

McLoud High School



Things to Know!
2024-2025

Message from the Principal



McCloud Students, parents, and staff, the time has come to begin a new school year! I am a firm believer in starting fresh! One of the greatest things about a new school year is that students and staff get to begin with a clean slate and set new goals for themselves. We would like to create an environment where each student is able to reach their full academic potential! I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your principal! My door is always open to you! Please feel free to contact me at bjennings@mcloudschools.us if you have questions or concerns and I will do my best to assist you! - Bryan Jennings

Message from the Assistant Principal



Welcome back! I am incredibly grateful and excited to be a part of the McCloud family! I believe with a positive attitude, a purpose filled growth mindset, and good character anyone can achieve great things. I strive to instill those qualities in our students and to be a positive role model as well. We are all here to learn together. It is my goal to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment that challenges our students to reach beyond their expectations to become lifelong learners who will make the world a better place. I am committed to working alongside Mr. Jennings - as we continue to provide leadership and build a structure of collaborative relationships in the school and community - so that ALL students have a variety of opportunities to succeed! I am excited about the possibilities that this school year will bring and proud to be part of the MHS Redskins! I look forward to meeting all the students and

families this coming school year! Stay positive and purpose filled! - Katherine Papera

Message from the 11th/12th Counselor



I am looking forward to an exciting year at McCloud High School! I look forward to assisting students, parents, and faculty with academic, social/emotional, and career needs this school year. As a school counselor, I will provide small group counseling, individual counseling, and assistance with academic needs. My door is always open to help our students in any way possible. I look forward to meeting our new students and saying hello to our returning students. It is going to be a great year! - April Halferty

Message from the 9th/10th Counselor



I am honored to be the 9th and 10th grade counselor for the school that I graduated from. I also have two amazing daughters, Raegan and Jordyn, who attend McLoud High School. I am available to all 9th-10th grade students to assist with social/emotional, academic, and career needs. I strive to develop positive relationships with students, families, and school staff to foster the needs of each student. - Shelly Dennis

Other Secondary Administrators



Melanne Greenwood, MJH Principal

Trey Aubert, MJH Dean of Students

Joseph Ross, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Secondary Education, Safety Director

McLoud High School Bell Schedule 2024-2025 (Mon. Tues. Thur.)

Teacher Report 1 st Bell rings	Mon - Tues - Thur 7:30 7:55 am
1 st Period	8:00 - 8:55
2 nd Period	9:00 - 9:55
3 rd Period	10:00 - 10:55
1st Lunch 9-10	10:55 - 11:25
1st 4th Period (11-12)	11:00 - 11:55
2nd 4th Period (9-10)	11:30 - 12:25
2nd Lunch 11-12	11:55-12:25
5 th Period	12:30 - 1:25
6 th Period	1:30 - 2:25
7 th Period Teacher Departure	2:30 - 3:20 3:50

McCloud High School Bell Schedule 2024-2025 (Wed. & First Friday)

Teacher Report 1 st Bell rings	Wed - Fri 7:30 7:55 am
1 st Period	8:00 - 8:50
2 nd Period	8:55 - 9:40
3 rd Period	9:45 - 10:30
4 th Period	10:35 - 11:20
Pride / 11-12 Lunch / 9-10	11:25 - 12:05
Pride / 9-10 Lunch / 11-12	12:10 - 12:50
5 th Period	12:55 - 1:40
6 th Period	1:45 - 2:30
7 th Period Teacher Departure	2:35 - 3:20 3:50

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ARRIVAL FOR SCHOOL

Doors open at 7:30 AM. Before school, students can be in the cafeteria, in the gym lobby, or upstairs in the gymnasium.

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is very important to the educational process. The state of Oklahoma requires a student to be in school 90% of the time to receive credit for classes. On the four day school week, this is no more than 8 absences per semester. Students will be notified by the district when they are approaching the absence limit for the semester.

The following are considered valid excuses in this policy:

1. Absences covered by a doctor’s statement showing the date or dates the student was under a doctor’s care. The statement must be presented within two (2) school days upon the student’s return for the absence to be exempt. The student’s return is subject to verification by a school official.
2. School Activities
3. Absences that occur as a result of religious holy days.
4. Court appearances
5. Funerals
6. Forty-eight (48) hours to treat and clear head lice with appropriate medical documentation upon return to school.

Family vacations are not exempted, and such absences will count toward the maximum absences allowed per semester.

The Principal will make the final decision concerning unusual circumstances.

McCloud ID POLICY

Rationale: To increase security at McCloud High School, new student identification (ID) badges will be enforced for the 24-25 school year. Badges will improve the safety of all stakeholders on campus by allowing staff to identify McCloud students on a daily basis. They will also enable first responders to identify McCloud students in an emergency. ID badges are required for all staff members and students on our High School campus.

