



Student Activities

Do you know all the different activities available to your child?

Come out and support or just be a volunteer.

Student Organizations:

- FFA (Ag)
- FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) for Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education programs
- Eagle's News Production
- HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America)
- JROTC Kitty Hawk Society
- Interact Club
- Beta Club
- Student Government

Sports:

- Football
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Baseball
- Track
- Cheerleaders
- Softball
- Other:**
- Chorus
- Band

Opportunities:

- Boys State
- Governor's Honors

Scholarship Opportunities: (Examples)
Woodman of the World, Lamp of Learning Cowen Award, Rotary Club, Phoebe Center, S.H.A.P.E., Archbold Memorial Award, Bank of Camilla STAR Student Award, Holly Garden Camilla Kiwanis Club Camilla Lions Club, SWGT Scholarship Les Douze Amies Club Cleve Bostick Scholarship

Do you know the career pathways offered?

Agricultural
Business/Computer Science: Web Digital Communication
Culinary Arts

Early Childhood Education
Family & Consumer Science: Culinary Arts
Healthcare Therapeutic Services (CNA)
JROTC

Parent Resource Room at MCHS

Visit the Parent Resource room at the high school—located in the main office. Check out information on a variety of topics: Attendance: A Key to Your Student's Success, Teaching Children Responsibility for Their Learning & Behavior, Getting Organized for Schoolwork and Homework, Stay Involved in Your Teen's Education, Starting High School – New Challenges, New Choices, Starting High School --- Keeping Tabs on Your First Year and Beyond, 12 Ways to Support Homework Success, 14 Ways to Encourage Reading At Home, Talking with Teens and Preteens: Helping your Child Make Healthy Choices, 10 Tips for Effective Daily Parenting, Learning Begins at Home— Teaching Tips for Parents, Common Core State Standards – Helping Your Child Achieve Academic Success

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?

If you would like to get more involved in your child's school activities, please fill in the following information.

Name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Serving on a curriculum committee: _____ Volunteering in a classroom: _____

Being a guest speaker: _____ Other: _____

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Parent Involvement Policy 2013-2014

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Mitchell County High School is bridging the gap between parents and teachers to improve student achievement. Together, we can build effective family-school-community partnerships that advance children's social, emotional, and intellectual learning and development.



Overview of Title I: Mitchell County High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. A Title I overview meeting is held at the beginning of each school term to inform parents about the school's participation in the Title I programs, requirements, the different components, and the right of parents to be involved.

What are the school plans? Mitchell County High School is committed to partnering with parents and community members to ensure academic excellence among our students. It is our desire to make parent an integral part of their child's educational process, therefore we strive to keep parent involved with policies and procedures. The Parent Involvement Policy details how Mitchell County High School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Parents also work with developing the School-wide and School Improvement Plans. On May 9, a Title I Survey for Parents for Expenditures of Funds For 2013-2014 was sent home to all parents to get their input on how to use funds allotted for parental involvement activities. The funds will be used to fund parent workshops.

How are they developed? Mitchell County High School students and their parents, in conjunction with teachers and administrators, jointly developed the Parent Involvement Policy and the Schoolwide Plan. Mitchell County High School welcomes parent input and comments at anytime. Any parent that wishes to participate can request a meeting. On the school's website (<http://mitchell2.mch.schooldesk.net>), there is a Question and Concern section, and in the Parent Resource Room, there is a Suggestion Box. Formal surveys are distributed twice a year: once in the Fall and once in the Winter. Parents can give feedback at any of the school activities held throughout the year. Twice a year, students are surveyed to provide feedback/input. An annual review of Title I policies/plans meeting on April 11, 2013 was held to review and update the compact in order to meet student needs. Notice about the meeting was placed on the school's display sign outside the building, in the *Eagle's Nest* newsletter March and April editions, on the school's website, announced during the afternoon announcements, displayed on the TV's in the hall, and a phone message was sent using the Infinite Campus messenger. The policy/plans were reviewed and updated at this time. MCHS has an open door policy where parents are welcome at anytime.

