

## DUAL CREDIT POLICY

In addition to the policy that is already that already exist in our handbook. I will be adding the following.

If a Dual Credit course is offered through MCHS, students are required to enroll in the MCHS Dual Credit version of the course rather than an online alternative. In cases of extenuating circumstances, such as scheduling conflicts, exceptions may be considered upon consultation with the principal and school counselor.

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## SEMESTER EXAMS

### Current Policy

SEMESTER EXAMS Semester exams are required at Midwest Central HS and count as 20% of the semester grade. However, a student may be exempt from semester exams if the student has met attendance, grade, and behavior expectations. 1) Attendance: students with 5 excused absences or less, AND a B or better will not have to take finals. Students with 3 excused absences or less, AND a C or better in a class will NOT have to take that final. Students must have NO unexcused absences. 2) Students will be required to take finals in any classes with a D or F grade, determined 5 school days prior to finals. 3) No central detentions or in-school suspensions for the semester; and 4) No out-of-school suspensions all year long. One central detention for tardies will not mandate the taking of finals, but two will. If a student who is exempt chooses to voluntarily take an exam, that exam grade cannot lower his/her semester grade. Non-graduating seniors who are not exempt from exams will take exams on the dates scheduled for 9th – 11th graders.

### Proposed Change

SEMESTER EXAMS Semester exams are required at Midwest Central HS and count as 20% of the semester grade. However, a student may be exempt from semester exams if the student has met **the following** attendance, grade, and behavior expectations. 1) **Students with 4 or less excused absences and an 80% or higher in the class.** Students must have NO unexcused absences. 2) **No more than one** central detention. and 4) No in or out-of-school suspensions all year long. If a student who is exempt chooses to voluntarily take an exam, that exam grade cannot lower his/her semester grade. Non-graduating seniors who are not exempt from exams will take exams on the dates scheduled for 9th – 11th graders.

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## CELL PHONES

### Current Policy

ELECTRONIC AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES Electronic devices (cell phones, headphones, tablets, cameras, music players, etc.) are authorized as a privilege for personal use before school, after school, during passing periods, and during lunch. Students are required to store their personal devices in a pocket, purse, bag, or locker (“out of sight-out of mind”) at the start of each class. Students are NOT

authorized access or use of electronic devices in the classroom or study hall setting unless (a) permission is expressly granted by the supervising teacher and in accordance with classroom rules, (b) the use of a device is included in a student's IEP or 504 plan, (c) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals. The use of electronic devices may NOT disrupt the educational environment (for the user and surrounding students), violate the rights of others, or cause disruption to the operations of the school. A student is required to relinquish possession of an electronic device when faculty or administration determine that the use of such a device violates the terms described herein. Students who violate the terms of electronic device usage are subject to disciplinary measures.

#### New Policy

**ELECTRONIC AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES** Electronic devices (cell phones, headphones, tablets, cameras, music players, etc.) are authorized as a privilege for personal use before school, after school, during passing periods, and during lunch. **During class time students are required to store their personal devices in a designated location at the start of each class.** The students who violate the terms of electronic device usage are subject to disciplinary measures.

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#### Testing

##### Current Policy

**TESTING** Several very important tests are given every year to assess student progress and achievement. Freshmen and sophomores are required to take the PSAT exam; juniors are required to take the SAT, as required by the Illinois State Board of Education. These tests are very important to local and statewide assessment policies. All students must take the SAT as a state of Illinois requirement for graduation.

##### New Policy

**TESTING** Several very important tests are given every year to assess student progress and achievement. Freshmen and sophomores are required to take the **Pre-ACT** exam; juniors are required to take the **ACT**, as required by the Illinois State Board of Education. These tests are very important to local and statewide assessment policies. All students must take the **ACT** as a state of Illinois requirement for graduation.

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#### Student Discipline

**Under Section 5: Remove:** Teachers may permit listening to music in their classroom at their discretion, but that permission ends at the end of that period

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## **Study Hall**

**STUDY HALL** Study halls are assigned to students as a normal part of their course load. Punctual attendance is mandatory. Those students having deficiencies need a note from a teacher excusing them for the purpose of receiving extra help before they will be allowed to leave. Reasonable guidelines will be established for seating and study conduct. Students are to comply with these guidelines and directions given by the study hall instructor. Students failing to comply with the above expectations will be subject to disciplinary consequences. The rules below are to be followed while in study hall:

1. Students are expected to be on time and prepared to study when the bell rings.
2. Students should have course-related material to study and be involved in studying this material during their study hall time.
3. Students are to be involved in the study of the material that they brought with them, such as reading, writing, computation, project construction and indexing. Please note that acceptable involvement does not include sleeping, being generally nonproductive, talking or otherwise being a nuisance and distracting others.
4. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are silent study hall time.
5. Students in good academic standing (having no "F" deficiencies) may be granted the privilege of using the library or computer lab with a properly signed pass from the study hall teacher.
6. Any student needing assistance other than that which the study hall instructor might provide must have a note from the instructor who will be assisting them prior to coming to study hall.
7. Students should use the restroom and their locker prior to coming to study hall as there will be no general hall passes.
8. All trash should be thrown away at the end of the hour.
9. No eating of candy or drinking of soda is allowed during study hall.
10. Students failing to comply with the above expectations will face disciplinary consequences.
11. Students who are earning a D or F in any class shall be restricted from personal technology use during Study Hall with eligibility status determined weekly on Mondays

## **New Policy**

Study Hall at MCHS is offered in a supported format. Both A and B study halls are strategically structured to offer support in all content areas. The goal of study hall is not only to allow students to complete their daily work, but also to support students who currently have a D or F. The structure of the supported study hall is listed below.

- Supported Study Halls will be in effect on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week.
- On Wednesdays, clubs and organizations may schedule meetings during study hall.

- Each Monday a D and F list will be sent to all staff by the principal. Students with a D or an F will be issued a pass to go to a supported study hall of a class that they either have a D or an F.
- Students with a D or an F will not be allowed to utilize their phone during study hall.
- Students who do not have a D or an F will be allowed to attend Free Friday's in the gym each week during their study hall time.
- Students may get off the D and F list during the week by showing their Study Hall teacher an updated teacherease grade from the student's login on their computer.