

STUDENT HANDBOOK



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Welcome to MHS - Your School

I would like to extend a cordial welcome to those students returning for another year and welcome our incoming freshmen and other new students. It is my desire that everyone begin the year with a positive attitude. It takes everyone - students, parents, and staff - to make the year successful.

The school will provide you with many opportunities. It is up to as to what level of success you will obtain. Keep in mind that it is not enough to just want success; one must be willing to devote the time and energy necessary to achieve it.

This handbook has been designed to assist students and parents in becoming fully acquainted with the rules, regulations, and policies of Mitchell High School. Should either a student or parent have questions that are not answered by this handbook, please contact any office.

Have a good year.

Sean Vandeventer,
Principal

Troy Pritchett,
Assistant Principal

General Information

Philosophy

Mitchell High School provides an educational climate, challenging students to work to their potential, and offers them an opportunity to succeed. Within these boundaries of available resources and facilities, we provide varied educational opportunities for all individuals, thus encouraging the development of the whole person. The focus is placed upon the basic skills, expansion of creative talent, enhancement of social skills, and physical and character development. The education provided is based upon democratic principles and challenges each individual to face, accept, and respond to the responsibilities and challenges of today's rapidly changing world.

Mission Statement

At Mitchell High School our core values will allow all students to graduate and become successful members of our community. To that end we will continue to pursue a secure, challenging, and welcoming environment.

At Mitchell High School We Believe

1. All have equal value and are deserving of respect.
2. All are accountable for their actions.
3. All have the ability to learn.
4. It is important for all to think critically and creatively.

Tradition

The public schools in Mitchell first opened their doors in 1869. Through the years the school has educated many outstanding young men and women. Mitchell High School is an accredited member of the North Central Association of Universities, Colleges and High School and has been awarded a First Class Commission by the Indiana State Board of Education.

Student Information

Modification

The Board of School Trustees of Mitchell Community Schools reserves the right to change, modify, delete, or add to the student handbook from time to time without prior notice. In the event this should occur, all students will be notified in writing of any such change, modification, deletion, or addition.

Arrivals

Students will be permitted only in designated areas of the building prior to 8:00 a.m. unless they have an appointment with a teacher. Students will be permitted to go to their lockers at 8:00 a.m. (It is strongly urged that students not arrive at Mitchell High School until after 8:00 a.m.)

Walking

Students who choose to walk to school are reminded to respect the property and rights of others. Students are also reminded that smoking on school property and skateboarding on school property at any time is prohibited.

Bus Regulations

School bus transportation is provided for most students, and students are welcome to utilize this service. The following rules have been adopted for your safety. Bus drivers may have their own additional regulations.

1. Students should conduct themselves properly.
2. Students should not interfere with the driver in any way.
3. Students should board the bus in an orderly manner.
4. Smoking or using tobacco is not permitted on the bus at any time.
5. The bus is not a place for any form of profanity, name calling or horseplay.
6. Every effort should be made to leave the bus in an orderly and quick manner.
7. The bus driver will issue rules at the beginning of the year. Students are to follow these regulations.
8. If any student ever needs or desires to ride a bus other than his/her own assigned bus, prior arrangements need to be made with the building administrator, bus driver, and parents. Permission may be withdrawn if the bus becomes too crowded or the student fails to comply with the Bus Riding Safety Rules for Students.

Bus riding is a privilege which should not be abused. Any violation of the rules can result in the suspension of the bus riding privileges. Students who skip school may lose bus privileges. The suspension of this privilege is at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent, Principal, and/or Bus Driver.

Students Who Are Transported by Other Drivers

Persons who unload students in the morning or pick up students after school are asked to use the student parking area for these purposes.

Bishop Boulevard is reserved for school bus traffic during the following hours:
7:50 - 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 - 3:25 p.m.

Student Driving

Students having a valid driver's license and parent/guardian consent may drive to school. Students who drive a motor vehicle to school must obey the following regulations:

1. Speeding or careless driving on school property at anytime is prohibited.
2. Students may not use vehicles, especially off-road, snowmobiles, motorcycles, etc. on areas of school property where vehicles could damage the property or where injury from improper use of a vehicle could occur.
3. Student Parking Area:
 - a. Students wishing to drive to school must register their vehicle(s) with the office. The cost of a parking permit is \$3 per permit non-refundable. Permits are to be displayed from the rear view mirror at all times.
 - b. The parking areas and/or parked cars are not to be used for loitering purpose by anyone during regular school hours or during school-sponsored events. Students are to park their vehicles immediately upon entering the parking lot. Cruising is not permitted.
 - c. Students are to adhere to the posted limits and stop signs.
 - d. Students should park straight in and within the painted parking spaces.
 - e. Students are not to litter. Please use the trash containers provided to discard trash.
 - f. Students should not park in handicap or reserved spaces.

After Arrival

After 8:00 a.m. the hallways and lobby areas are available for all students after arrival at school. Students are permitted to go to their lockers and remain in academic areas of the building. The hallway leading into the gymnasium and the gymnasium itself are off limits to students except for physical education classes. Faculty members are available for conferences at this time. Students may use the library for study purposes only. A warning bell will sound at 8:10 a.m. to signal students to report to their first classroom.

Dismissal

Students leaving during the school day must have made prior arrangements with the assistant principal. Students are not to remain in the building after school is dismissed unless they are directly supervised by a faculty member. The building will be secured at 4:00 p.m. each day.

Illness at School/Leaving School

If a student becomes ill at school and desires to go home, he/she must:

1. Go to the office and ask permission.
2. If granted, a person or guardian must be contacted prior to the student leaving school.
3. Office personal must talk with the parent or guardian by phone to receive consent.
4. The student will wait in the office until he/she is picked up.
5. Students may not leave school at any time without prior permission from the office. Failure to comply will be considered a truancy.

Insurance

Students are not insured for accidents that occur at school, including after school activities. Mitchell Community Schools does carry liability insurance.

Care of School Property

The Mitchell Community Schools have provided fine facilities for students. It is your responsibility to display proper care for all books, supplies, equipment and furniture supplied by the school. Student who disfigure property or do other damage to the school property, equipment or furniture will receive disciplinary action and may be required to replace the item or pay for damages done.

Classroom Regulations

Each individual teacher has the responsibility of administering disciplinary measures in his/her classroom when it is determined as necessary and appropriate. The types of disciplinary measures administered, but not limited to, include verbal reprimand, detention, removal from class, additional assignments, and reassigning a student to a different seat in the classroom. This includes in- school detention.

Convocations

Respect and courtesy will be the key words for student body behavior at all convocations. Students who cannot abide by these simple requests will be barred from further convocations.

Closing School Due to Bad Weather

Students who suspect that school may be canceled due to inclement weather should listen to Bedford radio stations WBIW-AM, WQRK-FM, or Paoli WUME-FM.

Deliveries to School

The school reserves the right to regulate the delivery of gifts, etc., to school, when it is deemed by the principal as affecting the function and/or educational purposes of the school.

Directory Information

Information concerning the student's participation in school organizations will be released to the newspapers.

1. *Honor Roll* - Released to newspapers
2. *All extra-curricular activities, clubs and organizations; including pictures*
- released to newspapers and/or yearbooks.

Upon request, the school will release the names of students to the following groups and organizations.

1. Mitchell Alumni Association
2. After-Prom Committee
3. Photographer for Senior Pictures
4. American Legion and Tri Kappa - Boys' and Girls' State
5. Annual Year book information
6. United States Armed Services Recruiter (name, telephone number, and home address released)
7. Mitchell/Orleans Exchange Club - Clothe-a-Child Project
8. Phi Beta Psi
9. Members of the General Assembly

Any parent/guardian who objects to the release of this information is to notify the principal's office in writing within ten (10) days of the enrollment of their student.

Change of Address

Immediately inform the office if you have a change of address or telephone number. This will be of great assistance in case of an emergency.

Accidents

Every accident or injury in the school building, on school grounds, at practice sessions, or any other event sponsored by the school must be reported immediately to the person in charge and to the Principal's office. An accident report must be filled out.

Visitors

Visitors are always welcome, especially parents. All visitors must report directly to the assistant principal or the principal before proceeding to any part of the building.

Attendance Policy

Up to the ninth school day a note or phone call from a parent/guardian will excuse a student's absence from classes. Beginning on the ninth school day, however, and lasting through the rest of the semester, a student will be excused only with a doctor's statement or parent conference. A student who misses nine school days or more in a class without a doctor's statement or a parent conference could be withdrawn and lose credit for the semester.

Suspension days shall not count toward the eight-day limit.

1. Parents/guardians will be notified in writing on the fourth absence and will be invited in for a conference. Parents/guardians will be notified on the eighth day.
2. Every absence must be explained by submitting a note from parent/guardian, doctor, dentist, or legal counsel to the assistant principal immediately upon the student's return to school. If a student brings a doctor's statement, the absence will not count on his or her eight days.
3. Students will not be allowed to submit doctor's statements for previous absences to avoid accumulating eight days absence. A student should present the doctor's statement on the first day of his or her return to school.
4. With prior approval by the assistant principal, school-sponsored athletic trips, a limit of two college and technical institute visitation days, job interviews, and family vacations will be conditional absences and not counted as one of the eight days. The student must turn in to the office a completed *Conditional Absence* form at least one full school day before the absence. Parents/guardians will discuss with the assistant principal at least one week prior to departure the details of the conditional absence. Conditional absences will not be granted to students with poor school attendance.
5. Students will be allowed three family business work days per semester. These days will be included in the eight-day limit.
6. A perfect attendance certificate will be issued if a student does not miss *any* regular school time during the school year.
7. A student who is absent from afternoon classes (periods 5, 6, and 7) will not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities that evening. Any exception (doctor's appointments, etc.) must have prior approval of the high school administration.
8. The probation department may also be consulted concerning attendance problems.
9. All attendance problems and/or questions will be handled by the assistant principal.

Hall Passes

1. Students in the corridors during class periods must have a hall pass from a teacher.
2. Students passing through the corridors shall do so as quietly as possible.
3. Students out of class or for any other reason using a “hall pass” shall go directly to their destination, conduct their business, and promptly return to their proper place.

Excused Absences

The following are valid reasons for a student being absent from school:

1. Illness of the student or prior approved dental or doctor appointments.
2. Death within the immediate family (father, mother, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather). Absences for serious illness within the immediate family will be allowed only upon written request of family doctor or by making arrangements with the assistant principal.
3. Exhibiting at the State Fair.
4. Serving as a page in the General Assembly.
5. Quarantine.
6. Exclusion because of exposure to a contagious disease.
7. Serving as a member of a precinct election board at any general, city or town, special or primary election.
8. Election campaign worker - prior arrangements with the assistant principal are necessary.
9. Active duty with the Indiana National Guard not to exceed ten (10) days in a school year.
10. Upon receipt of a court subpoena shown to school administrators.
11. Being a member of the State Standards Task Force.
12. Realizing that there are always exceptions to every established policy, all cases of absence will be considered upon their individual merit. We have established the above policies and excused absences to give our students guidelines so they and their parents will know what to expect as an attendance policy for our school.

Unexcused Absences

Any absences not excused will be penalized with the student not receiving credit for the classes missed. Repeated unexcused absences will result in in-school detention, or other discipline deemed necessary by principal or assistant principal. No credit will be given for work made up during an unexcused absence.

Admission Procedure to Explain an Absence

One of the following procedures must be followed:

1. Have a written statement from a licensed physician, dentist, etc. stating reasons for reasons for the student’s absence.
2. Have a statement in written form from parent/guardian, doctor, dentist, or legal counsel. This statement must be submitted to the assistant principal when the student returns to school.
3. On the day of the student’s return, have the parent/guardian call the assistant principal to set up a conference.
4. Parent or guardian may call school on day of absence to report reason for absence. If it is for doctor’s appointment, a doctor’s note still needs to be submitted to office.

Verification of Student Absences

The assistant principal, or designee will make a reasonable effort to verify a student's unexplained absence from school during any part of the day, if any of the following conditions apply:

1. The student or the student's parent or guardian had not made prior arrangements for the student to be absent during the time not in attendance.
2. No other known reason exists for the student to be absent, i.e., late bus arrival, approved late arrival.
3. The student's absence from school has not been verified through regular attendance procedures, i.e., no pre-approved absence from class such as a field trip.
4. Enough time has elapsed that the student should be in attendance at school or in class other than the reasons listed in items 1 through 3.

When the above conditions apply, the assistant principal or designee will attempt to contact the student's parent or guardian by telephone at a daytime number and state why the contact is being made.

Tardiness

In an effort to develop the habit of punctuality so necessary for mature development, students should be helped to see the importance of the responsibility for promptness.

1. Students tardy for first (1st) period will report to the office for a tardy slip. On the third tardy per semester, the student will receive detention. Excessive tardies to 1st period (above 3 per semester) will result in additional disciplinary action and may include the following:
 1. Detention
 2. In-school detention
 3. SuspensionAny amount of time under 25 minutes will be termed a tardy. Over 25 minutes will be an unexcused absence.
2. Tardies to class the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th periods will be handled at the discretion of the teacher. The second tardy may result in an assigned detention. Students will be responsible to get to class on time.

Family Vacations

Students/parents are encouraged to take vacations during vacation time. If it is necessary for a student to miss school due to a vacation, the following procedure should be observed.

1. Parent/guardian will discuss with the assistant principal prior to departure the details of the vacation.
2. Students will make up all work prior to leaving or within two days after returning. This decision will be at the teacher's discretion.
3. Students must complete a *Conditional Absence Form*
4. If the student follows the above procedures, the days missed on a family vacation will not count towards the eight-day limit.

Emergency Procedures for Evacuating Building

Fire Drill and Tornado Drill instructions are posted in each room of the building and must be followed. Each drill shall be treated as if it were an actual emergency situation which potentially is a life-and-death matter. Although speed is important in any such procedure, of greater importance is orderliness and the ability of all students to be given directions and proceed in an organized manner.

Sexual Harassment

Mitchell Community Schools Policy 5517 states the school corporation's intent to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee of Mitchell Community Schools to harass another employee or student through conduct or communications of a sexual nature. "Employee" includes non-employees and volunteers who work subject to control of school authorities.

It shall be a violation of the school's sexual harassment policy for students to harass other students through conduct or communication of a sexual nature.

A copy of Mitchell Community School's Policy 5517 and the form to register a complaint may be obtained from the Office of the Superintendent, Office of the Building Principal, School Counselor, and Student Council Representative.

Racial Harassment

It is the policy of Mitchell Community Schools to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from racial harassment.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee of Mitchell Community Schools to harass another employee or student through unwelcome conduct or communications of a racial nature as defined in this policy. It shall also be a violation of this policy for students to harass other students through unwelcome conduct or communication of a racial nature as defined in this policy. The use of the term "employee" also includes non-employees and volunteers who work subject to the control of school authorities. The term "race" or "racial" as used in this policy refer to all forms of discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, i.e., race, color, and national origin.

