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Student's request for early class dismissal denied by school board

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The Nicholas County School Board decided not to amend a school policy requiring students to attend classes for the full day when a senior student requested permission to leave one hour early throughout the school year to care for her baby.

Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid, present at the board meeting, explained the girl had talked with him about her situation. He explained that the girl had arranged for a sitter to look after the infant in the mornings while she attended

school and her husband worked. The husband, he continued, could care for the child one hour after the sister left, but the girl could not find someone to help during the last hour she was in school.

However, a new policy adopted by the school system this year requires all students to remain in classes through the entire day.

The previous school policy, John Cleaver said, allowed for some students to leave school in the afternoon, but apparently the policy was being abused.

There were students requesting leave for several reasons, many of them justified," Cleaver said. "But it got to the point that too many students were being allowed to leave for almost any reason they could think of."

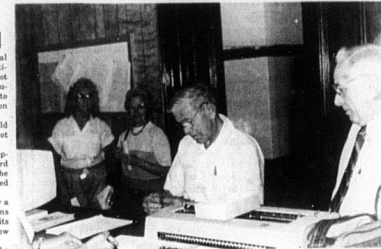
"The only policy we could make workable was to not grant any student leave," Board Attorney Billy Hopkins said for the school board to allow the girl time off, the policy they have implemented has to be amended.

It could not be handled by a case by case basis, Hopkins said, because the policy in its present form does not allow for exceptions to be made.

"You cannot viably make one exception to the rule in one case and then turn around and deny another in similar circumstances."

"The policy, however, can be amended."

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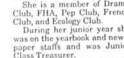
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NCHS homecoming queen to be picked Friday night

School Varsity Cheerleaders, secretary of Senior class, National Honor Society member, Governor's Cup participants, T.I. (Teen Leadership Conference) member, and member of the Pop Club.

Her future plans are to attend the University of Louisville and major in Biomedical Technology.

She was escorted by David Bretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Lester Bretz.



Sarah Cox is the daughter of Marshall Cox of Winchester and Martha Mitchell Cox of Cynthia. While finishing her senior year, she is residing in Carlsle with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Storm.

She is a member of Drama Club, FHA, Pop Club, French Club, and Ecology Club.

During her senior year she was on the yearbook and newspaper staff and was Junior Class Treasurer.

Her interests include swimming, horseback riding, and campouts.

She is a member of the Carlsle Presbyterian Church and plans to attend Georgetown College after graduation.

She will be escorted by Patrick Ritchie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ritchie.



Jennifer Lee Dale is the daughter of Lee and Joan Dale. She is a 12 year old Senior at Nicholas County High School. She enjoys playing softball, swimming, welding, and caring for children.

She works part-time at the Video Box office. After graduation she plans to attend Central Va. to pursue her interest and education in welding.

She will be escorted by Todd Gates, He is the son of Doug and Lois Gates.



Deanna Fryman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fryman. Her high school activities include being captain of Nicholas County High

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