

McGUFFEY HIGH SCHOOL



2019-2020 ORIENTATION

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HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

Mr. Mark J. Bonus, Principal - Ext 3004
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Director of Special Services - Mrs. Charissa Rychcik
Mrs. Angela MacBeth, Guidance Counselor for students A-K - Ext 3008
Mrs. Rita Ross, Guidance Counselor for students L-Z - Ext 3009
Mr. Ed Dalton, Athletic Director - Ext. 3031
Ms. Sharon Laffey, Home and School Visitor - Ext 3012
Mrs. Laura Sibert, Secretary to the Principal Ext. 3001
Mrs. Patty Johnson, Secretary to the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director - Ext. 3002
Mrs. Denise Ward, Guidance Secretary - Ext. 3007

- I. Welcome - Mr. Bonus
- II. General Information on Attendance and Expectations - Mr. Welc
- III. Student Schedules - Mrs. MacBeth and Graduation Requirements - Mrs. Ross
- IV. School Tours - Members of High School Student Council

McGuffey High School 2019 - 2020 Fast Facts:

8.26.19	First Student Day
7:55 AM	Start of Period 1
3:05 PM	Student Dismissal Time
30	Minutes in a high school lunch period
5	Days to make schedule changes to core courses only
9.24.19	McGuffey High School Open House 6:30 - 8:00 PM
1961	First Graduating Class of McGuffey High School
480	Students Grades 9 through 12
2	Administrators
50	Teachers
2	Guidance Counselors
2	Full Time School Police Officers
180	Days of School
13	Advanced Placement Courses
25 th	Day of the term Progress Reports are distributed
AAA/AA	WPIAL Classifications
100	Percent of Grade 11 Students meeting Career Standards Benchmark during 2018-2019 SY
38	Dual Enrollment Courses with the University of Pittsburgh, University of Valley Forge, and the Community College of Allegheny County
26	Credits needed to graduate from McGuffey High School
14	Technical programs offered at Western Area Career and Technology Center
132	Courses offered at McGuffey High School
42	Minutes per instructional period (49 minutes 1st Period)
\$1.45	Price of breakfast
\$2.70	Price of regular school lunch
600	Seats in the Auditorium
129	Student parking spaces on campus
1	Special place to receive an education
Lifetime	Of great memories as a graduate of McGuffey High School

Why McGuffey High School

Academics:

Core Content Areas - Mathematics, Science, English, Social Studies

Elective Content Areas - Foreign Languages, Computer Science, Business, Music, Art, Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Education, Health and Physical Education

Technical Training Programs - General Agriculture Program of Study, Agricultural Mechanics Program of Study, Horticulture Program of Study, Engineering Technologies Program of Study, and Western Area Career and Technology Vocational Education Programming

- **NOCTI Assessment: (WACTC/VO AG) 89% of Students scored Competent or Advanced
- *SAT/ACT COLLEGE BENCHMARK rating of 75%
- *SAT averages - Mathematics (500) Reading (486) Writing (452)
- *ACT averages - English/Mathematics (23) Reading (26) Science (24)
- **Percentage of Students Enrolled in Rigorous Courses of Study - 73%.
- **Percentage of students enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses - 50%.
- **High School Graduation Rate - 95%.
*Source (2017 - 2018 School Performance Profile)
**Source (2018 - 2019 Future Ready Index)

Arts and Activities:

- High School Marching Band: 2012-2013 PIMBA STATE CHAMPIONS
- District and Regional Band: 2016-2017
- All State Band Musicians: 2012-2013 and 2013-2014
- District and Regional Chorus Vocalists:
2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- 20 Student Clubs and Activities

Athletics:

17 Team Sports

- 2018 - 2019 Seven WPIAL Playoff Teams
- 2018 - 2019 One PIAA Playoff Teams
- 2017 - 2018 Two Section Championships
- 2017 - 2018 Six WPIAL Playoff Teams
- 2017 - 2018 Two PIAA Playoff Teams
- 2016 - 2017 Three Section Championships
- 2016 - 2017 Seven WPIAL Playoff Teams
- 2016 - 2017 One PIAA Playoff Team
- 2015 - 2016 Three Section Championships
- 2015 - 2016 Nine WPIAL Playoff Teams
- 2015 - 2016 One PIAA Playoff Team
- 2014 - 2015 Five Section Championships
- 2014 - 2015 Nine WPIAL Playoff Teams
- 2014 - 2015 Three PIAA Playoff Teams

Academic Requirements for Graduation

1. Twenty Six Credits or Fifteen and a Half Credits and Completion of WACTC Program.
2. Successfully completed a Culminating Graduation Project (CGP).
3. The meeting of all state requirements issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as necessary for students to graduate from high school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Beginning with the Class of 2021 - 2022 student performance on Keystone Exams, PSAT, NOCTI/NIMS, SAT, ACT, and/or Advanced Placement Exams will be used as factors in state graduation requirements in all Pennsylvania schools.