Hands-off Policy

Physical contact and displays of affection at MHS has its limits to what is appropriate. Holding of hands is permissible, but further physical displays of affection is not permitted.

Electronic Media Devices

Radios, IPODS, and other musical devices (including with headphones) are not be played by students during the school day unless it directly relates to a classroom activity. Music devices with earphones will be permitted in the building from 8:00 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. and during lunch 12:50 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the building administrator.

Telephones

Students will be excused from class to use telephones only for emergencies. Students must ask permission to use the office phone. Students will be called from class to talk on the phone only in emergencies.

Lost and Found

The lost and found department will be maintained in the bookstore. Students finding lost items should take them to the secretaries in the office.

Notification of Rights under FERPA

The family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights are as follows:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the school to amend a record should write the school principal (or appropriate school official) to clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member, (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using its own employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or parent or student serving on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. You may contact the office that administers FERPA at the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

Notification of Rights under PPRA

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to the following:

- *Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (“protected information survey”) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)-
 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s parent;
 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- *Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of*
 1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
- *Inspect, upon request and before administration or use*
 1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Mitchell Community Schools has developed and adopted policies in consultation with parents regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Mitchell Community Schools will also notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Mitchell Community Schools will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are

scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Mitchell Community Schools will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities or surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

Division of Child Services

The Division of Child Services (DCS) periodically interviews students in the Mitchell Community Schools System. In cooperation with the DCS, Mitchell Community Schools will allow DCS to interview students without a court order. The DCS will determine whether or not the parent or guardian of a student will be invited prior to the interview.

Self-Administered Medication

No student shall be allowed to keep medicine at school unless the student has received written authorization by the principal to possess and self-administer medication for a chronic disease or medical condition. For a student to be able to possess and self-administer medication while on school grounds or off school grounds at a school activity or function, the parent (guardian) must file an annual authorization with the principal. The written authorization must include the following:

1. A physician's statement affirming:
 - a. The student has an acute or chronic disease or medical condition for which the physician has prescribed medication;
 - b. The student has been instructed in how to self-administer the medication;
 - c. The nature of the disease or medical condition requiring emergency administration of the medication.

The written authorization must be filled with the principals annually.

Administration of Student Medication

Medication shall be administered to a student of Mitchell Community Schools only with the written and dated consent of the student's parent (guardian). The consent of the parent shall be valid only for the period in the parent's written consent and in no case longer than the current school year. All nonprescription medicine to be administered to a student must be accompanied by a statement describing the medicine, the dosage, and the time for it to be administered to the student. All prescription medicine, including injectable medicine, and all blood glucose tests by finger prick to be administered to student must be accompanied by a physician's order, a copy of the original prescription, or the pharmacy label. If the medication is to be terminated prior to the date on the prescription, the written and dated withdrawal of consent of the parent (guardian) and the written order of the physician shall be kept on file in the school the student attends.

Any medicine to be administered to a student shall be brought to the principal's office in its original container where it will be kept in a secure place. All prescription medication classified as a scheduled drug-controlled substance I-IV must be brought to the building office directly by the parent (guardian). These medications are not to be transported to or from school by the student. Medicine

shall be administered in accordance with the parent's written statement in the case of non-prescription medicine or the physician's order in the case of prescription medicine only by the school nurse or other employee(s) designated in writing by the principal. Nonprescription medicine must be age specific. All administration of medicine shall be documented in writing. Any designated employee who is responsible for administering injectable medicine or a blood glucose test by finger prick shall receive proper training from a practitioner or a registered nurse and such training shall be documented in writing by the practitioner or registered nurse, and kept on file in the principal's office. Since herbal supplements are not monitored by the FDA, the Mitchell Community Schools nurse will not be permitted to give herbal supplements at school.

Some medication guidelines are as follows:

1. Over-the-counter medications not normally recommend for children (aspirin-containing products such as Pepto-Bismol and Excedrin Migraine) must be accompanied by a physician's order.
2. The medication must be in the original container with the label intact and with a current expiration date. Medication left at school past the expiration date will be disposed of.
3. All student medication to be administered at school in grades 9-12 may be brought to school by the parent/guardian, a designee who is at least 18 years of age, or by the student with the parent/guardian's written permission.
4. Medication should not be sent to school with a student on a school bus.
5. Any changes in dosage must be accompanied by a new physician's order or new pharmacy label/container and with parent/guardian consent.
6. When a medicine is ordered by a physician for once, twice, or three times daily, it should be given at home.
7. Medication that is possessed by a school for administration during school hours or at school functions for students in grades 9-12 may only be released with the parent/guardian's permission or a designee who is at least 18 years of age.
8. Medication cannot be sent home with the student on the school bus.
9. Any medication on hand at the end of the year will be disposed of if not picked up.

Speech/Language Services

Hearing

Indiana state law requires that each school year students in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10 receive a hearing screening. At Mitchell, we included kindergarten students during Kindergarten Round-Up. In addition, students new to the school system, students enrolled in Special Education other than homebound, students indentified as having a hearing problem in previous years, and students referred for testing by a teacher or parents are also given a hearing screening each year. Students who do not pass the hearing screening are screened a second time within two weeks. Any student who does not pass the second screening is given a free hearing threshold test. A threshold test consists of identification of the decibel level at which the student responds across several sound frequencies. The results and recommendations are sent home to parents.

All students who miss the original hearing screening day will be screened within 60 school days.

No student shall be required to take a hearing screening if written objection by a parent or legal guardian is submitted to the school speech-language pathologist prior to testing. A signed note should be sent to the school within 14 days of enrollment to decline the screening.

Speech/Language

Students enrolled in the speech and language program may exhibit difficulties in one or more of the following communication areas: articulation, language, fluency, voice, and/or hearing. Free services are provided to reduce the effect of a communication disorder on a child's academic performance.

Students in kindergarten and second grade, as well as newly enrolled students, are routinely screened for speech difficulties. However, students displaying difficulties in one of the above communication areas may also be referred for a speech/language or hearing evaluation. Referrals may be made by teachers and parents/guardians.

Vision Screenings

Indiana State Law requires that each school year students in grades 1, 3, and 8 receive a vision screening. At Mitchell, we also include students in grade 5 and students in other grades who are suspected of having visual problems. Those students are most often referred for testing by teachers or parents.

Students that are referred for visual testing that are not in grades 1, 3, 5, or 8 will have a permission slip sent home to inform the parent of the intent to test.

No student shall be required to take a vision screening if a written objection by the parent or legal guardian is submitted to the school nurse prior to testing. A signed letter should be sent within 14 days of enrollment to decline the screening.

You may contact the Mitchell speech-language pathologists with a phone call, written note, or e-mail if you have any questions regarding your child's speech, language, and/or hearing.

Public Address Announcements

Notice of club meetings, athletic and social events, general information and specific instructions will be read to each class at the start of period one and the beginning of period seven. The announcements must be submitted to the office and approved by the Principal or Assistant Principal by 8:00 a.m. and/or 2:25 p.m.

Vocational School

1. Bus transportation is provided to and from vocational school and students are under the direct supervision of the bus driver. The conduct of all students must be that the safety and rights of fellow passengers are in no way jeopardized by the actions of anyone. School authorities will deny the privilege of attending vocational school to any students who refuse to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.
2. Using private transportation to and from vocational school as a driver or passenger shall be allowed only with prior signed permission from parents or guardian and the approval of the MHS administration. Using private transportation without this authorization may lead to suspension from school.
3. Morning vocational students upon returning to MHS must go directly into the building and remain in the designated areas at *all* times (to be determined).
4. Prior to leaving for vocational school, afternoon vocational students must leave school grounds (including parking lot) for lunch, or eat and remain in the designated area at *all* times (to be determined).
5. A vocational student suspended from MHS will also be suspended from the vocational school that same day.

Textbook/Device Rental Information

Each student of Mitchell Community Schools (MCS) will be issued a device (Chromebook or iPad) as part of his/her textbook rental for the school year. It is our expectation that the student will be responsible for the care and protection of this electronic tool.

Part of the textbook rental costs may also include fees for labs, materials, or other class fees, or Advanced Placement books and/or materials as required. While device rental and textbooks may be covered for those who qualify for state assistance; class fees are not covered and are the responsibility of the student to pay.

All students shall rent all necessary devices and textbooks for all school subjects from the school. Personal devices will not be allowed.

Each student is responsible for the device and books rented to him/her and must return the device/book in good condition. Students must pay the full replacement cost of the device or textbook if lost, stolen or damaged.

The school shall offer Device Insurance to all students who may accept or decline that insurance. Please see the Insurance Section of this handbook as well as the Responsible Use Policy of Technology Policy 7540.05 for more information.

Book rental fees should be:

- Paid upon enrollment
- A payment plan arranged through the school office
- Or an application completed for state assistance

Withdrawals:

- A student who withdraws during the first week of school will be given a full refund
- A student who withdraws during the first nine weeks will receive a one half refund
- Class charges are not refundable after the first nine weeks
- If paper workbooks are rented, a full refund will be given only for unused and unmarked workbooks

If legal action must be taken to collect book rental, Indiana law provides that the court may impose reasonable attorney fees.

Mitchell Community Schools
Insurance Policy for Devices
(Student Chromebook/iPad)

Each student of Mitchell Community Schools (MCS) will be issued a device (Chromebook or iPad) as part of his/her textbook rental for the school year. It is our expectation that the student will be responsible for the care and protection of this electronic tool.

MCS has chosen to offer an insurance policy for the accidental damage of this device. Prior to a student receiving his/her Chromebook or iPad device, MCS must receive this form filled out and signed by the student’s legal parent/guardian along with the insurance fee or designation of the insurance waiver checked below. The costs are outlined below. Claims and deductibles are applied to individual students and not to families. After the third claim, the student is liable for the full repair or replacement cost of the device.

If a student withdraws from MCS and then re-enrolls later in the current school year, the coverage purchased at the student’s initial registration will be reinstated along with the number of claims made prior to withdrawal. The insurance will be active from the time it is paid and the device issued until either the device is officially remitted to school officials at the end of enrollment or the end of the school year whichever comes first.

Annual Premium Due at Registration per Family	Deductible Claim #1	Deductible Claim #2	Deductible Claim #3	Damage After Claim #3
\$20 per student	\$25	\$50	\$100	Full replacement cost (\$245) or repair cost
<i>Please note: If you: insured your device in 2017-2018, did not make a claim in 2017-2018, and wish to continue coverage in 2018-2019 the Premium to continue insurance is \$5 per device</i>	\$25	\$50	\$100	Full replacement cost (\$245) or repair cost

The Chromebook or iPad device or any of its accessories that are lost (whereabouts unknown) or intentionally damaged is the responsibility of the student and parent involved in the loss of property. The user may not be given another device or accessory to use until the replacement cost of the lost/damaged device or accessory is paid to the school.

Events that may not be covered by this policy include, but are not limited to: lost device, theft, damage due to negligent or malicious actions of the student such as transporting outside of protective case, food and drink around the device, or exposure to extreme heat or cold (left in the car).

Events that may be considered accidental damage by this policy include, but are not limited to: events at home that result in property damage caused by wind, fire, and water, events where a device is in a car that is involved in an accident, events that may be created by parents, siblings, or classmates which result in damage to the unit (the other party may be held responsible for damages depending on the evidence), other events as determined by the Technology Coordinator or school administration.

This policy will pay to repair or replace the unit as a result of accidental damage. Current homeowner insurance or auto insurance policies will be the first insurer when applicable. This policy may be used to cover costs beyond the scope of these insurance policies including deductibles that apply to those policies.

This policy is optional and may be refused by the parent/guardian. Students who agree to purchase this policy also agree to keep the unit in the protective case when not in use and/or transporting.

RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY

(MCS Board Policy 7540.05)

It is the policy of the Mitchell Community Schools Board of Education to provide electronic resources to students and staff for the purposes of

- promoting student achievement,
- supporting student and staff mastery of digital age skills, and
- maximizing efficiency in corporate operations.

1. The MCS Board of Education expects students and staff to utilize these resources in a manner consistent with this policy.

All MCS students and staff are responsible for their actions and activities involving the school district's computers, electronic devices, network and Internet services, and for their computer files, passwords and accounts.

The rules and guidelines in this policy detail responsible use of electronic information resources under which students, staff, and all members of the MCS community, herein referred to as "users," will be held accountable. The rules and guidelines outlined in this policy provide general guidance concerning the use of school computers and other electronic devices and provide examples of prohibited uses. The rules do not attempt to describe every possible prohibited activity.

Students, parents and school staff who have questions about whether a particular activity is prohibited are encouraged to contact a building administrator. These rules apply to all school computers, all school-provided electronic devices wherever used, all uses of school servers, and Internet access and networks regardless of how they are accessed.

2. Responsible Use

- a. School computers, network and Internet services, and electronic resources are provided for educational purposes and research consistent with MCS's educational mission, curriculum and instructional goals. (IC 20-33-8-4)
- b. Users must comply with all Board policies, the student handbook, and school rules and expectations concerning conduct and communications when using school computers or school-issued electronic resources, whether on or off school property.
- c. Students also must comply with all specific instructions from school staff.

3. Prohibited Use

- a. Accessing or Communicating Inappropriate Materials– Users may not access, submit, post, publish, forward, download, scan or display defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, bullying and/or illegal materials or messages. (IC 35-45-2-2)
- b. Illegal Activities– Users may not use the school district's computers, electronic devices, networks, or Internet services for any illegal activity or in violation of any Board policy/procedure or school rules. MCS and its employees assume no responsibility for illegal activities of students while using school computers or school-issued electronic resources.
- c. Violating Copyrights or Software Licenses– Downloading, copying, duplicating and distributing software, music, sound files, movies, images or other copyrighted materials without the specific written permission of the copyright owner is prohibited, except when the use falls within the Fair Use Doctrine of the United States Copyright Law (Title 17, USC) and content is cited appropriately.
- d. Plagiarism–Users may not represent as their own work any materials obtained on the Internet (such as term papers, articles, music, etc). When using other sources, credit must be given to the copyright holder. (IC 21-39-2-5)

- e. Use for Non-School-Related Purposes- MCS's computers, electronic devices, networks and Internet services are provided for purposes related to educational programs, school operations, and performance of job responsibilities. Incidental personal use of school devices is permitted as long as such use: 1) does not interfere with the user's responsibilities and performance; 2) does not interfere with system operations or other system users; and 3) does not violate this policy and the accompanying rules, or any other Board policy, procedure or school rules. "Incidental personal use" is defined as use by an individual for occasional personal communications. (MCS Board Policy 7540.04)
- f. Misuse of Passwords/Unauthorized Access–Users may not share passwords; use other users' passwords; access or use other users' accounts; or attempt to circumvent network security systems. (MCS Board Policy 7540.03)
- g. Malicious Use/Vandalism–Users may not engage in any malicious use, disruption or harm to the school district's computers, electronic devices, network and Internet services, including but not limited to hacking activities and creation/uploading of computer viruses. (IC 20-33-8-8)
- h. Avoiding School Filters–Users may not attempt to or use any software, utilities or other means to access Internet sites or content blocked by the school filters. (MCS Board Policy 7540.04)
- i. Unauthorized Access to Blogs/Social Networking Sites, Etc. – Users may not access blogs, social networking sites, etc. prohibited by building administration or the MCS Technology Department. Teachers and students using authorized social networking sites for educational projects or activities shall follow the age requirements and legal requirements that govern the use of social networking sites in addition to the guidelines established in this policy. (IC 20-33-5.5-3)
- j. Wasting System Resources - Users shall not use the network in such a way that would waste system resources or disrupt the use of the network by others. This includes but is not limited to excessive printing, file storage, online games, and video/audio streaming not directly related to educational projects, as determined by the supervising instructor or building administrator. (MCS Board Policy 7540.03)
- k. Unauthorized Equipment - Users may not attach unauthorized equipment, including personal laptops, tablets, and handheld devices, to the district network without permission from the MCS Technology Department.

