# **McIntosh County School System**

# Student Handbook 2025-2026





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Melissa H. Williams, Ph.D.

Superintendent

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 academic year! As we embark on this new journey together, I am filled with excitement and optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead for our students, staff, and community. Our mission at McIntosh County Schools is to provide "Educational Excellence and Equity for ALL." Our vision is to graduate all students prepared for college and/or careers. To accomplish these goals, we believe that...

- 1. All students deserve a high-quality education.
- 2. All students deserve an equal opportunity to learn.
- 3. All students deserve a safe, orderly learning environment.
- 4. Education is a shared responsibility of students, families, school, and community.
- 5. Education is a life-long journey.

In order to facilitate a smooth and successful academic year, <u>it is important that we maintain a clear understanding of the policies and procedures that govern our school community. This understanding is outlined in the student handbook</u>, which serves as a comprehensive guide to the rules, regulations, expectations, and opportunities that you can look forward to during your time here.

This student handbook is designed to be a resource for you throughout the school year. Inside, you will find important information about our school policies, procedures, and expectations. It is essential that both students and parents read the handbook carefully and refer to it as needed. Understanding and adhering to the guidelines outlined in this handbook will help ensure a positive and productive school experience for everyone.

Our dedicated team of educators and staff is committed to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment. We believe that every student has the potential to achieve greatness, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

We encourage parents to stay actively involved in their child's education. Communication between home and school is crucial for student success. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers, counselors, or administrators with any questions or concerns you may have.

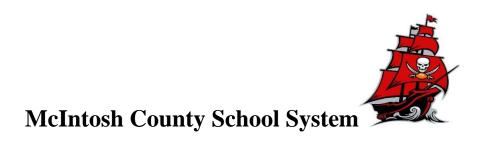
Thank you for being a member of the McIntosh County Schools Family. Together, we can make this a fantastic year of learning, growth, and achievement.

Sincerely,

#AnchoredInExcellence

Dr. Melissa H. Williams

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#### Home of the Buccaneers

#### **Superintendent**

Dr. Melissa H. Williams

#### **Board of Education**

Mrs. Missy Brigman, Chairperson
Mr. Fred McIver, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Galin Hulett
Dr. Sandy Jennings
Mr. Fred Stregles

#### **Mission Statement**

Educational Excellence and Equity for All

#### **Vision Statement**

To graduate all students prepared for college and/or careers.

Federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964); sex (Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and the Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1990); or disability (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990) in educational programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Employees, students, and the general public are hereby notified that the McIntosh County Board of Education does not discriminate in any educational programs or activities or in employment programs or activities or in employment policies.

Inquiries concerning the application of the Perkins Act, Title I, Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 and ADA to the policies and practices of the Board of Education may be addressed to the McIntosh County Board of Education, 1100B C.A DeVillars Rd, Darien, Georgia 31305; to the Regional office for Civil Rights, Atlanta, Georgia 30323; or to the Director, Office for Civil Rights, Education Department, Washington, D.C. 20201.

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Open Records Officer is Mr. Merwan Massa at: <a href="melissa.williams@mcintosh.k12.ga.us">mmassa@mcintosh.k12.ga.us</a>

# **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**



## **McIntosh County Board of Education**

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## **Todd-Grant Elementary School**

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Phone: 912-437-6675 Fax: 912-437-5296

## **McIntosh County Middle School**

Principal, Mr. Scott Brooker

Phone: 912-437-6685 Fax: 912-437-5676

## **McIntosh County Academy**

Principal, Mr. Todd Willis

Phone: 912-437-6691 Fax: 912-437-3077

# **McIntosh County School District**

## 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

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Holiday/School CLOSED	School IN Session
Break/School CLOSED	Early Release Days Oct. 8 & March 12 – Conference Days
New Teacher Orientation	Teacher PL Day/NO School for Students

# Grade Reporting Dates 2025-2026

#### 1st Semester

August 6<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup> (89 days)

August 6th - 1st Nine Weeks Begin

\*September 10, 2025 (Progress Reports sent home)

October 8, 2025 - End of 1st Nine Weeks October 14, 2025 - 2nd Nine Weeks Begin \*October 15, 2025 - (Progress Reports sent home)

\*November 19, 2025 (Progress Reports sent home)

December 19, 2025 - End of 2nd Nine Weeks/Semester1

\*January 7, 2026 (Report Cards sent home)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

January 6, 2026 through May 22, 2026 (89 days)

January 6, 2026 - 3rd Nine Weeks Begin

\*February 4, 2026 (Progress Report sent home)

March 12, 2026 - End of 3rd Nine Weeks March 16, 2026 - 4th Nine Weeks Begins \*March 18, 2026 - (Progress Reports sent home)

\*April 22, 2026 (Progress Report sent home)

May 22, 2026 - End of 4th Nine Weeks/Semester 2

Report Cards sent home (TGE)

May 22, 2026-Last Day of School

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