Credit Requirements/Course Requirements - Non CTE Students

4	credits of English (English 9, 10, 11, 12)
4	credits of Mathematics (Algebra and Geometry)
4	credits of Science (Biology)
4	credits of Social Studies (Civics/Law and US History)
2	credits of Physical Education
1	credits of Information Systems
1	credit of Arts and Humanities
.5	credit of Health
<u>5.5</u>	<u>credits of Electives</u>
26	Credits Total

Credit Requirements/Course Requirements - CTE Students

4	credits of English (English 9, 10, 11, 12)
3	credits of Mathematics (Algebra and Geometry)
3	credits of Science (Biology)
2.5	credits of Social Studies (Civics/Law and US History)
.5	credit of Health
1.5	credits of Physical Education
<u>1</u>	<u>credit of Arts and Humanities or Information Systems or a combination of both</u>
15.5	Credits Total + Credits awarded by completion of a CTE Program at WACTC.

Typical CTE Student Course of Studies

Course schedule may be modified to accommodate graduation requirements.

<u>Freshman Year</u>	<u>Sophomore Year</u>	<u>Junior Year</u>	<u>Senior Year</u>
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Science
Science	Science	US History	Social Studies
Social Studies	WACTC Program	WACTC Program	Physical Education
Health			WACTC Program
Physical Education			
Arts and Humanities			
Information Systems			

McGuffey High School
Student Schedule
2019 - 2020

Full Name: WILLIAM H. MCGUFFEY
 Grade: 9
 Resource: Room 107
 Locker Number: 050

Period (Days)	Term	Course Name	Teacher	Room #
1 (D1-D6) 2 (D4-D6)	19 - 20	BIOLOGY	Brown, K.	307
2 (D1-D3)	19 - 20	HS PHYSICAL EDUCATION (LAB)	Schardt, M.	GYM
3-4 (D1-D6)	19 - 20	ALGEBRA 1A	Cunningham, E.	221
5/6 (D1-D6)	19 - 20	ADVANCED ENGLISH 9	Shilling, S.	116
7/8 (D1-D6)	S1	LAW AND SOCIETY	Cerra, M.	218
7/8 (D1-D6)	S2	CIVICS	Cerra, M.	218
9/10 (D1-D6)	S1	HEALTH	Fatigante, M.	110
9/10 (D1-D6)	S2	STUDY HALL	Emeterio, L.	208
11 (D1-D6)	19 - 20	LUNCH	HS, STAFF	CAFETERIA
12 (D1-D6)	19 - 20	SPANISH 2	Pendleton, M.	211
13 (D1-D6)	19 - 20	HS RESOURCE	Fatigante, M.	107

POWERSCHOOL

Students and parents can access student academic, attendance, and account information through our student information system. Information and directions are available on the school page on the district website - www.mcguffey.k12.pa.us.

Minutes			Minutes		
49	7:55 - 8:44	Period 1	49	7:55 - 8:44	Period 1
42	8:47 - 9:29	Period 2	42	8:47 - 9:29	Period 2
42	9:32 - 10:14	Period 3	42	9:32 - 10:14	Period 3
42	10:17 - 10:59	Period 4	42	10:17 - 10:59	Period 4
42	11:02 - 11:44	Period 5/6	42	11:02 - 11:44	Period 5/6
42	11:47 - 12:29	Period 7/8	42	11:47 - 12:29	Period 7/8
42	12:32 - 1:14	Period 9/10	30 (LUNCH)	12:32 - 1:02	Period 9
30 (LUNCH)	1:17 - 1:47	Period 11	42	1:05 - 1:47	Period 10/11
42	1:50 - 2:32	Period 12	42	1:50 - 2:32	Period 12
30	2:35 - 3:05	Period 13	30	2:35 - 3:05	Period 13

Culminating Graduation Project (CGP)

As part of its Strategic Plan, the McGuffey School District has adopted the High School Culminating Graduation Project (CGP) as a formal requirement for graduation. The purpose of the project is to provide a comprehensive program that will educate the whole person and prepare him/her to lead a productive life as a member of society. All students will complete a CGP that will illustrate how the various disciplines are interrelated and will show that a student can develop, organize, produce, analyze, and evaluate information. Each student will be responsible for a presenting their CGP according to the prescribed requirements during their Junior or Senior on a date designated by the district. Please refer to the Culminating Graduation Project information available on the high school website for instructions on the completion of this project.