4. Compensation for Losses, Costs and/or Damages

Users may be responsible for compensating MCS for any losses, costs or damages incurred for violations of Board policies/procedures and school rules, including the cost of investigating such violations. MCS assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or costs incurred by users while using school district computers, devices, or the school network.

5. Student and Staff Security

Users may not reveal personal information, including a home address and phone number, about themselves or another individual on any unsecured electronic medium, such as web sites, blogs, podcasts, videos, wikis, or social networking sites. If users encounter dangerous or inappropriate information or messages, they shall notify the school administration immediately. (20 U.S.C. 1232g) Staff may post student pictures on district/ school/classroom "public" websites as long as the student's name or other identifying information is not included. Students' grades, test results, or identifying pictures may be stored only on district-approved secure sites that require a username and password for authorized individuals to access. (20 U.S.C 1232g)

All Mitchell Community Schools are closed campuses. MCS retains all rights concerning any recording and/or publishing of any student's or staff member's work(s) or image(s). Students must obtain permission from a MCS staff member to publish a photograph or video of any school- related activity. It is best practice and common courtesy to ask permission before recording an individual or groups. The use of cameras in any type of electronic device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms.

MCS staff must maintain the confidentiality of student data in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Students may be issued a school email address to improve student communication and collaboration on school projects. Email shall be used only for educational purposes that directly relates to a school project or assignment. (IC 20-33-8-4)

6. Technology Privacy

All computers, telephone systems, voice mail systems, electronic mail, and electronic communication systems are the district's property. The district retains the right to access and review all electronic and voice mail, computer files, databases, and any other electronic transmissions contained in or used in conjunction with district's computer system, telephone system, electronic mail system, and voice mail system. Students and staff should have no expectation that any information contained on such systems is confidential or private.

7. System Security

Any user who identifies a security problem must notify his/her teacher or building administrator immediately. The user shall not demonstrate the problem to others or access unauthorized material. Staff shall immediately report any potential security breaches to the MCS Technology Department. Staff may change their passwords to all systems at least once every 90 days.

8. Personal Devices

All users are prohibited from using privately-owned electronic devices in school unless explicitly authorized by the building Principal or MCS System Administrator.

9. Additional Rules for Laptops, iPads, or other Electronic Devices Issued to Students or Staff

- a. Electronic devices loaned or leased to students or staff shall be used only for educational purposes that directly relate to a school project or assignment, unless otherwise explicitly authorized by building administration. (IC 20-33-8-4)
- b. Users are responsible for the proper care of electronic devices at all times, whether on or off school property, including costs associated with repairing or replacing the device.
- c. Users must report a lost or stolen device to the building administration immediately. If a device is stolen, a report also should be made immediately with local police.
- d. The policy and rules apply to the use of the electronic device at any time or place, on or off school property. Students are responsible for obeying any additional rules concerning care of devices issued by school staff.
- e. Violation of policies or rules governing the use of electronic devices or any careless use of the device may result in a student's device being confiscated and/or a student only being allowed to use the device under the direct supervision of school staff. The student will also be subject to disciplinary action for any violations of Board policies/procedures or school rules. (IC 20-33-8)
- f. Parents are responsible for supervising their student's use of the device when not in school.
- g. The device configuration shall not be altered in any way by users. No software applications shall be installed, removed, or altered on the device unless permission is explicitly given by the teacher or building administrator.
- h. The device is to be used only by the student or staff member to whom it is issued. The person to whom the device is issued will be responsible for any activity or action performed on the device.
- i. The device must be returned in acceptable working order by the last day of each school year, upon withdrawal or exit date from the school district, and whenever requested by school staff.

10. Terms of Use

MCS reserves the right to deny, revoke or suspend specific user privileges and/or take other disciplinary action, including but not limited to student suspensions or expulsion from school or staff suspensions or terminations, for violations of this policy. Additionally, all handbook regulations apply to the use of the MCS network, Internet, and electronic resources.

Disclaimer – MCS and its employees make no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, concerning the network, Internet access, and electronic resources it is providing. Furthermore, MCS is not responsible for:

1. The accuracy, nature, quality, or privacy of information stored on local servers or devices or information gathered through Internet access.
2. Any damages suffered by a user (whether the cause is accidental or not) including but not limited to, loss of data, delays or interruptions in service, and the infection of viruses or other malware on personal computers or other devices.
3. Unauthorized financial obligations resulting from the use of MCS electronic resources.

One-to-One Device Guidelines

1. Students are expected to follow all guidelines laid out in the Mitchell Community School Technology Policy.
2. Students must comply with all specific instructions from school staff.
3. Users may not access, submit, post, publish, forward, download, scan, or display any materials deemed inappropriate, defamatory, threatening, harassing or illegal.
4. Downloading, copying, distributing, and duplicating software, music files, videos and pictures, or other copyright material is prohibited unless the use falls within the Fair Use Doctrine.
5. Students should keep passwords and log-ins private.
6. Students may not access others' accounts.
7. Students should not use the network in a way that wastes resources. This includes but is not limited to excessive printing, online games, and audio/video streaming that is not directly related to educational projects.
8. Device cameras should only be used when directly related to educational projects. The use of cameras in any type of electrical device is prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms.
9. Students are responsible for having their device charged, and at school in working order every day.
10. Devices should be used only by the student to which it was issued. That person is responsible for any activity or action performed on the device.
11. All devices, e-mail, and electronic communication systems are the district's property. Students should have no expectation that any information contained on such systems is confidential or private.
12. Misuse of the device, violation of these guidelines, and/or excessive (10+) absences may result in loss of the device.

Class Charges

Due to an increase in cost and use of expendable items within our school and due to the nature of certain departments, it is necessary to have charges in some classes. The exact charges per class are available from teachers or the assistant principal.

Early Dismissal Other Than Approved School Activities

Students must follow these procedures:

1. The reason for a student leaving school must be provided by the parent/ guardian and may be done through one of the following methods:
 - a. A written statement from a licensed physician, dentist, etc.
 - b. By the parent/guardian coming to the school requesting (through the assistant principal) the early dismissal of his son/daughter
 - c. By a written statement from the parent/guardian stating the valid reason for the students early dismissal. The school will verify through a phone call to the parent.
2. Students wishing early dismissal must report to the assistant principal before school on the day that they wish early dismissal to obtain an *Off-Campus Permit*.
3. The student must have the *Off Campus Permit* signed by the teacher of the last class he/she attends before leaving the school building.
4. Before leaving the building, the student must sign the *Sign-out Book*, and if returning before the end of the school day, he/she must sign in at the office.
5. Any student failing to follow these procedures will be considered truant.
6. Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to set up appointments so that students don't miss any part of the school day. All missed work must be made up.

Cafeteria

Mitchell Community Schools participates in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Well balanced, nutritional meals are provided daily. Current meal prices will be announced at the beginning of the school year. Through Harmony, each student will have a food service account that follows them throughout their MCS career. Your child's school can provide you with the log on information.

Free/Reduced priced meals: Unless notified each school year in writing from the Food Services Director (FSD) that your student is directly certified for free meals, each household requesting benefits must fill out an application each school year. Parents may apply for free or reduced price meals at any time during the school year. Parents may apply online through Harmony or apply with a paper form, which is available at each school office. The Food Service Director is available to assist households in filling out these applications. All students eligible for free or reduced price lunches also qualify for free or reduced priced breakfasts, which are served at 8 a.m. daily in the cafeteria.

Cafeteria Payments: Parents may: 1. Pay online: Make an online payment to your child's account using your credit or debit card through Harmony. Small fees are associated with online payments. (These funds are processed off site and take approximately 10-14 hours before funds are available in the child's account.) 2. Pay in person: You may stop in the cafeteria or school office between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, to pay by cash or check. You also have the option of sending cash or a check to school with your child. Please include your child's name and student ID number when sending a payment. Checks should be made payable to Mitchell Community Schools or Mitchell High School. 3. Pay in the Mail: Send a check to ATTN: Food Service, Mitchell High School, 1000 Bishop Blvd., Mitchell, IN 47446. Please include your child's name and student ID number when sending a payment.

Charging: Charging is not allowed for Mitchell High School students. All students, staff and parents must prepay for service. Students may monitor their cafeteria balances at the cash register and also on Harmony. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide meals either by food from home, by sending money to school so that the school may supply a meal, or by applying for meal assistance through the free and reduced price meal program.

Milk will be available for a la carte purchase at breakfast and at lunch. Carbonated beverages such as pop/soda cannot be brought to school.

Breakfast will not be served when school is on a two-hour delay.

A \$28 service fee may be charged for checks returned for insufficient funds.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

In order to keep the cafeteria clean and attractive, the following rules must be observed by all who use it:

1. cafeteria lines are to be maintained in an orderly fashion. No cutting line.
2. Voices are to be at a low level.
3. Use acceptable table manners.
4. Deposit all litter in the wastebaskets.
5. Return all trays and utensils to the dishwashing area.
6. Leave tables and area in a clean condition.
7. All food must be eaten in the cafeteria at the tables. Do not take food from the cafeteria.
8. Students are not permitted in the main hallways during assigned lunch time due to classes in session.
9. No lunch deliveries will be accepted at the office. Students need to make prior arrangements to bring lunch with them to school.
10. Each student will be assigned either A or B lunch.
11. Any student caught stealing food items from the cafeteria may be suspended.
12. Students are not to gather at doors prior to dismissal.

Field Trips

Field trips are necessary and are an important aspect of the educational process. However, due to the very nature of the field trips, there must be limits placed upon them. Each field trip must be approved by the principal.

The following procedure is therefore established to protect and promote the proper use of a field trip:

1. At least one week prior the instructor responsible for the field trip shall obtain and distribute the required *Field Trip Form* to all the students who will be involved in the trip.
2. The student is to complete the necessary information pertaining to the time, date place, etc., concerning the trip.
3. The student will then take the *Field Trip Form* home and explain the trip to the parent/guardian who must sign the form.
4. The student will return the form to the instructor in charge no later than one full day before the planned starting time of the field trip.
5. Any student not complying with any or all of these procedures may be excluded from the field trip.
6. Students are reminded that regular bus safety standards are in effect and will be enforced.

Contracts, Financial Obligations

Students may not make commitments with anyone which are binding on the school, its club or organizations. An approved sponsor or other delegated school authority must have all arrangements approved by the principal. All contracts made with any party in the name of the school or any of its organizations must be in writing and kept on file.

Students may enter into financial obligations involving the school or its related activities only if a purchase order, previously signed by the principal and faculty sponsor, is given to merchant. This relieves the student of any financial responsibility.

Dress Policy

The administration assumes that students and their parents will accept the major responsibility for appearance. Students and parents need to recognized the value of approved dress and appearance at school. The following guidelines must be observed:

1. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
2. A full shirt, t-shirt, or blouse is required. Halters, tank tops, or midriffs shall not be worn. A student should be able to tuck in the garment worn. Low scoop or v-necks should span across the body no lower than a line that spans from armpit to armpit. Sheer and see-through tops are not permitted. Any apparel that exposes undergarments is not permitted.
3. Sleeveless tops of any kind are not permitted. All tops must cover both shoulders at the same time.
4. Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh.
5. Hats, caps, or headwear shall not be worn inside the building. Special considerations must be approved by the building principal.
6. No sunglasses or dark glasses are to be worn inside the building. Special considerations must be approved by the principal.
7. Clothing that contains obscene or lewd writing or pictures, or contains profanity, or implies or portrays sex, or suggests violence (includes chains) as determined by the principal or his designee is not permitted.
8. Clothing that has holes, slits, or rips in inappropriate places or is a distraction to the educational process as determined by the principal, or his designee is not permitted.
9. Clothing that contains advertising or content relating to alcohol, drugs, tobacco , or other illegal substances are not permitted.
10. Any other clothing or jewelry that distracts from the educational program or could be hazardous to students or staff as determined by the building principal or designee is not permitted.
11. Pants need to be fitted to waist.
12. Clothing that is designed to be worn skin-tight (i.e. spandex and similar materials) is not permitted unless it is worn under another garment.
13. Pajamas are not permitted unless authorized for a Spirit Day.
14. No sunglasses worn during the day unless prior arrangements are made with administration.
15. **No confederate flags, confederate clothing or confederate hats will be allowed at school or on the bus.**

Grade Cards

Grade cards are usually issued on the Friday following the end of each grading period. The following comments describe, in general, the grading system:

Grading Scale

Grade	Standard	Weighted	Grading Scale
A	4.0	5.0	93-100
A-	3.7	4.7	90-92
B+	3.3	4.3	87-89
B	3.0	4.0	83-86
B-	2.7	3.7	80-82
C+	2.3	3.3	77-79
C	2.0	3.0	73-76
C-	1.7	2.7	70-72
D+	1.3	2.3	67-69
D	1.0	2.0	63-66
D-	.7	1.7	60-62
F	0.0	0.0	59 or below

Honor Roll

Highest Distinction Honor Roll

A student receives no grade lower than “A” in any subject.

Distinction Honor Roll

A student receives no grade lower than “B” in any subject.

Midterm reports will usually be issued on the Friday of the fifth week of each nine-week grading period. Each student will receive for each subject an informal evaluation of the progress being made.

Honor Certificate

At the annual *Honor Night* program an *Honor Certificate* will be awarded to students who are on the Honor Roll list each nine weeks and semester of the school year.

Scholastic “M”

A student will receive the *Scholastic “M”* award the first time his/her grade point average for the school year is at least 3.700. The student must be enrolled in sufficient courses to total five credits and have no “C’s” on his/her report card (excluding semester exams). The third nine-week grading period of the school year will be the final grading period considered in awarding a Scholastic “M”.

Transcripts

Official transcripts, i.e., stamped with the official seal, must be sent directly from Mitchell High School to the requesting institution. Unofficial transcripts are available, with authorization release, to parents and students upon request.

