

**Midwest Central Middle School
Handbook Updates for 2026 - 27**

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Link to the Handbook: [MCMS Student Handbook 2026-27.docx](#)

Section	Language Change	Rationale
<p>Directory Information, pg. 3</p>	<p>Current Language:</p> <p>Throughout the school year, the District may release directory information regarding students, limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The student's name, address, gender, grade level, birth date and place · Parent(s)/Guardian(s) names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers · Photographs, videos, or digital images used for informational or news-related purposes (whether by a media outlet or by the school) of a student participating in school or school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics that have appeared in school publications, such as yearbooks, newspapers, or sporting or fine arts programs · Academic awards, degrees, and honors · Information related to school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics · Major field of study · Period of attendance in school <p>No photograph highlighting individual faces will be used for commercial purposes, including solicitation, advertising, promotion, or fundraising, without the prior, specific, dated and written consent of the parent or student, as applicable, and no image on a school security video recording shall be designated as directory information.</p> <p>Directory information will only be shared with groups that have a direct educational business relationship with the district or are district approved vendors that provide a benefit to the</p>	<p>New legal language</p>

district or student. Any parent, guardian or eligible student may prohibit the release of any or all of the above information by delivering a written objection to the Building Principal within 30 days of receipt of this Notice.

Change to:

Throughout the school year, the School District may release directory information regarding students. Directory information is limited to:

(1) The student's name, address, grade level, birth date and place;

(2) Parent(s)/Guardian(s) names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers;

(3) Photographs, videos, or digital images used for informational or news-related purposes (whether by a media outlet or by the school) of a student participating in school or school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics that have appeared in school publications, such as yearbooks, newspapers, or sporting or fine arts programs provided, however, that no photograph highlighting individual faces will be used for commercial purposes, including solicitation, advertising, promotion, or fundraising and no image from a school security video shall be disclosed;

(4) Academic awards, degrees, and honors;

(5) Information related to school-sponsored activities, organizations and athletics;

(6) Period of attendance in school.

Directory information will only be shared with groups that:

(a) have a direct educational relationship with the district;

(b) are established media sources within central Illinois which are regularly relied upon by persons located within the school district boundaries, as determined school representatives, and then only for the purpose of awards and honors in academics or participation, awards or honors in athletic or other extracurricular activities; or

(c) are district approved vendors that provide a benefit to the district or student.

Parents may opt out of the disclosure of direction information

	of their child(ren) by submitting a written request to the Superintendent.	
Academics, pg. 5	<p>Original Wording: Enrichments will be offered to all students at the end of the day and will rotate each quarter.</p> <p>Change to: Enrichments will be offered as part of the students Teams class each week and will change at Semester.</p>	Schedule change
Academics, pg. 5	<p>Original Wording: Music Elective: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Band, – students have ten school days after each semester begins to drop an elective class without receiving a failing grade and the parent/guardian must submit in writing permission for their child to drop the elective class</p> <p>Change to: Music Elective: 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Band - Joining Band at the Middle School includes a commitment to Marching Band, Pep Band, and Concert Band. Once a student has made the selection to be in Band, they will be enrolled for the Semester. Requests to drop Band at the Semester can be made to the Band Director and Principal prior to the end of first semester by the parent/guardian.</p>	Constant dropping of Band students resulted in uneven study halls numbers for 7th hour and/or complete schedule changes after students were already established in google classrooms, seating charts, gradebooks, etc.