Who is it for? It is for all students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, who are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Opportunities are provided for participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

How is Parent Involvement Policy Distributed? At the beginning of the school year or the first report card, the Parent Involvement Policy is included in the student handbook that is distributed to all students or sent home via mail. Copies are kept in the front office to give to students who enter later during the school year, are made available at the Open House that is held before school starts each year, are placed in the Parent Resource Room, are put on the school's website Parent's Page, are available at the grade level meetings held yearly and a overview article about the policy is placed in the *MCSS Eagle Newsletter* August issue. Parents are sent a message through the Infinite Campus Messenger notifying them where they can obtain a copy of the policy. The material is made available in both English and Spanish and in a format that is easy to understand.

2013-2014 District Goals

Bridge our achievement gap. Improve our graduation rate. Effectively communicate with and increase stakeholder involvement and ownership. Ensure efficient and effective administrative, operational, financial, and instructional processes and ensure resource equity. Ensure a positive culture with a highly qualified and accountable work force

2013-2014 School Goals**College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI):**

EOCT: Increase Performance Rate %: 9th English 87.8 to 90%, American Lit 95.8 to 96%, Algebra 28.6 to 35%, Math 2 -70.1 to 72, Physical Science 95.9 to 96%, Biology 72.6 to 75%, World History 77.8 to 80%, Economics 76.9 to 80%.

ACT Avg: 16-18, **SAT Avg:** 1450-1500 **Dual Enrollment** 90 to 90%, **Foreign Language** 50 to 60%, **Overall Exceeds** 37.1 to 40%, **Attendance Rate** 95 to 96%,

CTAE Completers: 67.2 to 75%; **CTAE Pathway Completers** 18 to 20%, **Graduation Rate:** 4 year from 67 to 80%, 5 year from 70 to 82%, **Overall CCRPI Score** from 81 to 85.

Noncognitive Factors: Focus on Academic Behaviors, Academics Perseverance, Academic Mindsets, Learning Strategies, and Social Skills

School/Parent/Student Compacts

Mitchell County High School has jointly developed with and distributed to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, teachers, and students will share the responsibility in reaching proficiency on the Georgia content standards. The compact is reviewed and revised annually with input given from teachers, parents, and students. The compacts are kept in the front office for easy access and are referred to during parent/teacher conferences.

Copies are located in the Parent Resource Room, included in the MCHS Student handbook, and on the school's website: <http://mitchell2.mch.schooldesk.net/Parents/tabid/6828/Default.aspx>.

Mitchell County High School is Bridging the Gap!

Mitchell County High School makes every effort to promote and support parents as integral part of student achievement and reach both the school's and district's goals.

- MCHS teachers issue a course syllabus for each class, which contains the curriculum objectives, means of assessment, contact info for teacher, etc. Individual state assessments are discussed during the grade level socials (see page 3). Testing and diploma requirements will be sent home. The information will be distributed during the first week of school.
- MCHS distributes progress reports to parents approximately every 3 1/2 weeks. Benchmark exams are given 3 times a quarter to analyze student progress. A variety of ways are used to assess students: labs, quizzes, daily work, ticket out the door, standardized and essay tests, projects, etc. Teachers analyze the data in order to measure the student's progress on meeting state content standards and determine the need for remediation. Parents can monitor their child's progress by using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Training on the use of the portal is also available upon parent's request.
- MCHS holds regular meetings with parents (See list of events on page 3.) Parents are welcome to schedule individual meetings at a time that is convenient for them. For more information, call 229-336-0970 or contact Guidance Counselor Lori Brinkley.
- MCHS teachers have staff development activities throughout the year on improving parental involvement/communication. Parents are invited to speak at faculty meetings, which are held every Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.
- ◆ MCHS ensures that all information is distributed in a timely manner and in a format that the parents can understand. Information is distributed in a variety of means:
 - Through the use of Infinite Campus Messenger or Parent Portal.
 - Placed on the high school's website, which includes a dedicated Parent Page.
 - Through handouts distributed to students and placed in the Parent Resource Room.
 - Placed in the Eagle's Nest newsletter; the August issue contains a copy of the system wide calendar.
 - Place on the TV Hall monitors and announced on the Eagle News Broadcast or afternoon announcements
 - Through parent contact logs maintained by the teacher or individual or group conferences
 - Through flyers placed around school and in community
 - Through home visits
 - Placed on the CNS local television community bulletin; Placed on the Display Sign in front of the school building.
- A MCHS Parent University is being developed: The goal for Parent University is to create an informed learning community armed with research-based best practices to improve education for all community learners. The Parent University Committee at Mitchell County High School encourages and promotes the 'Bridging the Gap' initiative by implementing key components to establishing successful parent involvement: Doughnuts and Dialogue, Academic Socials, Parent Café, Parent of the Month, and Grandparents as Parents (G.A.P.) and system sponsored parent events. Training workshops are offered to parents on a variety of topics (using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, ELA/Literacy, Technology, etc.) will be held throughout the year. Workshop Titles, dates and times for the workshops will be sent home with the students, placed on the high school's home page, Infinite Campus Messenger will be used, and also put in the system's newsletter.