Weighted Grading System

All courses for credit will be used in computing a student's grade point average and class rank. The grade point average will be used to rank students whose grade point average does not exceed 4.0. Any student whose grade point average is above 4.0 will then be ranked according to his/her total accumulated grade points.

Only courses taken during the regular school year at Mitchell High School, or a high school from which a student transfers, will be calculated for academic top ten honors. In the event a student transfers from another school with more credits earned than could have been earned by a student attending Mitchell High School by comparable semesters, the principal shall make determinations that will equalize credits for fairness purposes.

To be considered for academic top ten honors, a student must earn an academic honors diploma. In addition, a student must attend Mitchell High School for the entire second semester of his/her junior year and both semesters of his/her senior year.

Course Weights

Weighted Courses

5.0 points A
4.7 points A-
4.3 points B+
4.0 points B
3.7 points B-
3.3 points C+
3.0 points C
2.7 points C-
2.3 points D+
2.0 points D
1.7 points D-
0.0 points F

Non-Weighted Courses

4.0 points A
3.7 points A-
3.3 points B+
3.0 points B
2.7 points B-
2.3 points C+
2.0 points C
1.7 points C-
1.3 points D+
1.0 points D
0.7 points D-
0.0 points F

Courses Weighted

Biology II

Chemistry II

Pre-Calculus-Trig

Calculus

English Literature and Composition (ACP)

Physics II

Spanish III

US History AP

Environmental Science AP

Advance Psychology

Mechanical Drafting and Design I

Mechanical Drafting and Design II

Graduation Requirements

The Indiana Department of Education and the Board of Education of Mitchell Community Schools have established minimum credits required for graduation from Mitchell High School. The credits are as follows:

1. A student must complete 40 credits in select courses to graduate from Mitchell High School.
2. Students may plan to pursue an Academic Honors Diploma which consists of 47 credits in select courses.
3. A credit is given for one semester's work (one-half year) in a subject.
4. Six courses is a regular semester's work. Students desiring to take more than six subjects may do so as long as they are in good academic standing or have established a specific need.

All high school students are strongly encouraged to attend eight (8) semesters of high school. However, Mitchell Community Schools does allow students who meet specific conditions and receive approval of the high school principal to graduate in seven semesters. The conditions that must be met for approval are as follows:

1. Student must be on schedule to graduate.
2. Student must successfully pass all sections of the Graduation Examination by the end of the student's junior year.
3. Student must submit a written application no later than April 15 of the student's junior year.
4. Sufficient staff must be available to offer necessary classes.

Lockers

All lockers are assigned through the high school office. Students should use only the locker assigned to them. Students are charged \$.50 for maintenance and repair of the locks. Please follow these few simple rules of locker care and safety:

1. Never leave money or valuables in your locker.
2. Do not give your locker combination to other people.
3. Keep lockers neat and dry.
4. Report any malfunction of lockers to the main office.
5. Padlocks of any kind should not be placed on lockers without the prior permission of the administration.

All lockers are subject to a locker policy previously adopted by the Board of School Trustees and the administration will follow said policy with regard to any searches made of lockers owned by the Mitchell Community Schools.

The policy is stated as follows:

All lockers and desks made available for student use on the school premises are the property of Mitchell Community Schools. This includes all desk as well as all lockers located in the hallways, physical education and athletic dressing rooms, FACS classrooms, industrial arts classrooms as well as the art classrooms, are the property of Mitchell Community Schools. These lockers and desks are made available for student use in storing school supplies and personal items necessary for use at school, but lockers and desks are not to be used in a manner forbidden by state law or school rules to store items which cause, or can reasonably be foreseen to cause an interference with school purposes or an educational function.

The student's use of the locker and/or desk does not diminish the school corporation's ownership or control of the locker and/or desk. The school corporation retains the right to inspect the locker or desk and its contents to insure that the locker or desk is being used in accordance with its intended purpose, and to eliminate fire or other hazards, to maintain sanitary conditions, to attempt to locate lost or stolen materials, and to prevent use of the lockers or desk to store prohibited or dangerous materials such as weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, or educationally disruptive materials.

A student who uses a locker that is the property of the school corporation is presumed to have no expectation of privacy in that locker or desk or the locker's or desk's content (IC 20-8.1-5.1-25).

The principal or designee is authorized to inspect individual desks and lockers in a manner consistent with this policy and applicable Indiana statute. Upon the authorization of the Superintendent of Schools, inspection of individual desks and lockers may be conducted with the assistance of dogs under the control of a police agency.

All vehicles located on the property of Mitchell Community Schools are subject to inspection with the assistance of dogs under the control of a police agency upon the authorization of the Superintendent of Schools. The owner or driver of any vehicle identified as potentially containing drugs or items which are forbidden by state statute will be requested to open the vehicle for the purpose of conducting a more detailed search.

Individuals are permitted to bring onto the property of Mitchell Community Schools backpacks, briefcases, book bags, handbags, and/or other devices for carrying books and supplies needed for educational and personal purposes. Likewise they are permitted to have coats and other bulky articles of clothing on the property of Mitchell Community Schools which are necessary for their comfort as long as those articles of clothing do not otherwise violate the adopted rules of Mitchell Community Schools. Backpacks; briefcases; book bags; handbags; other devices for carrying books, supplies and personal items; coats; and other bulky articles of clothing are not to be used to store items which cause, or can reasonably be foreseen to cause, an interference with school purposes or an educational function, or which are forbidden by state law or school rules. Principals are authorized to inspect individual backpacks; briefcases; book bags; other devices for carrying books, supplies, and personal items; coats; and other bulky articles of clothing in a manner consistent with this policy and applicable Indiana statute. Upon authorization of the Superintendent of Schools, all items described within this paragraph may be inspected with the assistance of dogs under the control of a police agency.

Individuals whose locker, desk, or vehicle is found to contain prohibited or dangerous materials as defined in this policy may be found to have violated MCS Board of Trustees policies 5530, 3170, 5512, and/or 5600 as well as other policies adopted to ensure an appropriately safe educational atmosphere in Mitchell Community Schools, will impose penalties accordingly, and violations of state statutes will be reported to the appropriate civil authorities.

Indiana Student Discipline Code

IC 20-33-8 Student Discipline

IC 20-33-8-0.2 As used in this chapter, “bullying” means overt, repeated acts or gestures, including:

- (1) verbal or written communications transmitted;
- (2) physical acts committed; or
- (3) any other behaviors committed;

by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the other student.

IC 20-33-8-0.5 As used in this chapter, “physician” means an individual licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine under:

- (1) IC 25-22.5; or
- (2) the law of another state.

IC 20-33-8-1 As used in this chapter, “principal” includes a principal’s designee.

IC 20-33-8-2 As used in this chapter, “educational function” means the performance by a school corporation or its officers or employees of an act or a series of acts in carrying out school purposes.

IC 20-33-8-3 (a) As used in this chapter, “expulsion” means a disciplinary or other action whereby a student:

- (1) is separated from school attendance for a period exceeding ten (10) days;
- (2) is separated from school attendance for the balance of the current semester or current year unless a student is permitted to complete required examinations in order to receive credit for courses taken in the current semester or current year; or
- (3) is separated from school attendance for the period prescribed under section 16 of this chapter, which may include an assignment to attend an alternative school, an alternative educational program, or a homebound educational program.

(b) The term does not include situations when a student is:

- (1) disciplined under section 25 of this chapter;
- (2) removed from school in accordance with IC 20-34-3-9; or
- (3) removed from school for failure to comply with the immunization requirements of IC 20-34-4-5.

IC 20-33-8-4 As used in this chapter, “school purposes” refers to the purposes for which a school corporation operates, including the following:

- (1) to promote knowledge and learning generally.
- (2) to maintain an orderly and effective educational system.
- (3) to take any action under the authority granted to school corporation and their governing bodies by IC 20-26-5 or by any other statute.

IC 20-33-8-5 As used in this chapter, “school property” means the following:

- (1) a building or other structure owned or rent by a school corporation.
- (2) the grounds adjacent to and owned or rented in common with a building or other structures owned or rented by a school corporation.

IC 20-33-8-6 As used in this chapter, “superintendent” includes a superintendent’s designee.

IC 20-33-8-7 (a) As used in this chapter, “suspension” means any disciplinary action that does not constitute an expulsion under section 3 of this chapter, whereby a student is separated from school attendance for a period of not more than ten (10) school days.

(b) The term does not include a situation in which a student is:

- (1) disciplined under section 25 of this chapter;
- (2) removed from school in accordance with IC 20-34-3-9; or
- (3) removed from school for failure to comply with the immunization requirements of IC 20-34-4-5

IC 20-33-8-8 (a) Student supervision and the desirable behavior of students in carrying out school purposes in the responsibility of:

- (1) a school corporation; and
- (2) the student of a school corporation.

(b) In all matters relating to the discipline and conduct of students, school corporation personnel:

- (1) stand in the relation of parents to the students of the school corporation; and
- (2) have the right to take any disciplinary action necessary to promote student conduct that conforms with and orderly an effective educational system, subject to this chapter.

(c) Students must:

- (1) follow responsible directions of school personnel in all educational settings; and
- (2) refrain from disruptive behavior that interferes with the educational environment.

IC 20-33-8-9 (a) This section applies to an individual who:

- (1) is a teacher or other school staff member; and
- (2) has students under the individual’s charge.

(b) An individual may take any action that is reasonably necessary to carry out or to prevent an interference with an educational function that the individual supervises.

(c) Subject to rules of the governing body and the administrative staff, an individual may remove a student for a period that does not exceed five (5) school days from an education function supervised by the individual or another individual who is a teacher or other school staff member.

IC 20-33-8-10 (a) A principal may take action concerning the principal’s school or a school activity within the principal’s jurisdiction that is reasonably necessary to carry out or prevent interference with an educational function or school purposes.

(b) Subsection (a) allows a principal to write regulations that govern student conduct.

IC 20-33-8-11:

- (1) superintendent; or
- (2) member of the superintendent’s administrative staff, with the superintendent’s approval;

may take any action with respect to all schools within the jurisdiction that is reasonable necessary to carry out or prevent interference with an educational function or school purposes.

IC 20-33-8-12 (a) The governing body of a school corporation must do the following:

- (1) establish written discipline rules, which may include appropriate dress codes, for the school corporation.
- (2) give general publicity to the discipline rules within a school where the discipline rules apply by actions such as:
 - (A) making a copy of the discipline rules available to students and student’s parents; or

(B) delivering a copy of the discipline rules to students or the parents of students. This publicity requirement may not be construed technically and is satisfied if the school corporation makes a good faith effort to disseminate to students or parents generally the text of substance of a discipline rule.

(b) The:

- (1) superintendent of a school corporation; and
- (2) principals of each school in a school corporation;

may adopt regulations establishing lines of responsibility and related guidelines in compliance with the discipline policies of the governing body.

(c) The government body of a school corporation may delegate:

- (1) rulemaking;
- (2) disciplinary; and
- (3) other authority;

as reasonable necessary to carry out the school purposes of the school corporation.

(d) Subsection (a) does not apply to rules or direction concerning the following:

- (1) movement of students.
- (2) movement in parking of vehicles.
- (3) day to day instructions concerning the operation of a classroom or teaching station.
- (4) time for commencement of school.
- (5) other standards or regulations relating to the manner in which an educational function must be administered.

However, this subsection does not prohibit the governing body from regulating the area listed in this subsection.

IC 20-33-8-13 (a) Discipline rules adopted under section 12 of this chapter must provide that a student with a chronic disease or medical condition may possess and self-administer medication of the chronic disease or medical condition during the times and in the places set forth under section 14(b) of this chapter if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The student's parent has filed an authorization with the student's principal for the student to possess and self-administer the medication. The authorization must include the statement described in subdivision (2).
- (2) A physician states in writing that:
 - (A) the student has an acute or chronic disease or medical condition for which the physician has prescribed medication;
 - (B) the student has been instructed in how to self-administer the medication; and
 - (C) the nature of the disease or medical conditions requires emergency administration of the medication.

(b) The authorization and statement described in subsection (a) must be filed annually with the student's principal.

IC 20-33-8-13.5 (a) Discipline rules adopted by the governing body of a school corporation under section 12 of this chapter must:

- (1) prohibit bullying; and
- (2) include provisions concerning education, parental involvement, reporting, investigation, and intervention.

(b) The disciplined rules described in subsection (a) apply when a student is:

- (1) on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;
- (2) off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event;
- (3) traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
- (4) using property or equipment provided by the school.

(c) This subsection may not be construed to give rise to a cause of action against a person or school corporation based on an allegation of noncompliance with this section. Noncompliance with this section may not be used as evidence against a school corporation in a cause of action.

IC 20-33-8-14 (a) The following are the grounds for student suspension or expulsion, subject to be the procedural requirements of this chapter and as stated by school corporation rules:

- (1) student misconduct.
- (2) substantial disobedience.

(b) The grounds for suspension or expulsion listed in subsection (a) apply when a student is:

- (1) on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;
- (2) off school at a school activity, function, or event; or
- (3) traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event.

IC 20-33-8-15 In addition to the grounds specified in section 14 of this chapter, a student may be suspended or expelled for engaging in unlawful activity on or off school grounds if:

- (1) the unlawful activity may reasonable be considered to be interference with school purpose or an educational function; or
- (2) the student's removal is necessary to restore order or protect persons on school property including an unlawful activity during weekends, holidays, other school breaks, and the summer period when a student may not be attending classes or other school functions.

IC 20-33-8-16 (a) As used in this section, "firearm" has the meaning set forth in IC 23-47-1-5.

(b) As used in this section, "deadly weapon" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-41-1-8. The term does not include a firearm or destructive device.

(c) As used in this section, "destructive device" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47.5-2-4

(d) Notwithstanding section 20 of this chapter, a student who is:

- (1) identified as bringing a firearm or destructive device to school or on school property; or
- (2) in possession of a firearm or destructive device on school property must be expelled for at least one (1) calendar year with the return of the student to be at the beginning of the first school semester after the end of the one (1) year period.

(e) The superintendent may, on a case by case basis, modify the period of expulsion under subsection (d) for a student who is expelled under this section.

(f) Notwithstanding section 20 of this chapter, a student who is:

- (1) identified as bringing a deadly weapon to school or on school property; or
- (2) in possession of a deadly weapon on school property; or may be expelled for not more one (1) calendar year.

(g) A superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the property where the school is located if a student engages in a behavior described in subsection (d).

The superintendent may give similar notice if the student engages in a behavior described in subsection (f). Upon receiving notification under this subsection, the law enforcement agency shall begin an investigation and take appropriate action.

(h) A student with disabilities (as defined in IC 20-35-7-7) who possesses a firearm on school property is subject to procedural safeguards under 20 U.S.C. 1415.

IC 20-33-8-17 A student may be expelled from school if the student's legal settlement is not in the attendance area of the school corporation where the student is enrolled.

IC 20-33-8-18 (a) A principle may suspend a student for not more than ten (10) school days under section 14, 15, or 16 of this chapter. However, the student may be suspended for more than ten (10) school days under section 23 of this chapter.

