



McCollough Unis School

Learning

For

Life

August, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian,

I hope that you and your family had a safe and fulfilling summer break. I am excited for the start of the new school year and eager to see you all. I am also honored to work with supportive parents, wonderful students, and a dedicated staff as we transition back to a normal school year. With your support, I will continue to foster a safe learning culture at McCollough Unis to ensure that every child reaches his/her fullest potential.

Below we provided you with information about the start to the school year. You can also visit our blog <https://mcunis.dearbornschools.org> or facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/McUnis> throughout the school year for updates.

New Start and End Times for both McCollough and Unis

School starts at 8:25 am and ends at 3:20 pm. Doors open at 8:05am for breakfast. Half days end at 11:30 am.

- First day of school: Monday, August 30th 8:25-11:30 (1/2 day) - No Breakfast or Lunch
- Tuesday, August 31st 8:25 am -3:20 pm full day – Breakfast at 8:05 am
- Please click on www.dearbornschools.org for all district calendars.

Parent Connect:

Parents are encouraged to check parent connect on a regular basis in order to monitor their child's academic progress. If you do not have access to parent connect, please contact the main office for help at 313-827-1700

New Student Registration

Any new student registration will need to go to Administrative Service Center Student Services 18700 Audette Dearborn, MI 48124. Any questions please call 313-827-3005.

Elementary Students (K-5):

- Drop off and arrival for all elementary students is in the playground
- Teachers and administrators will be present on the first day of school to assist parents and students.
- Students' classroom teacher assignment will be posted on the Maple St. elementary door windows and on playground classroom doors on Friday, August 27th at 3:00 pm.

6th Grade Orientation

Sixth grade orientation will be held on *Friday, August 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00*. Students are expected to arrive by 9:00 am and will be dismissed at noon. Students will have a morning of team building activities; meet new classmates and their mentors; tour the school; **and receive their schedule**. It is an important day for our students as they transition to middle school. Any student that does not attend the orientation can access their schedule via student connect or parent connect starting Sunday, August 29th.

7th Grade Orientation:

Seventh grade orientation will be held on *Tuesday, August 17st from 9:00 am to 10:30 am*. Students are expected to arrive by 9:00 am and will be dismissed at 10:30 am. Students will have a morning to meet new classmates, tour the school, and receive important information about the upcoming school year. This event is being held to help transition from the hybrid schedule to the regular schedule. Seventh graders will also **receive their schedule on this day**. Any student that does not attend the orientation can access their schedule via student connect or parent connect starting Sunday, August 29th.

8th Grade Students:

Eighth grade students can access their schedule on student connect or parent starting Sunday, August 29th. If needed, students will be able to get a printed copy of their schedule from their 1st hour on the first day of school.

Lockers:

Locker numbers and combinations will be listed on the schedule. Please remind your child the importance of keeping all locker combinations confidential and NOT sharing this information.

DRESS CODE

- Students must dress appropriately in a manner that is not distracting or disruptive to the learning process.
- Skirts, shorts, must come to the tip of the longest finger in a natural stance.
- Writing-logos are not permitted across the seat of a student's garment. Mutilated clothing (cut, torn, written on etc.) safety pins as decorations, chains, writing on clothing or skin, spandex or tight fitting clothes are not permitted.
- No outerwear (jackets, coats, hats, bandanas, etc) may be worn in classes; however, some hats or scarves required for religious reasons are permitted.
- No jerseys may be worn unless accompanied by a t-shirt underneath it. No tank tops; sleeveless shirts must come to the shoulder. No spandex or tight fitting clothes. No fishnet or transparent clothing is permitted.
- No undergarment (bras, underwear, boxer shorts, etc.) should be showing, nor should pajamas be worn to school.
- Clothing, jewelry, symbols, or other things denoting gang membership are not permitted. Clothing displaying offensive or inappropriate pictures or writing, which includes but is not limited to topics of sex, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, are not permitted.
- Also any items that can cause safety concerns are not permitted.
- Students should wear shoes that are appropriate for school and provide protection for their feet. Flip-Flops are not appropriate for school and do not provide adequate protection, and therefore should not be worn to school.

We appreciate your full cooperation with these set standards. Failure to comply with this school policy will result in parents being called and/or students being sent home.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC POLICY:

All students are to leave cell phones/electronics in lockers, turned off. If one of these items causes a disruption to the learning environment (i.e., phone off, texting, taking a picture), the student will be referred to the administration and parents will be contacted. Students will be subject to disciplinary consequences due to the disruption that this creates to the learning environment. Cell phones are strictly prohibited in the locker rooms and bathrooms.

ATTENDANCE:

- Consistent and timely attendance to class considerably enhances your child's educational experience.
- School begins at 8:25 a.m. for middle school students. This means the child should be in the classroom seated and ready to learn when the bell rings. Students should enter the building promptly at 8:15 a.m. Students who are having breakfast at school may enter the building at 8:05 am .
- If your child is unable to attend school please contact the middle school or elementary office at (313) 827-1700. When calling, parents should give the following information: student's name, grade, reason for and length of absence.
- If a child must leave school early or arrive late parents must contact the school office and sign their child into or out of school.
- When the student returns to school, it is his or her responsibility to check with teachers for missed work. If a student will be absent for more than two days please contact the counselor or teacher to make arrangements for homework to be picked up from the office. Homework will be ready for pick up the following school day by 3:20 p.m.

I look forward to working with all of you and to having a great school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at farhatc@dearbornschools.org or 313-827-1700.

Sincerely,

Chadi Farhat
McCollough Unis Principal