DISTRICT SCHOOLS 2016-2017

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Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Instruction Denee Hurst
Director of Student Services and ESE Alexa Mills
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SUPPORT SERVICES

Director of Safety, Facilities, Special Projects Jerry W. Evans
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Technology Coordinator Joe Mack Locke
Transportation Coordinator P.J. Hope
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FOOD SERVICE

Coordinator of Food Service Linda Fowler

Mark A. Rains
Dixie County
Superintendent of Schools
SIX GOALS

1. *Keep our children safe and secure.*
2. *Hire and retain only instructional staff who we believe are the best available.*
3. *Results of all state mandated tests will be above state average.*
4. *Establish and/or maintain positive relationships among all stakeholders.*
5. *Maintain fund balance at or above 5% to sustain financial viability across the school district.*
6. *Acquire special facilities funding for a new high school.*

DRUG TESTING

Drug testing will continue this year. The test is an 11-panel test.

The entire policy and permission form may be viewed at the Dixie District Schools website.

A MESSAGE FROM ... BUSINESS SERVICES

**Tonya Howell, Assistant
Superintendent - Finance and Business
Services**

Welcome 2016-2017 school year! The Business Services office is excited that summer break allows staff, students, and parents the opportunity to relax and recharge in anticipation of another exciting year of learning. For the district business office summer presents a demanding and challenging time period. We are working simultaneously throughout the summer to close out the prior year district business and make preparations for the new school year.

The Business Services Office provides for the accounting of district finances, payroll, health benefits/group insurance, purchasing, and accounts payable functions of the school district. We feel our role is to support the school sites and district offices in their efforts to provide a quality education for our students. Our mission is to provide fiscal services to ensure district financial stability and provide payroll services that ensure timely and accurate paychecks.

Highlights for 2016/2017:

Students, Parents, Teachers, and Everyone: Be sure to take advantage of Florida's 2016 Sales Tax Holiday. The state has set the time frame for Friday 8/5 through Sunday 8/7 and this affords sales tax exemption on certain clothing, shoes, and school supplies for all Florida residents.

All Dixie School District Employees: If you have a Flexible Medical Spending Account and TASC card, then be sure to spend your current allocation by 12/31/16. Then save your TASC card since these cards will be reloaded on January 1, 2017 as applicable to your health insurance elections.

Teachers: There are changes with the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program formerly known as the Lead Teacher Money. This school year you will be required to submit receipts so be sure to save them. More information will be provided on this topic soon at a school faculty meeting.

Wishing all a successful and productive school year!!

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Buddy Schofield, Director

As the Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, I look forward to serving the employees of Dixie District Schools. I wear many hats in my position: Personnel, Certification, Alternative Education, Title I, Title II, Leadership Training, Drug Testing, Charter Schools, Equity, Collective Bargaining, and Staff Development.

One of the major changes in Florida public education is the way in which teachers and principals are now evaluated. The new process is mandated by the state and requires 50% of the evaluation be based on student growth and achievement. Our goal is to make this new system an integral part of our continuing improvement plan while also being fair and equitable to teachers and principals.

DIXIE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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ASSESSMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INSTRUCTION

Denee Hurst, Director

This year, K-2 students will take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). This test replaces the SAT10 testing from years past. The ITBS is a nationally norm-reference, research-based assessment that provide valid and reliable results. K-2 students will take the ITBS in the spring.

Students in grades 3-10 will continue taking the Florida State Assessment (FSA). Although Reading and Writing are given separately, the state combines them for a total ELA score.

Grades 5 & 8 will continue to take FCAT 2.0 Science on paper. The FSA will be administered via computer grades 4- 10 for ELA, and grades 5-10 for Math. By 2017-2018, all FSA testing will be administered online.

End of Course (EOCs) will also continue for the following subject areas: Algebra 1 EOC, Algebra 2 EOC, Geometry EOC, Biology 1 EOC, Civics EOC (administered in middle school) and US History EOC. Like the ELA and Mathematics assessments, EOCs will be testing online.

Students, parents, community members, and educators can visit <http://fsassessments.org/> for more information. We also encourage you to visit <http://www.cpalms.org/Public/> to review any course descriptions and familiarize yourself with the Florida Standards of all courses your child may be taking.

To help keep families, community members and educators informed, we update the district website regularly. Please visit us at <http://dixieschools.dixie.k12.fl.us>.