Parent Involvement Activities**August 4: Get Acquainted with Your Child's Teacher at MCHS Open House from 4 to 6 p.m.**

Pick up a course syllabus and find out more about what your child will be doing. Stop by the front office and update your child's information: address, phone number, e-mail address. Sign up for the Parent Portal to monitor your child's progress.

August 6: Annual Title I Meeting at 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come out and learn more about the Title I programs, the requirements, funds available, and the rights of parents to be involved. The Parent Involvement Policy, School-Parent Compact and school wide plans will be available for parents.

August 15: Are You the Parent of an Incoming Freshman?

Come out the Freshman Fest on August 15 at 5 p.m. Students and parents are invited to come out to a special event where you can learn helpful information on how to make your child's high school years successful.

Grade Level Meetings:

Don't forget about our Grade Level Socials where particular topics relating to your child is discussed and gives parents an opportunity to address any concerns or questions. During the meetings, the state requirements (EOCT tests, SLO tests, etc.) and course content for each grade level is discussed. Other topics include: College and Career Readiness Index, afterschool tutorials, dress code, SAT/PSAT/ACT, study tips, tips on how parents can help to improve their child's achievement, overview of Title I, etc.

- August 22 at 5 p.m.— Sophomore Social
- August 27 at 5 p.m.—Junior Jam
- September 12 at 6 p.m.—Senior Advisement

Parent Conference Days: September 15, 2013 and February 20, 2014

Talk with your child's teachers and check on the student's progress.

Doughnuts and Dialogue:

Parents and administrators meet to talk about questions or concerns parents may have. Monthly meetings are held at different times. Visit the school's website for more information.

Career, Technical and Agricultural Advisory Meetings: September 10, 2013, and February 11, 2014

Parents have an opportunity to serve as an advisory member for one of the career, technical programs at the school. If you are interested, please contact your child's Career Tech teacher.

Filling out the FAFSA Online (Free Application for Federal Student Aide): February 2014.

Parents of seniors are invited to come out and get help with filling out their FAFSA.

Senior Honor's Night-May 2014

A celebration of seniors and their parents.

System Meetings: ESOL Parent meetings and Migrant PAC meetings are held in the Fall and Spring of each year.

Translators and other accommodations will be available upon request for all parent involvement activities.

Visit the MCHS website at: <http://mitchell2.mch.schooldesk.net> for the specific dates and times of upcoming activities.

We Want to Hear From YOU!

If you have any suggestions to improve this policy or any way to help improve student achievement, please let us know. Please fill out below and drop this form in the Suggestion box located in the Parent Resource Room or go online and fill out form on the high school's website. <http://mitchell2.mch.schooldesk.net>. Comments will be submitted to the MCSS Federal Programs office along with the plan.

Name: (optional) _____ Telephone number: _____

Suggestions/Comments: _____