

Clarksdale Attendance Center
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Dear Clarksdale Attendance Center Parents:

It is a pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new principal of Clarksdale Attendance Center. As a new member of the Clarksdale team, I am very excited about the coming school year and the challenge of serving Clarksdale students with such an outstanding group of teachers, staff and parents. The beginning of a new school year is an excellent time to reflect on accomplishments and plan for further improvements that will benefit our students and contribute to their achievement.

You can be proud of what has been accomplished at Clarksdale School. It is an outstanding school because a staff of dedicated men and women have a common goal –to do what is best for students; and the parents and community work as members of the team to meet this goal. If you are not actively involved at Clarksdale, I encourage you to find some way to contribute to the school this year. We need you and value whatever you are able to contribute!

I feel fortunate to begin serving at Clarksdale with two dynamic educators – Mr. John Lisenbe, who will serve as the administrator for PreK-grade 6 and Dr. Roy McNeill who will continue as the administrator for grades 9-12. I will be the administrator for grades 7-8 and work across all grade levels. You will have the opportunity to meet the faculty and administrative team at the ***BACK TO SCHOOL BASH*** on **August 5, at 7:00 PM**. In addition to meeting teachers and visiting classrooms, there will be many other activities to kick off the school year.

If you have not completed the required process for residency verification, important information is enclosed. **Schedules will only be distributed at the *BACK TO SCHOOL BASH* to those who have residency information on file.** Residency verification must be completed for students to begin school on August 7.

Also enclosed is information concerning the school dress code. Please read this carefully and assist your student(s) in selecting appropriate clothing for school. The Student Handbook states, “Any type of dress that attracts undue attention to the student and creates a disturbance in the school is in bad taste and is not acceptable.” An undue disturbance could include any time spent on dealing with dress issue, keeping a student from their learning activities.

The enclosed communication is intended to clarify and explain the direction for the 2008-2009 school year. My desire is that we will all work together to minimize the need for continued attention to student dress and maximize our attention on instruction and learning. Thank you for your support as we consistently enforce the dress code this year.

I look forward to working with each of you in continuing the tradition of excellence at Clarkdale. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 601-693-4463.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Thomas