



COPPER BASIN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I would first like to say what an honor it is to serve as the new principal at Copper Basin High School. I am excited about the new opportunity and committed to facing the challenges ahead as the state of Tennessee implements more rigorous standards for our students and uses the ACT Exam as a graduation requirement. As part of this commitment, Copper Basin High School will increase academic expectations for its students. This means that the grading scale we use will be held to a strict standard.

Please keep in mind that the following letter grades for a course represent differing levels of achievement:

- A = Excellent...A student has gone **FAR** above normal expectations or has scored near perfect.
- B = Above Average...A student's work has been better than normal expectations.
- C = Average...A student's work meets the minimum guidelines to master the material.
- D = Below Average...A student has mastered some of the material but not at a proficient level.
- F = Failing...A student's mastery of the material is very limited.

The state of Tennessee has increased its standards for students, as well as the difficulty for college entrance by requiring the ACT Exam. This means we must hold our students to the highest standard possible and make sure the grades they are earning reflect the quality of the work they are doing in the course. Having said that, it means that a student must truly give "above average" or "excellent" effort in class to earn an A or B. This also means we hold students accountable for their own work, and a strict honor code against cheating will be upheld.

A Copper Basin High School diploma should have worth and true marketable value, and a Copper Basin Honor Graduate should have true distinction as we embrace the higher expectations the state of Tennessee is implementing.

Sincerely,

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