(b) A principle may not suspend a student before the principle affords the student an opportunity for a meeting during which the student is entitled to the following:

- (1) a written or an oral statement of the charges against the student.
- (2) if the student denies the charges, a summary of the evidence against the student.
- (3) an opportunity for the student to explain the student's conduct.

(c) When misconduct requires immediate removal of a student, the meeting under subsection (b) must begin as soon as reasonably possible after the student's suspension.

(d) Following a suspension, the principle shall send a written statement to the parent of the suspended student describing the following:

- (1) The student's misconduct.
- (2) The action taken by the principal.

IC 20-33-8-19 (a) A superintendent of a school corporation may conduct an expulsion meeting or appoint one (1) of the following to conduct an expulsion meeting:

- (1) legal counsel.
- (2) a member of the administrative staff if the member:
 - (A) has not expelled the student during the current school year; and
 - (B) Was not involved in the events giving rise to the expulsion.

The superintendent or a person designated under this subsection may issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths to persons giving testimony at an expulsion meeting.

(b) An expulsion may take place only after the student and the student's parent are given notice of their right to appear at an expulsion meeting with the superintendent or a persons designated under subsection (a). Notice of the right to appear at an expulsion meeting must:

- (1) be made by certified mail or by personal delivery;
- (2) contain the reasons for the expulsion; and
- (3) contain the procedure for requesting an expulsion meeting.

(c) The individual conducting an expulsion meeting:

- (1) shall make a written summary of the evidence heard at the expulsion meeting;
- (2) may take action that the individual finds appropriate; and
- (3) must give notice of the action taken under subdivision (2) to the student and the student's parent.

(d) If the student or the student's parent not later than ten (10) days of receipt of a notice of action taken under subsection (C) makes a written appeal to the governing body, the governing body;

- (1) shall hold a meeting to consider:
 - (A) the written summary of the evidence prepared under subsection (c) (1); and
 - (B) the arguments of the principal and the student's parents; unless the governing body has voted under subsection (F) not to hear appeals of actions taken under subsection (c); and

(2) may take action that the governing body finds appropriate. The decision of the governing body may be appealed only under section 21 of this chapter.

(e) A student or a student's parent who fails to request and appear at an expulsion meeting after receipt of notice of the right to appear at an expulsion meeting forfeits all rights

administratively to contest and appeal the expulsion. For purpose of this section, notice of the right to appear at an expulsion meeting or notice of the action taken at an expulsion meeting is effectively given at the time when the request or notice is delivered personally or sent by certified mail to a student and the student's parent.

(f) The governing body may vote to not hear appeals of actions taken under subsection (c). If the governing body votes to not hear appeals, subsequent to the date on which the vote is taken, a student or parent may appeal only under section 21 of this chapter.

IC 20-33-8-20 (a) Except as provided in section 16 of this chapter, a student may not be expelled for a longer period than remainder of the school year in which the expulsion took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester. If a student is expelled during the second semester, the expulsion remains in effect for summer school and may remain in effect for the first semester of the following school year, unless otherwise modified or terminated by order of the governing body. The appropriate authorities may require that a student who is at least sixteen(16) years of age and who wishes to re-enroll after an expulsion attend an alternative program.

(b) An expulsion that takes effect more than three (3) weeks before the beginning of the second semester of a school year must be reviewed before the beginning of the second semester. The review:

shall be conducted by the superintendent or an individual designated under section 19(a) of this chapter after notice of the review has been given to the student and the student's parent;

is limited to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student's circumstances occurring since the original meeting; and

may lead to a recommendation by the person conducting the review that the student be reinstated for the second semester.

(c) An expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year must be reviewed before the beginning of the school year.

The review:

shall be conducted by the superintendent or an individual designated under section 19 (a) of this chapter after notice of the review has been given to the student and the student's parent;

is limited to newly discovered evidence or evidence of changes in the student's circumstances occurring since the original meeting; and

may lead to a recommendation by the individual conducting the review that the student be reinstated for the upcoming school year.

IC 20-33-8-21 Judicial review of a governing body's action under this chapter by the circuit or superior court of the county in which a student who is the subject of the governing body's action resides is limited to the issue of whether the governing body acted without following the procedure required under this chapter.

IC 20-33-8-22 An expulsion that has been upheld by a governing body continues in effect during judicial review under section 231 of this chapter unless:

(1) the court grants a temporary restraining order under the Indiana Rules of Civil Procedures; and

(2) the school corporation was given the opportunity to appear at the hearing regarding the temporary restraining order.

IC 20-33-8-23 The superintendent or the person designated by the superintendent under section 19(a) of this chapter may continue suspension of a student for more than the ten (10) school day period of the principal's suspension and until the time of the expulsion decision under section 19 of this chapter if the superintendent or the designated person determines that the student's continued suspension will prevent or substantially reduce the risk of:

- (1) interference with an educational function or school purposes; or
- (2) a physical injury to the student, other students, school employees, or visitors to the school.

However, a student may not be suspended from school pending a meeting on a student's proposed expulsion if the expulsion is ordered under section 17 of this chapter.

IC 20-33-8-24 (a) This section applies to a student who:

- (1) is at least sixteen (16) years of age; and
 - (2) wishes to reenroll after an expulsion.
- (b) A principal may require a student to attend one (1) or more of the following:
- (1) an alternative school or alternative educational program.
 - (2) evening classes.
 - (3) classes established for students who are at least sixteen (16) years of age.

IC 20-33-8-25 (a) This section applies to an individual who:

- (1) is member of the administrative staff, a teacher, or other school staff member; and
 - (2) has students under the individual's charge
- (b) An individual may take disciplinary action in addition to suspension and expulsion that is necessary to ensure a safe, orderly, and effective educational environment. Disciplinary action under this section may include the following:
- (1) counseling with a student or group of students.
 - (2) conferences with a parent or group of parents.
 - (3) assigning additional work.
 - (4) rearranging class schedules.
 - (5) requiring a student to remain in school after regular school hours:
 - (A) to do additional school work; or
 - (B) for counseling.
 - (6) restricting extracurricular activities.
 - (7) removal of a student by a teacher from that teacher's class for a period not to exceed:
 - (A) five (5) class periods for middle, junior high, or high school students
 - (B) one (1) school day for elementary school students; if the student is assigned regular or additional work to complete in another school setting.
 - (8) assignment by the principal of:
 - (A) a special course of study;
 - (B) an alternative educational program; or
 - (C) an alternative school.
 - (9) assigned by the principal of the school where the recipient of the disciplinary action is enrolled of not more than one hundred twenty (120) hours of service with a nonprofit organization operation in or near the community where the school is located or where the student resides. The following apply to service assigned under this subdivision:
 - (A) A principal may not assign a student under this subdivision unless the student's parent approves:
 - (i) the nonprofit organization where the student is assigned; and
 - (ii) the plan described in clause (B)(i).

A student's parent may request or suggest that the principal assign the student under this subdivision.

- (B) The principal shall make arrangements for the student's service with the nonprofit organization. Arrangements must include the following:
 - (i) A plan for a service that the student is expected to perform.
 - (ii) A description of the obligations of the nonprofit organization to the student, the student's parents, and the school corporation where the student is enrolled.
 - (iii) Monitoring of the student's performance of service by the principal or the principal's designee
 - (iv) Periodic reports from the nonprofit organization to the principal and the student's parent or guardian of the student's performance of the service.
- (C) The non-profit organization must obtain liability insurance in the amount and of the type specified by the school corporation where the student is enrolled that is sufficient to cover liabilities that may be incurred by the student who performs service under this subdivision
- (D) Assignment of service under this subdivision suspends the implementation of a student's suspension or expulsion. A student's completion of service assigned under this subdivision to the satisfaction of the principal and the nonprofit organization terminates the student's suspension or expulsion.

(10) removal of a student from school sponsored transportation.

(11) referral to the juvenile court having jurisdiction over the student.

(c) As used in this subsection, "physical assault" means the knowing or intentional touching of another person in a rude, insolent, or angry manner. When a student physically assaults a person having authority over the student, the principal of the school where the student is reenrolled shall refer the student to the juvenile court having jurisdiction over the student. However, a student with disabilities (as defined in IC 20-35-7-7) who physically assaults a person having authority over the student is subject to procedural safeguards under 20 U.S.C. 1415.

IC 20-33-8-26 The government body of a school corporation may adopt rules that require a person having care of a dependent student to participate in an action taken under this chapter in connection with a student's behavior. The rules must include the following:

- (1) procedures for giving actual notice to the person having care of the dependent student.
 - (2) a description of the steps that the person must take to participate in the school corporation's action.
 - (3) a description of the additional actions in connection with the student's behavior that are justified in part or in full if the person does not participate in the in the school corporation's action.
- (b) A dependent student is a child in need of services under IC 31-34-1-7 if, before the student child becomes eighteen (18) years of age;

- (1) the student's parent fails to participate in a disciplinary proceeding in connection with the student's improper behavior, as provided for by this section, if the behavior of the student has been repeatedly disruptive in the school, and
- (2) the student needs care, treatment, or rehabilitation that the child:
 - (A) is not receiving; and
 - (B) is unlikely to be provided or accepted without the coercive intervention of the court.

IC 20-33-8-27 The governing body of a school corporation may by rule:

- (1) amplify;
- (2) supplement; or
- (3) extend;

the procedures provided in this chapter in any manner that is consistent with this chapter.

IC 20-33-8-28 Any rights granted to a student or a student’s parent by this chapter may be waived only by a written instrument signed by both the student and the student’s parent. The waiver is valid if made:

- (1) voluntarily; and
- (2) with the knowledge of the:
 - (A) procedures available under this chapter; and
 - (B) consequences of the waiver.

IC 20-33-8-29 (a) As used in this section, “special school” includes the following:

- (1) a vocational school.
 - (2) a special education school or program.
 - (3) an alternative school or program.
- (b) To the extent possible, this chapter applies to a special school.
- (c) The governing body of a school may take necessary modifications to the responsibilities of school personnel under this chapter to accommodate the administrative structure of a special school.
- (d) In addition to a disciplinary action imposed by a special school, the principal of the school where a student is enrolled may without additional procedures adopt a disciplinary action or decision of a special school as a disciplinary action of the school corporation.

IC 20-3-8-30 (a) This section applies to the following:

- (1) a student who:
 - (A) is expelled from a school corporation or charter school under this chapter; or
 - (B) withdraws from a school corporation or charter school to avoid expulsion.
 - (2) a student who:
 - (A) is required to separate for disciplinary reasons from a nonpublic school or a school in a state other than Indiana by the administrative authority of the school; or
 - (B) withdraws from a nonpublic school or a school in a state other than Indiana in order to avoid being required to separate from the school for disciplinary reasons by the administrative authority of the school.
- (b) The student referred to in subsection (a) may enroll in another school corporation or charter school during the period of the actual or proposed expulsion or separation if:
- (1) the student’s parent informs the school corporation in which the student seeks to enroll and also:
 - (A) in the case of a student withdrawing from a charter school that is not a conversion charter school to avoid expulsion, the conversion charter school; or
 - (B) in the case of a student withdrawing from a conversion charter school to avoid expulsion:
 - (i) the conversion charter school; and
 - (ii) the school corporation that sponsored the conversion charter school of the student’s expulsion, separation, or withdrawal to avoid expulsion or separation;
 - (2) the school corporation (and, in the case of a student withdrawal described in subdivision (1) (A) or (1) (B), the charter school) consents to the student’s enrollment; and
 - (3) the student agrees to the terms and conditions of enrollment established by the school corporation (or, in the case of a student withdrawal described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B), the charter school conversion charter school).
- (c) If:
- (1) a student’s parent fails to inform the school corporation of the expulsion or separation or withdrawal to avoid expulsion or separation ; or

- (2) a student fails to follow the terms and conditions of enrollment under subsection (b) (3); the school corporation or charter school may withdraw consent and prohibit the student's enrollment during the period of the actual or proposed expulsion or separation.
- (d) Before a consent is withdrawn under subsection (c), the student must have an opportunity for an informal meeting before the principal of the student's proposed school. At the informal meeting, the student is entitled to:
 - (1) a written or oral statement of the reasons for the withdrawal of the consent;
 - (2) a summary of the evidence against the student's conduct; and
 - (3) an opportunity to explain the student's conduct.
- (e) This section does not apply to a student who is expelled under section 17 of this chapter.

IC 20-3-8-31 If a student is suspended or expelled from school or from any educational function under this chapter, the student's absence from school because of the suspension or expulsion is not a violation of:

- (1) IC 20-33-2; or
- (2) any other statute relating to compulsory school attendance .

IC 20-33-8-32 (a) A school corporation must provide each:

- (1) student; and
- (2) student's parent

a copy of the rules of the governing body on searches of student's lockers and locker contents.

(b) A student who uses a locker that is the property of a school corporation is presumed to have no expectations of privacy in;

- (1) that locker; or
- (2) the locker's contents.

(c) In accordance with the rules of the governing body, a principal may search:

- (1) a student's locker; or
- (2) the locker's contents at any time.

(d) A law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the geographic area having a school facility containing a student's locker may:

- (1) at the request of the school principal; and
- (2) in accordance with rules of the governing body of the school corporation; assist a school administrator in searching a student's locker and the locker's contents.

IC 20-33-8-33 Before February 1 and before October 1 of each year, except when a hearing has been requested to determine financial hardship under IC 9-24-2-1 (a) (4), the governing body of the school corporation shall submit to the bureau of motor vehicles the pertinent information concerning an individual's ineligibility under IC 9-24-2-1 to be issued a driver's license or learner's permit, or concerning the invalidation of a license or permit under IC 9-24-2-4.

IC 20-33-8-34 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a suspension, an expulsion, or another disciplinary action against a student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-35-1-2) is subject to the:

- (1) procedural requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1415; and
- (2) rules adopted by the state board.

(b) The division of special education shall propose rules under IC 20-35-2-1 (b)(5) to the state board for adoption under IC 4-22-2 governing suspensions, expulsions, and other disciplinary action for a student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-35-1-2).

STUDENT DISCIPLINE RULES

School officials may find it necessary to discipline students when their behavior interferes with school purposes or educational functions of the school corporation. In accordance with the provisions of I.C. 20-33-8, the Board of Trustees authorizes administrators and staff members to take the following actions:

1. REMOVAL FROM CLASS OR ACTIVITY - TEACHER:
 - a) A middle school, junior high, or high school teacher may remove a student from the teacher's class or activity for a period of up to 5 school days if the student is assigned regular or additional work to be completed in another school setting.
 - b) An elementary teacher may remove a student from the teacher's classroom or activity for a period of up to one (1) school day if the student is assigned regular or additional work to be completed in another school setting.
 - c) If a teacher removes a student from class under a) or b) above, the principal may place the student in one of the following settings: another appropriate class, another appropriate setting, or in-school suspension.
2. SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL: A school principal (or designee) may deny a student the right to attend school and/or take part in any school function for a period of up to 10 school days.
3. EXPULSION: A student may be expelled from school for a period no longer than the remainder of the current semester plus the following semester. In cases where the student is being expelled for possession of a firearm, a destructive device, or a deadly weapon, the maximum length of the expulsion period is listed under the Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion, Section C and Section D.