Cafeteria Information 2019 - 2020

Breakfast

Breakfast is available for high school students between 8:35 am and 8:05 am.

Breakfast may be purchased from mobile carts at locations on the first, second and third floor.

Prices: Full - \$1.45, Reduced \$0.30, Free to eligible students

Lunch

Prices: Full - \$2.70, Reduced - \$0.40, Free to eligible students

The McGuffey School District utilizes www.myschoolbucks.com as a service to prepay for your child's school breakfast, lunch and a la carte food items using your credit card. For more information go to www.myschoolbucks.com.

The Shared Values of McGuffey High School include

Education is a shared responsibility, requiring the commitment, trust, and participation of staff, students, family, and community.

- All children and adults can learn. All learners have potential that can be developed.
- Rates of learning vary.
- All learners have unique skills and talents. Individual interests should be identified and nurtured.
- Having a growth mindset enhances learning.
- School climate contributes to learning, which occurs best in an environment of mutual respect.
- Learning experiences must encourage and teach skills with a collaborative attitude.
- The schools serve as a community hub.
- Ongoing professional learning of school district staff is essential.

High School FAQ

1. If I transport my child to school, what time should I drop them off and where?

Students who are not riding buses or driving themselves need to be dropped off and enter at the HS Gym Tower no earlier than 7:35 AM.

2. What steps can I take to support the safe education environment of McGuffey High School?

- a. Communicate daily with your child and if you have a concern report it to the school as soon as possible.
- b. Be conscientious of your child's digital communications including social media use.
- c. Be conscientious of what your child brings onto the school campus and district transportation daily.
- d. If become aware of a threat to the school environment, Act! <https://www.safe2saypa.org/> (available 24hrs)

3. Do you have a policy that regulates tardiness to school?

Yes. It can be found on Page 18 of the 2019 - 2020 Student Handbook

4. What are the state policies concerning student immunizations?

Yes. They can be found on Page 75 of the 2019 - 2020 Student Handbook

5. Do you have a policy concerning Family Educational Trips?

Yes. It can be found on Page 20 of the 2019 - 2020 Student Handbook

6. What period will my child eat lunch daily?

Either Period 9 (12:32 - 1:02) or Period 11 (1:17 - 1:47)

7. Where will my child's locker be located?

In a hallway close to their HS Resource Room (Period 13).

8. Where can I find information concerning school events and information?

Twitter: @McGuffeyHS and High School Website: www.mcguffey.k12.pa.us

9. In what grades do students take the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT and/or ACT?

PSAT - Grade 10 SAT/ACT - typically the second semester of their Junior Year.

10. How many credits will my child be taking each school year throughout high school?

Minimum 7 Credits Per Year / Maximum 8 Per Year

11. In what grades can students attend WACTC?

Students can attend WACTC in Grades 10/11/12 if they have a minimum GPA of 2.0 at the conclusion of their Freshman year based on their final course grades and are making good progress towards graduation.

12. What is the number to Fax Medical Excuses to the High School?

(724) 948 - 3344

13. How can I support a great high school experience for my child?

Build a strong and positive relationship with teachers, counselors, and administrators.

14. How can I prepare for my child's transition to post high school education and career planning?

Access the Career Cruising Parent Portal through your Powerschool account.

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2019-2020

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 26, 2019

IN-SERVICE DAYS

August 20, 21, 22, 23 / October 14 / January 3 / February 14/ June 4

ACT 80 DAY

February 17, 2020

HOLIDAYS

September 2.....Labor Day
 November 28 - December 2 Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 23 - January 2.....Winter Break
 April 10 Good Friday
 May 25 Memorial Day

GRADE PERIOD ENDS	REPORT CARDS ISSUED
October 29, 2019	November 4, 2019
January 17, 2020	January 24, 2020
March 25, 2020	April 1, 2020
June 3, 2020	June 3, 2020

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 3, 2020

ORDER OF MAKE-UP DAYS

1. January 20, 2020
2. March 13, 2020
3. April 9, 2020
4. April 13, 2020
5. May 8, 2020

McGuffey High School Open House

September 24, 2019 - 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

**Calendar subject to change with school cancellations/snow make-up days.