

McIntosh County School System

Student Handbook

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McIntosh County Schools

Dr. James G. Pulos
Superintendent

July 30, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We are excited to soon see our students return to school in McIntosh County. This letter will provide some of the important details that parents and students may need to know.

Open House: We will hold open house on Thursday, August 4, 2022, as follows:

TGES – 4:00 to 6:00

MCMS – 5:00 to 7:00

MCA – 6:00 to 8:00

Visits: Please remember that Open House is when you will have an opportunity to meet teachers. Once school starts, appointments are required to enter the school hallways.

First Day of School: The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 8, 2022.

Handbook: The handbook is online located on the school and district's webpage. This is a very important document that will help guide you through the school year.

School Calendar: The school calendar is also located on the school and district's webpage. Please consult the calendar when planning for the year.

Security: We have continued our work in coordination with local law enforcement personnel to provide added security measures in order to keep our students, staff/faculty, and visitors safe while on our campuses. Each school will provide specifics regarding changes that will be in place.

Summer Read: All students were provided with reading assignments for the summer. We provide summer reading assignments in order to reduce the amount of learning loss that takes place while school is out, and/or to provide additional academic information for specific courses. Please discuss this with your child to make sure the assignments have been completed before the first day of school.

Test Scores: Tests scores at all three schools are improving. In fact, we exceeded the State and area scores in several of the tests. Our schools are working hard to continue our work on improving literacy. It is our number academic priority.

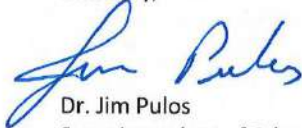
After School Programs: We are excited to announce that the Boys & Girls Club has received a huge grant that will provide a free after school program for our K-2 students. As well, they have a grand opening scheduled for

the newly renovated facility located at the middle school that is available to serve all students in our system. You will receive more information from the club soon.

COVID: We pray that the worst part of COVID is behind us. Unfortunately, we will continue to have issues similar to annual flu problems. We encourage parents to have discussions with their children about good hygiene measures in order to minimize potential illnesses. We will not mandate face coverings. Parents may direct their child to wear masks at their discretion. We will continue to monitor any positive cases that may come up and will be ready to adjust if necessary.

I am personally excited about returning to school, and I look forward to hearing our halls filled again with the voices of our students. We will continue to provide updated information as needed throughout the year. I wish you all a great school year!

Sincerely,



Dr. Jim Pulos
Superintendent of Schools
McIntosh County

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