GROUND S FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

The grounds for suspension or expulsion in Section A below apply when a student is:

- a. On school grounds immediately before, during, and immediately after school hours and at any other time when the school is being used by as school group (including summer school);
- b. Off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; or
- c. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event.

A violation by a student of a rule listed in Sections A and B is subject to a range of disciplinary consequences imposed by teachers or administrators intended to be progressive in nature and move to a more serious consequence with each violation of the same or similar rule. In recognizing that violations of certain rules and the resulting consequences will be dependent upon the age of the student, the number of prior violations and the severity of the violation, the principal of each building level shall develop the minimum and maximum consequences for each rule for their building. The appropriate consequence should be the least severe that will adequately address any danger to the student and other persons, prevent further disruption of activities, and promote student achievement.

A. Student Misconduct and/or Substantial Disobedience

Grounds for suspension or expulsion are student misconduct and/or substantial disobedience. The following rules define student misconduct and/or substantial disobedience for which a student may be suspended or expelled:

1. Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, or other conduct constituting an interference with school purposes, or urging other students to engage in such conduct. The following enumeration is only illustrative and not limited to the type of conduct prohibited by this rule:
 - a. Occupying any school building, school grounds, or part thereof with intent to deprive others of its use.
 - b. Blocking the entrance or exits of any school building or corridor or room therein with intent to deprive others of lawful access to or from, or use of the building, corridor, or room.
 - c. Setting fire to or damaging any school building or school property.
 - d. Prevention of or attempting to prevent by physical act the convening or continued functioning of any school or education function, or of any meeting or assembly on school property.
 - e. Intentionally making noise or acting in any manner so as to interfere with the ability of any teacher or any other person to conduct or participate in an education function.
2. Engaging in any kind of aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to another person or urging of other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited conduct includes fighting, coercion, harassment, hazing, or other comparable conduct.
3. Engaging in violence and/or threat of violence against any student, staff member, and/or other persons. Prohibited violent or threatening conduct includes threatening, planning, or conspiring with others to engage in a violent activity.
4. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school property, stealing or attempting to steal school property.
5. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property, stealing or attempting to steal private property.
6. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury or behaving in such a way as could reasonably cause physical injury to any person. Self-defense or reasonable action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect oneself and/or another person is not a violation of this rule.
7. Threatening or intimidating any person for any purpose, including obtaining money or anything of value.
8. Threatening (whether specific or general in nature) injury to persons or damage to property, regardless of whether there is a present ability to commit the act.
9. Failing to report the actions or plans of another person to a teacher or administrator where those actions or plans, if carried out, could result in harm to another person or persons or damage property when the student has information about such actions or plans.
10. Possessing, handling, or transmitting a knife or any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon, is represented to be a weapon, or looks like a weapon.
11. Possessing, using, transmitting, or being affected by any controlled substance, prescription drug, narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, synthetic drug, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant or depressant of any kind, or any paraphernalia used in connection with the listed substances. Also prohibited is the consumption of any of the stated substances immediately before attending school or a school function or event.

- a. Exception to Rule 11: a student with a chronic disease or medical condition may possess and self-administer prescribed medication for the disease or condition if the student's parent has filed a written authorization with the building principal. The written authorization must be filed annually. The written authorization must be done by a physician and must include the following information:
1. That the student has an acute or chronic disease or medical condition for which the physician has prescribed medication.
 2. The nature of the disease or medical condition requires emergency administration of the prescribed medication.
 3. The student has been instructed in how to self-administer the prescribed medication.
 4. The student is authorized to possess and self-administer the prescribed medication.
12. Possessing, using, or transmitting any substance which is represented to be or looks like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, synthetic drug, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind.
 13. Possessing, using, transmitting, or being affected by caffeine based substances other than beverages, substances containing phenylpropanolamine (PPA), stimulants of any kind, or any other similar over-the-counter products.
 14. Possessing, using, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco or nicotine-containing products of any kind or in any form. These products include e-cigarettes, any type of look-alike products or other related products associated with tobacco or nicotine use.
 15. Possessing, using, distributing, purchasing, or selling e-cigarettes or other related products.
 16. Offering to sell or agreeing to purchase a controlled substance or alcoholic beverages.
 17. Failing to comply with directions of teachers or other school personnel during any period of time when the student is properly under their supervision, where the failure constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function.
 18. Failing to completely and truthfully respond to questions from a staff member regarding school-related matters including potential violations of the student conduct rules or state or federal law.
 19. Falsely accusing any person of sexual harassment, or of violating a school rule, and/or a state or federal law.
 20. Engaging in any activity forbidden by the laws of Indiana that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function.
 21. Aiding, assisting, agreeing or conspiring with another person to violate these student conduct rules or state or federal law.
 22. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
 23. Taking, recording, displaying and/or distributing pictures (digital or otherwise), video or audio recordings without the consent of the student or staff member in a situation not related to a school purpose or educational function.
 24. Possessing sexually-related materials which include images displaying uncovered breasts, genitals, or buttocks.

25. “Sexting” or using a cell phone or other personal communication device to possess or send text or email messages containing images reasonably interpreted as indecent or sexual in nature. In addition to taking any disciplinary action, phones will be confiscated and students should be aware that any images suspected to violate criminal laws will be referred to law enforcement authorities.
26. Engaging in pranks or other similar activity that could result in harm to another person.
27. Using or possessing gunpowder, ammunition, or an inflammable substance.
28. Violating any rules that are reasonably necessary in carrying out school purposes or an educational function, including, but not limited to:
 - a. engaging in sexual behavior on school property;
 - b. engaging in sexual harassment of a student or staff member;
 - c. disobedience of administrative authority;
 - d. willful absence or tardiness of students;
 - e. engaging in speech or conduct, including clothing, jewelry or hair style, that is profane, indecent, lewd, vulgar, or refers to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sex, or illegal activity;
 - f. violation of the school corporation’s acceptable use of technology policy or rules;
 - g. violation of the school corporation’s administration of medication policy or rules;
 - h. possessing or using a laser pointer or similar device.
29. Possessing or using on school grounds during school hours an electronic device, a cellular telephone, or any other telecommunication device, including a look-a-like device, in a situation not related to a school purpose or educational function or using such device to engage in an activity that violates school rules. This rule is not violated when the student has been given clear permission from a school administrator or a designated staff member to possess or use one of the devices listed in this rule.
30. Any student conduct rule the school building principal establishes and gives notice of to students and parents.

B. Bullying

1. Bullying committed by students toward other students is strictly prohibited. Engaging in bullying conduct described in this rule by use of data or computer software that is accessed through any computer, any computer system, or any computer network is also prohibited.
2. For purposes of this rule, bullying is defined as overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner including electronically or digitally, physical acts committed, aggression, or any other similar behaviors that are committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student and create for the targeted student an objectively hostile school environment that:
 - places the targeted student in reasonable fear of harm to the targeted student’s person or property;
 - has a substantially detrimental effect on the targeted student’s physical or mental health;
 - has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student’s academic performance; or
 - has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student’s ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, and privileges provided by the school.

3. This rule may be applied regardless of the physical location of the bullying behavior when a student committing bullying behavior and the targeted student attend a school within the school corporation and disciplinary action is reasonably necessary to avoid substantial interference with school discipline or prevent an unreasonable threat to the rights of other students to a safe and peaceful learning environment.
4. Any student or parent who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this rule or any student who feels he/she has been bullied in violation of this rule should immediately report the conduct to the School Principal who has responsibility for all investigations of student misconduct including bullying. A student or parent may also report the conduct to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the School Principal. This report may be made anonymously.
5. The Principal shall investigate immediately all reports of bullying made pursuant to the provisions of this rule. Such investigation must include any action or appropriate responses that may be taken immediately to address the bullying conduct wherever it takes place. The parents of the bully and the targeted student (s) shall be notified on a regular, periodic basis of the progress and the findings of the investigation and of any remedial action that has been taken.
6. The Principal will be responsible for working with the school counselors and other community resources to provide information and/or follow-up services to support the targeted student and to educate the student engaging in bullying behavior on the effects of bullying and the prevention of bullying. In addition, the school administrator and school counselors will be responsible for determining if the bullying behavior is a violation of law required to be reported to law enforcement under Indiana law based upon their reasonable belief. Such determination should be made as soon as possible and once this determination is made, the report should be made immediately to law enforcement.
7. False reporting of bullying conduct as defined in this rule by a student shall be considered a violation of this rule and will result in any appropriate disciplinary action or sanctions if the investigation of the report finds it to be false.
8. A violation of this rule prohibiting bullying may result in any appropriate disciplinary action or sanction, including suspension and/or expulsion.
9. Failure by a school employee who has a responsibility to report bullying or investigate bullying or any other duty under this rule to carry out such responsibility or duty will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.
10. Counseling, corrective discipline, and/or referral to law enforcement will be used to change the behavior of the perpetrator. This includes appropriate intervention (s), restoration of a positive climate, and support for victims and others impacted by the bullying.
11. Educational outreach and training will be provided to school personnel, parents, and students concerning the identification, prevention, and intervention in bullying.
12. All schools in the corporation are encouraged to engage students, staff and parents in meaningful discussions about the negative aspects of bullying. The parent involvement may be through parent organizations already in place in each school.

C. Possessing A Firearm or A Destructive Device

1. No student shall possess, handle or transmit any firearm or a destructive device on school property.
2. The following devices are considered to be a firearm under this rule:
 - any weapon that is capable of expelling, designed to expel, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by means of an explosion.

3. For purposes of this rule, a destructive device is:
 - an explosive, incendiary, or overpressure device that is configured as a bomb, a grenade, a rocket with a propellant charge of more than four ounces, a missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, a mine, a Molotov cocktail or a device that is substantially similar to an item described above,
 - a type of weapon that may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant through a barrel that has a bore diameter of more than one-half inch, or
 - a combination of parts designed or intended for use in the conversion of a device into a destructive device.
4. The penalty for possession of a firearm or a destructive device: suspension up to 10 days and expulsion from school for at least one calendar year with the return of the student to be at the beginning of the first semester after the one year period. The superintendent may reduce the length of the expulsion if the circumstances warrant such reduction.
5. The superintendent shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency when a student engages in behavior described in this rule.

D. Possessing A Deadly Weapon

1. No student shall possess, handle or transmit any deadly weapon on school property.
2. The following devices are considered to be deadly weapons for purposes of this rule:
 - a weapon, taser or electronic stun weapon, equipment, chemical substance, or other material that in the manner it is used, or could ordinarily be used, or is intended to be used, is readily capable of causing serious bodily injury;
 - an animal readily capable of causing serious bodily injury and used in the commission or attempted commission of a crime; or
 - a biological disease, virus, or organism that is capable of causing serious bodily injury.
3. The penalty for possession of a deadly weapon: up to 10 days suspension and expulsion from school for a period of up to one calendar year.
4. The superintendent may notify the appropriate law enforcement agency when a student engages in behavior described in this rule.

E. Unlawful Activity

A student may be suspended or expelled for engaging in unlawful activity on or off school grounds if the unlawful activity may reasonably be considered to be an interference with school purposes or an educational function, or the student's removal is necessary to restore order or protect persons on school property. This includes any unlawful activity meeting the above criteria that takes place during weekends, holidays, other school breaks, and the summer period when a student may not be attending classes or other school functions.

F. Legal Settlement

A student may be expelled if it is determined that the student's legal settlement is not in the attendance area of the school where the student is enrolled. And that student/parent did not apply for a transfer.

LEGAL REFERENCES:	I.C. 20-33-8-1 et seq.	I.C. 35-31.5-2-86
	I.C. 35-47.5-2-4	I.C. 35-47-1-5

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES

SUSPENSION PROCEDURE

When a principal (or designee) determines that a student should be suspended, the following procedures will be followed:

1. A meeting will be held prior to the suspension of any student. At this meeting the student will be entitled to:
 - (a) a written or oral statement of the charges;
 - (b) if the student denies the charges, a summary of the evidence against the student will be presented; and,
 - (c) the student will be provided an opportunity to explain his or her conduct.
2. The meeting shall precede suspension of the student except where the nature of the misconduct requires immediate removal. In such situations, the meeting will follow the suspension as soon as reasonably possible following the date of the suspension.
3. Following the suspension, the parent or guardian of a suspended student will be notified in writing. The notification will include the dates of the suspension, describe the student's misconduct, and the action taken by the principal.

EXPULSION PROCEDURE

When a principal recommends to the superintendent that a student be expelled from school, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The superintendent may conduct an expulsion meeting, or may appoint one of the following persons to conduct the expulsion meeting:
 - a. legal counsel
 - b. expulsion examiner: a member of the administrative staff who did not expel the student during the current school year and was not involved in the events giving rise to the expulsion.
2. An expulsion will not take place until the student and the student's parent are given notice of their right to appear at an expulsion meeting conducted by the superintendent or the person designated above. Failure to request and to appear at this meeting will be deemed a waiver of rights administratively to contest the expulsion or to appeal it to the school board.
3. The notice of the right to an expulsion meeting will be in writing, delivered by certified mail or by personal delivery, and contain the reasons for the expulsion and the procedure for requesting the meeting.
4. At the expulsion meeting, the principal (or designee), will present evidence to support the charges against the student. The student or parent will have the opportunity to answer the charges against the student, and to present evidence to support the student's position. *An attorney may not represent the student at the expulsion meeting, but the attorney may be available for consultation outside the meeting room during the course of the expulsion meeting.*
5. If an expulsion meeting is held, the person conducting the expulsion meeting will make a written summary of the evidence heard at the meeting, take any action found to be appropriate, and give notice of the action taken to the student and the student's parent.

NO RIGHT TO APPEAL

The student or parent has no right to appeal an expulsion decision to the school board as the school board has voted not to hear student expulsion appeals.

