McIntosh County School System

Student Handbook 2023-2024





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Melissa H. Williams. Ph.D.

Superintendent

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are looking forward to the start of the new academic year. I am excited to be joining the McIntosh County Schools community and to have the opp01tunity to work with such talented and dedicated students, staff, and families.

As the new superintendent, I am dedicated to fostering a positive, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for every student in our school. My goal is to ensure that each of you feels valued, safe, and challenged to reach your full potential. I am committed to providing all students with the high-quality education they deserve and will be collaborating with our staff to create a rigorous and engaging curriculum that meets the needs of all learners. Together, we will strive for excellence in all aspects of education and work towards achieving our shared vision for the school.

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.

The student handbook covers a wide range of topics, including academic policies, behavioral expectations, extracurricular activities, and resources available to support your learning and personal development. It is designed to provide you with essential information that will contribute to your success in school and help you make responsible choices both in and out of the classroom.

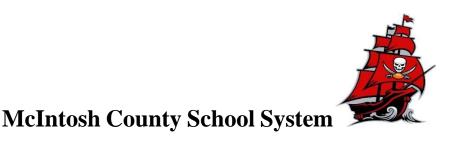
While it is essential that you familiarize yourself with the contents of the student handbook, I also want to emphasize that open communication is key to our success as a school community. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of my team. We are here to support you and ensure that you have the best possible educational experience.

As we embark on this new journey together, I am confident that by working collaboratively, we will foster a positive and enriching environment for all. I wish you all a successful and fulfilling academic year ahead. Let us celebrate our achievements, overcome challenges together, and make this year one to remember.

I am excited to get to know our students and families.

Sincerely,

Dr Melissa H Williams



Home of the Buccaneers

Superintendent

Dr. Melissa H. Williams

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Mission Statement

Educational Excellence and Equity for All

Vision Statement

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

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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 Road, 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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