LEGAL REFERENCE: I.C. 20-33-8-18, I.C. 20-33-8-19

Additional Disciplinary Violations

Violations of the following will result in appropriate disciplinary action:

1. Students are not to have food or drinks outside the cafeteria area.
2. Students should not loiter in area of heavy student traffic or in restrooms.
3. With the exception of handholding, students are expected to keep their hands off other persons' bodies and their property.
4. Lockers should not be abused or used to store items which are considered dangerous, illegal, or disruptive.
5. Students should comply with the teacher directives, including the completion of assignments at all times.
6. Students should not use inappropriate language or gestures at school or at any extracurricular school function.
7. Engaging in speech or conduct, including clothing, jewelry, sunglasses, make-up, face paint, or hair style, which is profane, indecent, lewd, vulgar, or offensive to school purpose.
8. Violating or repeatedly violating any rules that are necessary in carrying out school purposes or an educational function and are validly adopted in accordance with Indiana law.
 - a. Students are to demonstrate proper respect for staff members, other school employees, and other students.
 - b. Repeated unexcused absences will result in a suspension.
 - c. Repeated detentions (usually three) from one teacher or repeated detentions (four to six) from various teachers may result in suspension.
 - d. Three suspensions in a school year may result in a recommendation for expulsion.
 - p. student must make sufficient academic progress towards graduation to remain a student at Mitchell High School.
 - q. The administration holds the right to revoke extracurricular participation for disciplinary reasons.
9. Students must properly identify themselves immediately upon request by school personnel.
10. Students should not possess or use a laser pointer while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity on or off school property unless under the supervision of a staff member and in the context of instruction.
11. Students should respect the rights of chemically sensitive individuals. The application of perfumes, cologne, scented body lotions, and other odorous chemicals should not be made in a classroom. Exceptions will be granted only with prior approval of the classroom teacher (e.g., physical education class).
12. Any student receiving in-school detention may lose extracurricular privileges for the day.
13. Inappropriate displays of affection.
14. **Book bags/backpacks will not be allowed during the school day. All book bags and backpacks should be kept in student lockers during the school day.**

Detention

A teacher or administrator of the school may assign detention to a student as a penalty for school misconduct. Students assigned detention will receive a referral to be taken home, signed by the parent or guardian, and returned to the respective staff member. Students who are detained will be supervised by a school official and parents will be notified one day in advance. Parents must provide transportation for any student detained after school. If the detention is not served in the allotted time, additional time or suspension will follow. Students serving detention are to use the time constructively by taking study materials to the detention.

Safe School Environment

It is the intent of Mitchell High School to continue providing a safe environment for students and staff. If an administrator has reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of a weapon or an item that could be determined a weapon, the student will be subject to a locker search.

Tobacco-Free Environment

Students and patrons are prohibited from using tobacco products on all property owned, leased, or utilized by Mitchell Community Schools. (As per Policy #5512)

Bullying

Mitchell Community School is committed to providing a safe, positive and productive educational environment for all students. Bullying behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. This prohibition includes physical, verbal, and psychological abuse. Behaviors that will not be tolerated are any gestures, comments, threats, or actions that cause or threaten to cause bodily harm or personal degradation. This policy applies when a student is on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; off school grounds at a school activity, function or event; or using property or equipment provided by the school.

Bullying as defined in state law means overt, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communication transmitted, physical acts committed, or any other behaviors committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the other student. This type of behavior is a form of harassment, although it need not be based on any of the legally protected characteristics, such as sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, or disability. It would include, but not be limited to, such behaviors as stalking, intimidating, menacing, coercion, name-calling, taunting, making threats, and hazing.

Any student who believes he/she has been or is currently the victim of bullying should immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal.

Criminal Gang Activity

I.C. 20-26-18

I.C. 20-33-9-10.5

I.C. 35-45-9-1

Mitchell Community Schools prohibits gang activity and similar destructive or illegal group behavior on school property, on school buses, and at school sponsored functions. Mitchell Community Schools also prohibits reprisal or retaliation against individuals who report gang activity and similar destructive group behavior.

The principal, or his/her designee, will take appropriate action to maintain a safe and secure school environment. Appropriate consequences and remedial actions will be pursued in the event such gang activity is discovered. The principal shall inform the parents of all students involved in the alleged incident(s) and discuss the availability of counseling and other intervention services. (As per Student Policy #5640)

Driver's License Suspension

Students Prohibited from Obtaining a License or Learner's Permit

In accordance with Indiana Code 9-24-2-1, Sec. 1:

1. A driver's license or a learner's permit may not be issued to an individual less than eighteen (18) years of age who meets any of the following conditions:
 - a. Is a habitual truant under IC 20-33-2-11. Mitchell Community Schools defines a "habitual truant" as a student who on the second occurrence during any one school year is inexcusably absent from his/her assigned location without parent knowledge.
 - b. Is under at least a second suspension from school for the school year under IC 20-33-8-14 or IC 20-33-8-15.
 - c. Is under an expulsion from school under IC 20-33-8-14, IC 20-33-8-15, or IC 20-33-8-16.
 - d. Is considered a dropout under IC 20-33-2-28.5.
2. At least five (5) days before holding an exit interview under IC 20-33-2-28.5, the school corporation shall give notice by certified mail or personal delivery to the student, the student's parent, or the student's guardian that the student's failure to attend an exit interview under IC 20-33-2-28.5 or return to school if the student does not meet the requirements to withdraw from school under IC 20-33-2-28.5 will result in the revocation or denial of the student's:
 - a. driver's license or learner's permit; and
 - b. employment certificate.

Suspension of Learner's Permit/Driver's License

In accordance with Indiana Code 9-24-2-4, Sec. 4:

1. If a person is less than eighteen (18) years of age and is a habitual truant, is under suspension or an expulsion, or has withdrawn from school as described in section 1 of this chapter, the bureau shall, upon notification by the person's principal, invalidate the person's license or permit until the earliest of the following:
 - a. The person becomes eighteen (18) years of age.
 - b. One hundred twenty (120) days after the person is suspended, or the end of a semester during which the person returns to school, whichever is longer.
 - c. the suspension, expulsion, or exclusion is reversed after the person has had a hearing under IC 20-33-8.
2. The bureau shall promptly mail a notice to the person's last known address that states the following:
 - a. That the person's driving privileges will be invalidated for a specified period commencing five (5) days after the date of the notice.
 - b. That the person has the right to appeal the invalidation of a license or permit.
3. If an aggrieved person believes that:
 - a. the information provided was technically incorrect; or
 - b. the bureau committed a technical or procedural error, the aggrieved person may appeal the invalidation of a license under IC-25.
4. If a person satisfies the conditions for reinstatement of a license under this section, the person may submit to the bureau the necessary information certifying that at least one (1) of the events described in subsection 1 has occurred.
5. Upon certifying the information received under subsection 4, the bureau shall revalidate the person's license or permit.
6. A person may not operate a motor vehicle in violation of the section.
7. A person whose license or permit is invalidated under this section may apply for a restricted driving permit under IC 9024-15.
8. The bureau shall revalidate the license or permit of a person whose license or permit was invalidated under this section who does the following:
 - a. establishes to the satisfaction of the principal of the school where the action occurred that caused the invalidation of the person's license or permit that the person has:
 - (1) enrolled in a full-time or part-time program of education; and
 - (2) participated for thirty (30) or more days in the program of education.
 - b. submits to the bureau a form developed by the bureau that contains:
 - (1) the verified signature of the principal or the president of the governing body of the school described in subdivision a; and
 - (2) notification to the bureau that the person as complied with subdivision 1. A person may appeal the decision of a principal under subdivision a. to the governing body of the school corporation where the principal's school is located.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The Board of Trustees, its employees, and its agents shall endeavor to follow a practice of nondiscrimination in regard to race; religion; sex; age; national origin; handicap, including limited English proficiency concerning citizens, students, employees, educational programs and services, as well as individuals with whom the Board and its agents do business.

The Board of Trustees, its employees, and its agent shall endeavor to meet the requirements of federal and state laws designed to remove the vestiges of discrimination in employment, assignment, and promotion of employees; in educational programs and services offered students; in the assignment to schools and classes; discipline; in the use of school facilities; and in the selection of educational materials.

The Board of Trustees, its employees, and its agents shall endeavor to open communication channels through which employees, students, and other citizens may improve the conduct of human relations and express concerns to the administration and the Board.

Any person who alleges discrimination by an employee or student in the school corporation should direct inquires to Phillip Storm, Assistant Superintendent, 441 8th Street, Mitchell, Indiana 47446, phone 812-849-4481.

Civil Rights Nondiscrimination Grievance Procedure

1. Applies to Regulatory Titles VI (race, color, national origin), TITLE IX (sex), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicapping condition), and the Indiana State Board of Education Advisory Committee V-Rules Requirements and the guidelines developed by the Indiana Department of Education, Vocational Education Section.
2. Interested parties include students of Mitchell Community Schools.
3. Applies to acts or omissions relating to protected rights based upon age; race; color; religion; sex; handicapped conditions; and national origin, including limited English proficiency.
4. Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator
 - a. The building principal or designee for allegations of building level violations to students.
 - b. The assistant superintendent or designee for allegations and violations of a corporate level such as policy or practice.
5. Civil Rights Compliance Officer
 - a. The assistant superintendent or designee
6. The Process
 - a. The student alleging a violation shall submit the initial complaint in writing to the appropriate compliance coordinator described in section 4 above. The complaint shall stipulate the specific act or omission, the date of same, and parties involved.
 - b. The compliance coordinator or designee shall conduct a prompt and timely investigation.
 - c. The compliance coordinator or designee will prepare and deliver to the superintendent a written report summarizing the investigation and providing recommendations.
 - d. Upon review of the written report, the superintendent shall issue a final decision. A copy of the superintendent's decision will be delivered to the complainant and the individual accused of the harassing conduct.
 - e. The complainant can appeal the superintendent's decision to the Board of Trustees with ten (10) days of the date of the superintendent's decision
 - f. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Board of Trustees shall meet in Executive Session to review the complaint and the summary of the investigation.

Library

Students are encouraged to make proper use of the library to complete lessons, to further their special interests, or to read for enjoyment. Library patrons are expected to conduct themselves in a quiet, orderly manner and to return materials to their designated places. The library is available during study halls, before and after school (8:00-8:15 and 3:20-3:30), and during class time on a teacher- arranged basis.

Guidance and Counseling

The purpose of the guidance services is to help each student in his or her social, educational, vocational, and personal development. Conferences with students receive first consideration of counselor's time and are scheduled whenever necessary. Counselors may assist students in:

1. Recommending materials that the students may use to improve study habits.
2. Planning schedules and school programs.
3. Making realistic curriculum selections and suitable plans for the future.
4. Offering assistance in problems of adjustment and/or to listen to the student discuss problems.

Student Scheduling Change Guidelines

1. Schedule changes can be made for students who:
 - a. have been misplaced in a course (by student, computer or counselor error).
 - b. have failed a prerequisite for a course now scheduled.
 - c. have a study hall and wish to add a class (providing there is room in the class and the students have the ability and desire to apply themselves).
 - d. have changed their academic plans.
 - e. has been directed to do so by the MHS administration and will probably result in a grade of WF (treated as a failure).
2. Schedule changes will not be permitted for students who:
 - a. have changed their minds about a preregistered electives
 - b. have made requests to rearrange class periods due to a personal preference.
3. Additional information:
 - a. schedule changes will be made only for valid academic reasons.
 - b. schedule changes must be taken care of during preregistration or the first week of the semester for reasons as stated in section one.
 - c. schedule changes must be approved in writing by the following: principal, counselor, teachers, student and parent.

Withdrawals and Transfer

The procedure for withdrawing from school or transferring to another school is as follows:

1. Secure a withdrawal or transfer note from parent or guardian.
2. Obtain appropriate forms from your counselor.
3. Have the forms filled out by teachers, return all textbooks and school materials, and make sure all fees are paid.
4. Take completed forms to the assistance principal for final clearance.

Exit Interviews

Under Indiana law, any student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may withdraw from school prior to graduation only after an exit interview with the student's parents or guardian is conducted with the appropriate school counselors and/or administrator.

Suspension

A student suspended on a day that has been cancelled (weather, etc.) will receive credit for that day, as it applies towards the student's disciplinary measure.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian

A class valedictorian and salutatorian will be recognized each year for the senior class. In the event there is a tie for the valedictorian position, there will not be a salutatorian recognized. A student must attend Mitchell High School for the entire second semester of his/her junior year and both semesters of the senior year. Students who accumulate a total of 238 grade points will be ranked equally at the top of the graduating class. Only courses taken at the high school building will be counted towards GPA and class rank. Correspondence courses and credit recovery courses are not permitted simply to raise GPA and class rank.

Foreign Exchange Students

Students that are foreign exchange students during their entire senior year of high school are not eligible for valedictorian, salutatorian, or academic top ten honors for their respective class.

Work Permits

Indiana law requires that minors between the age of 14 and 18 to obtain an employment certificate before they are allowed to accept employment of any kind. These certificates may be obtained from the main office.

Work Permit Revocation

In accordance with Indiana Code, the principal may revoke a work permit if it is determined that there has been a significant decrease in the student's grade point average since the issuance of the permit. The definition of a significant decrease will be at the discretion of the building principal based on the following guidelines:

1. The student's nine weeks grades on the average drop a minimum of two letter grades.
2. It is the opinion of the building principal that the decrease in the student's grade point average was caused by the student's work schedule.

A student whose work permit is revoked is entitled to a periodic review of the student's grade record determine whether the revocation should continue. A periodic review may not be conducted less than one (1) time each school year. If upon review the principal determines that the student's grade point average has improved substantially, the principal may reinstate a work permit to the student. A student may appeal the revocation of the work permit to the superintendent.

Homework

Mitchell Community Schools desires to encourage the use of effective homework assignments to promote learning through extending classroom instruction, providing students with opportunities to exercise self-discipline, to provide parents with opportunities to see the type of class work expected of their student; and to assist their students to become better scholars.

Homework is an out-of-class assignment which is expected to be a properly planned activity designed to enhance the student's understanding of a particular subject and which is appropriate to the needs of the student. Homework should never be merely "busy work" or a form of punishment. Rather, Mitchell Community Schools expects it to be an important part of classroom activities which motivates students and promotes their learning.

STUDENTS are expected to take advantage of the educational opportunities afforded by homework by completing all work requested on time and by making-up missed work following an illness or excused absence. The student is expected to become more independent as he/she matures and to assume increasing responsibility for completing homework properly as he/she advances through school. *PARENTS* are expected to be supportive of and cooperative with reasonable, meaningful homework assignments. They are expected to show interest in and display helpful attitudes towards homework. In addition parents are expected to provide a quiet, well lighted place for their student to study; to promote good study habits; to encourage their student's efforts; to encourage their student to ask questions of the teachers when in doubt about an assignment; and to assist students when necessary, but to refrain from defeating the purpose of assigning homework by doing the assignment for the student.

Make-Up Work

Students who are absent for any reason are required to make up work missed in each class. In general, one day will be allowed to make up work for each day absent. A day's absence does not excuse a student from responsibility for all discussion work on the day of his/her return. Grades will be marked as incomplete at the end of a grading period and will lead to failure if not completed within the allotted time. It is the student's responsibility to obtain all make-up work from his instructors immediately upon returning to school, regardless of reason for absence. In case of extended illness, assignments should be requested through the office. Please allow 24 hours for this material to be compiled.

Access to the Internet and E-Mail

Mitchell Community Schools may provide access to the Internet for the limited purpose of fulfilling its educational mission. Use of the Internet through the equipment of Mitchell Community Schools is regarded as a privilege rather than a right, and the privilege to access the Internet with the facilities of Mitchell High School is contingent upon its responsible exercise.

All student access shall be teacher-directed, and Mitchell Community Schools will attempt to provide users with a reasonable amount of security. It shall be the joint responsibility of students, parents, and employees of Mitchell Community Schools to limit the use of the Internet in Mitchell Community Schools to accessing material of educational value in the context of this school district's mission and policies. For additional information regarding the acceptable use of the Internet please refer to corporation policy 7540.

The use of e-mail shall be for educational purposes only.

Extracurricular Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in the extracurricular activities of the school. No person shall, on the basis of sex, race, religion, nation origin or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, or other education program or activity operated by Mitchell High School.

Class Officer Requirements

A student must meet the following criteria to be a candidate for and to maintain a class office at Mitchell High School.

He/She must:

1. be a member of the class in which they represent.
2. maintain, and continue to maintain, a grade point average of 2.3 (total) in all subjects taken the previous nine weeks or semester grading period.
3. comply with the rules and regulations governing Mitchell High School.
4. fulfill all necessary functions of the office held.

Class and Club Events

All class and club events must be approved by the sponsor and principal before they can be schedule on the calendar. Also, all forms are to be completed and returned to the office at least one week prior to the event.

Clubs and Organizations

Permanent extracurricular activities are Future Homemakers of America, "M" Club, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Student Council, Thespian Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Art Club, Pep Club, French Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Chess Team, Academic Team, Cheerleaders, Dance Team, Key Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, Varsity Singers, Fresh Start, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Chartered extracurricular activities: Students who wish to start an extracurricular activity may do so on a one-year basis by observing the following rules:

1. Have fifteen (15) or more students actively interested in being members
2. Have a faculty sponsor.
3. Have a worthy educational purpose and written constitution and by-laws.
4. Have been approved by the principal.

Chartered organizations are reviewed and evaluated each year by the Student Council for the purpose of renewal of the charter.

National Honor Society

The George N. Bishop Chapter of the National Honor Society at Mitchell High School is comprised of juniors and seniors who have maintained a minimum of a 3.3 grade point average. Members must also excel in the areas of service, leadership, and character. Should a member not comply in these areas, they could be asked to relinquish their membership.

Selection for membership is by a faculty committee selected by the principal. Committee members will rank applicants on a five-point scale in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. A successful applicant must achieve a total of 60 points or greater to qualify for acceptance in National Honor Society.

Applicants are encouraged to be thorough in completing résumés and applications for admittance.

Dance Regulations

Dances are open to MHS students and their pre-registered guests. Guests must be preregistered no later than the end of the school day on the day of the dance. Registration forms are available from the organization which is sponsoring the dance. All guests are required to comply with the rules and regulations of Mitchell High School. No exceptions will be made, and the school reserves the right to refuse admission to any event to any person or persons.

Regulations for Students Activities

Social functions are a privileges and they are an important part of the total school picture. We will allow them only with complete cooperation and high standards of behavior . We are here to educate, not entertain. Any infraction of school rules or of the rules of that social function will be treated just as if it occurred during school time. Any student leaving a social function will not be readmitted. Students not directly involved in a school function are not to be at or near the school or event. All social function must be approved by the sponsor and the principal.

Athletics

The Mitchell High School athletic program consist of team competition in the following sports for boys: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, track and wrestling and the following sports for girls: basketball, softball, track, cross country, volleyball, golf and coed soccer.

The interscholastic program is under the direction of the IHSAA. Rules and regulations governing the interscholastic program are in the office of the principal and/or the athletic director. To be eligible to participate in the interscholastic program, a student must:

1. have received passing grades at the end of the last grading period in school and
2. be currently passing in at least five solid subjects requiring a minimum total of twenty hours of regular high school recitations per week
3. must be an amateur, and
4. have a parental and medical certificate on file.

While athletic activities are an important part of the school system, it must be noted by each student that there is a risk of being injured and that this risk is inherent in all sports. The risk of injury may include the possibility of severe injuries including the risk of fractures, brain injury, or even death. Any student participating must realize this risk is associated with the athletic program.

Athletic Insurance

The Mitchell High School Athletic Department will not provide athletic insurance for participating athletes. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to provide athletic insurance for their athlete. Each athlete must have a completed insurance form the file in the athletic director's office prior to participation.

Random Drug Testing

All students involved in extra-curricular activities, clubs, or those that drive to school are subject to the schools random drug testing policy.

Extra-Curricular Due Process Procedure Excluding Athletics

1. Sponsors shall review with their club, the purpose and objectives of the respective organizations.
2. As part of that review, the eligibility requirements shall be explained. Further, the guidelines shall be set forth regarding the individual's conduct to remain a member in good-standing.
3. Finally, each individual shall be made aware of the following due process procedures after a disciplinary situation arises:
 - a. The sponsor meets with the student, his/her parent, or parents, or their designee within five (5) school days of the administration of the discipline. A written statement of the conference shall be filed with the principal one (1) school day following the administration of the discipline.
 - b. The student and his/her parent, parents or their designee may request a formal discussion with the sponsor and the building principal or designee within five (5) school days of the conference with the sponsor. The principal shall schedule the formal discussion within two (2) school days after the request. The principal shall render a statement of understanding that includes:
 - (1) Description of the violation
 - (a) By student or his representative
 - (b) By sponsor
 - (2) Statement of disciplinary action
 - (3) The principal's finding and decision: said statement of understanding shall be in writing and transmitted to the parties involved within two (2) school days of the date of the formal discussion. The following parties will be in receipt of the statement:
 - (a) Student
 - (b) The parent of the student, or
 - (c) The designee of the parent of the student
 - (d) Sponsor
 - (e) The assistant superintendent of the Mitchell Community Schools
 - c. The student and his/her parent, parents or their designee may request a formal discussion with the sponsor, building principal and the office of the Superintendent within five (5) school days of the conference with the principal. The office of the superintendent shall schedule the formal discussion within two (2) school days after the request. The Office of the Superintendent's finding and decision shall be in writing and transmitted to the parties involved within two (2) school days of the date of the formal discussion. The following parties will be in receipt of the statement:
 - (1) The student
 - (2) The parent of the student or designee of the parent
 - (3) Sponsor
 - (4) The building principal
 - d. The student and his/her parent, parents, or their designee may request a formal discussion with the Board of Trustees of Mitchell Community Schools. This request must be filed with the Office of the Superintendent within five (5) school days of the conference in Section C. The Board of Trustees shall schedule the formal discussion at their regular meeting.

Fan Bus Regulations

Fan buses may be provided by the school to all varsity football and basketball games. To help defray costs, all students (except cheerleaders) signing the list will be charged \$2.00 for riding the bus. This is payable at the time the student signs the list. All students riding to an event on a fan bus are expected to return on the fan bus unless the student's parent or guardian either sees the faculty sponsor prior to the fan bus returning or writes a note bearing his/her signature giving the student permission to return home via other transportation. Students failing to do this will be denied fan bus privileges for the balance of the year and face other disciplinary action. All school and bus rules and regulations are in effect on fan buses.

Mitchell High School Video and Photograph Release Form

From time to time we take pictures during activities. We would like your permission to use these pictures on our website and/or in our newsletter. We will never reference your student by name or provide any specific information regarding your student. We also will never sell these pictures; we will use them exclusively for internal purposes and promotional activities (including, but not limited to our website and newsletter). If you wish to have your students excluded from having their picture used, please contact the Mitchell High School office.

Health Services

Students who become ill should report to their teacher or the main office. When the student is too ill to remain at school, the parent or guardian is notified.

Administration of Medication to Students: Due to HEA 1669, school officials will not administer non-prescription medication to students unless they have written permission/instructions from the student's parents or guardian.

Due to HEA 1669, school officials will not administer prescription medication to students unless they have written permission/instructions from the student's parents or guardian and physician.

Any substance for which a student has a prescription or written permission from a parent allowing use, must be brought to the school nurse or designee in the health clinic and administered or taken there.

In case of emergency, only the first aid procedure will be used by qualified school personnel.

Lawrence County Health Department

Mitchell Community Schools works with the Lawrence County Health Department to record and review student immunization data using the Children and Hoosier Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP).

Pesticide Application Notice

Periodically throughout the year, it may be necessary for pesticides to be applied to external or internal areas of the school building and grounds. If you wish to be given notice of such pesticide applications, please notify the principal of the building. You will be given a form to fill out and will be notified of any pesticide with at least 48-hour advance notice.

Pesticide application will not be done when children, staff members or any other people are present in the area that is to be sprayed.

Summer School Policies

Summer School will be offered based on student interest. Student handbook policies will be effective in summer school programs. Attendance policies will be modified as follows to meet the different class criteria:

Attendance Policy

1. On the first and second absence, a note signed by the student's parent or guardian, or a telephone call from the parent or guardian will excuse the absence.
2. On the third absence, the student will be withdrawn from the class. Extreme emergencies will be addressed on an individual basis.

Tardy Policy

On the second tardy, a student will be given a detention. Further tardies will result in increased detention time, and possible removal from class.

Local Scholarships

The following local scholarships are among those which have been awarded to Mitchell High School in the past years. All students planning to further their education should apply for the scholarships which they are eligible.

1. Angel Finn Memorial Scholarship
2. Anthony "Tony" Mann Memorial Scholarship
3. Ben Tirey Memorial Scholarship
4. Elizabeth Betty Beldon Business Scholarship (for business majors)
5. Betty Hilderbrand Memorial Scholarships
6. Betty Mather Memorial Scholarship
7. IU Health/BRMC Medical Auxiliary Scholarship
8. IU Health/BRMC Medical Staff Scholarship
9. Carol Carlson Memorial Scholarship (for female athletes)
10. Cecil Martin Post #250 American Legion Scholarship
11. Dunbar Family Scholarship
12. Diane Dunbar Briscoe Memorial Scholarship
12. Dorothy Stroud Scholarship
13. St. Vincent/Dunn Auxiliary Scholarship
14. St. Vincent/Dunn Medical Staff Scholarship
15. Frances Tyree Memorial Scholarship
16. Frank Sanders Memorial Scholarship
17. H.H. Crawford Memorial Scholarship
18. Henry Polson Memorial Scholarship
19. Hoosier Hill Credit Union Scholarship
20. Hoosier Uplands Scholarship
21. J.R. Hamilton III Memorial Scholarship
22. James T. Oswalt Scholarship
23. Janice Houchin Memorial Scholarship
24. Joe B and Josephine Mundy Memorial Scholarship
25. Judge Michael Robbins Legal Scholarship
26. Karon Chastain Wingard Scholarship
27. Kenneth and Lorena Chastain Scholarship
28. Lawrence County Homemakers Scholarship
29. McCracken Family Scholarship
30. MHS 25 Year Alumni Class Scholarship

31. MHS 50 Year Alumni Class Scholarship
32. MHS Class of 1989 Scholarship
33. David Nolan Memorial/Mitchell Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
34. Mitchell Community Schools Scholarship
35. Mitchell Education Association Scholarships
36. Mitchell Football Boosters Scholarship
37. Mitchell Athletic Department Scholarship
38. MJHS Student Council Scholarship
39. Phi Beta Psi Scholarship
40. Principal's Award Scholarship
41. Richard Turner & Debra Turner Powell Scholarship
42. Robert J Burton Memorial Scholarship
43. Ruby Pruett Scholarship
44. Sherwood Family Scholarship
45. Sorrells Family Scholarship
46. Student Activities Scholarship
47. Teresa Staley Art Scholarship
48. Terri Watterson Scholarship
49. Terry Cole Memorial Scholarship
50. Times Mail Scholarship
51. Todd Leonard Scholarship
52. Toledo Foundation Scholarship
53. Tri Kappa Scholarship
54. Vera Burton Scholarship
55. VFW Marvin Davis Post #9107 Scholarship
56. Walter "Bus" Briscoe Memorial Scholarship
57. Wilcox Art Scholarship
58. Children of Veterans Scholarship
59. Jack E. Williams Scholarship
60. Donald H. & Priscilla Cessna Scholarship
61. GM Powertrain Scholarship
62. Lela Mae Bass Memorial Scholarship
63. Friends of Powertrain Charity for Kids
64. Big O' Tires Scholarship
65. Spring Mill FOP Scholarship
66. Merlyn Hunter Memorial
67. Gene Mundy Memorial Scholarship
68. Red Cross/Key Club Scholarship
69. Lawrence County Art Association Scholarship
70. Lehigh Science Scholarship
71. Fleur de Lis Club Literary Scholarship
72. Lawrence County Republican Women's Club Scholarship
73. Cassandra Wheatley Scholarship
74. John Box Memorial Scholarship

Mitchell High School Song (Illinois Loyalty)

We're loyal to you, Mitchell High
We're all staunch and true, Mitchell High
We'll back you to stand 'gainst the best in the land
For we know you have the sand, Mitchell High

RAH! RAH!

Go smash that blockade, Mitchell High
Go crushing ahead, Mitchell High
Our team is our famed protector
Oh boys, for we expect a victory from you Mitchell High

(YELL)

Chee Chaw Rah! Rah! Rah!
Mitchell High School Rah!

To our dear high school we will always be true
While on the basketball floor, we're fighting for you
Like men of old, on giants, placing reliance
shouting defiance OKEE WOW WOW!
Amid broad green fields that nourish our lands
For honor and for learning we stand
While unto thee we pledge our hearts and hands
To win this victory Mitchell High School FIGHT!

Bluejacket Fight Song (Notre Dame Marching Songs)

Fight, Fight for old Mitchell High
Bluejacket spirit will never die
Raise a mighty cheer on high
Shake down the thunder from the sky
What though the odds be great or be small
Our *Mighty Jackets* will never fall
Fight on Jackets for your fame will bring us a victory!

Colors and Emblem

The school colors are royal blue and gold
The athletic symbol is the "Fighting Bluejacket."

Mitchell Community Schools 2018-2019

Semester I

August 1	Teacher Appreciation/In-Service Days
August 2	Teacher Appreciation/In-Service Days
August 3	First Student Day
September 3	Labor Day-No School
October 5	End of First Grading Period (45 Days)
October 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School
October 15-19	Fall Break-No School
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break-No School
December 20	Last Day Before Christmas Break
	End of Second Grading Period (45 Days)
	End of First Semester (90 days)
December 21, 2018 - January 2, 2019	Christmas Break

Semester II

January 3	First Day Back After Break
January 21	No School/Make-Up Day
February 18	No School/Make-Up Day
March 8	End of Third Grading Period (45 Days)
March 25-29	Spring Break-No School
April 12	No School/Make-Up Day
April 19	No School/Make Up Day
April 26	No School/Make-Up Day
May 7	Last Day for Field Trips During Instructional Day
May 22	Last Student Day
	End of Fourth Grading Period (45 Days)
	End of Second Semester (90 Days)
May 23	Teachers' Record Day

Student Days-180
Teacher Days-184

No School/Make-Up Days will be used to make up student instructional days missed due to the cancellation of school. Any additional days missed beyond those designated above will be added to the end of the schedule school year beginning May 24, 2019. Teacher Records Day will be after the last scheduled school day.

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