Policy: McCloud Public Schools will issue two student identification badges and lanyards at the start of each school year. One of the ID badges should be used as a backup and put in a place that can be accessed if the primary ID cannot be located. Replacement ID badges and lanyards may be purchased before 1st period in the Media Center for \$5.00. Students must always wear their ID badges while on campus during the instructional day.

There are two exceptions:

1. During an athletic practice or event.
2. During courses where wearing a lanyard would be impractical or potentially unsafe.

Guidelines:

1. ID badges must be visible on a lanyard and worn outside the student's clothing between the shoulders and above the waistline.
2. Students may not wear the ID badge of another student.
3. Students may not alter or deface their ID badge in any way.
4. Students must present their ID badge upon request by school staff.
5. Lost, stolen, damaged or altered ID badges must be replaced immediately.
6. Staff will do periodic ID checks during the school day. Students not in compliance will be removed from class and sent to the office.

Enforcement:

1. Staff members will scan for student IDs before 1st hour. Students without IDs will be directed to put on their replacement ID or to go to the Media Center to purchase a replacement.
2. 1st-hour teachers will conduct an ID check at the beginning of the period. Students will be directed to the main office for direction or discipline.
3. McCloud staff will conduct random ID checks in the hallways or classrooms throughout the school day. Students out of compliance will be directed to the main office for direction.

Corrective Action Steps for ID usage:

1st offense: Verbal Warning, chance for retrieval or purchase of ID

2nd offense: ISD (1), Parent contact

3rd offense: ISD (over 1 day), Parent contact

4th and Beyond: Out-of-school suspension or other equivalent discipline determined by the site administrator.

FAQS:

Where do I get replacement ID badges after I have lost my free replacement badge?

Replacements are available in the Media Center and can be purchased with a lanyard for \$5.00.
Do I have to wear the school-issued lanyard?

No. Students may wear a lanyard of their choice as long as it is school-appropriate and does not extend below the waistline.

When do I have to wear my ID badge?

Students must wear their ID badge from the time they arrive on campus until they leave in the afternoon.

How do I pay for a replacement ID badge?

\$5.00 cash will be required. The administration team might allow a charge on the student's account, but the financial obligation must be satisfied before the student can attend an event.

What happens if I wear another student's ID badge?

Wearing another student's ID will result in immediate suspension.

ATTENDANCE RELATED INFORMATION/TARDY POLICY

A student is tardy to class if he/she isn't in the room when the tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m. Students who arrive after 8:15 a.m. are ineligible for perfect attendance recognition; likewise, students who are checked out early are ineligible for perfect attendance recognition. It is the parent's responsibility to get their students to school on time. Letters will be mailed to parents for repeat violations.

Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. must check in through the main office. Secondary students are allowed to check in independently. At the same time, a student leaving before 3:20 p.m. must check out through the main office.

If a student misses more than 15 minutes of a secondary class period, he/she will be marked in the grade book as absent from the class, and it will count toward the (8) days allowed per semester. Upon checking in, if a student is late to class more than 15 minutes, the student is still required to report to class.

Records of tardies will be kept by each teacher. Three (3) tardies constitute an absence and will be counted as such in conjunction with the attendance policy. Excessive tardies may result in disciplinary action being taken.

Consequences for semester class tardies are as follows:

1. Tardy 1 - Warning
 2. Tardy 2 - Warning
 3. Tardy 3 - 2 days lunch detention (Parent/Guardian Contact)
 4. Tardy 4 - 4 days lunch detention
 5. Tardy 5 - 1 day ISD
 6. Tardy 6 and beyond - 2 days ISD
- The high school principals reserve the right to adjust discipline as the situation dictates.

ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITIES POLICY

The maximum number of absences for activities, whether sponsored by the school or outside agency/organizations, which removes the student from the classroom will be ten (10) for any one class period of each school year. Activity absences are recorded by teachers utilizing the student reporting program, Wengage. Excluded from this number are state and national levels of school sponsored contests. State and national contests are those for which a student must earn the right to compete. The criteria for earning the right to represent the school in any activity or contest must be submitted in writing by local school sponsors and approved by the Board of Education.

BULLYING POLICY

McLoud Public Schools is committed to creating and maintaining a learning environment that is free from bullying and harassment. No student will be subject to bullying, hazing, or

harassment, or other forms of persecution by student or employee. For the purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as the deliberate harassment of a student by means of rough practical jokes or causing the student to perform meaningless, difficult, or humiliating tasks. Bullying means any unwanted, aggressive behavior committed in person or by electronic communication directed toward a student or group of students: that results in or is reasonably perceived as being done with the intent to cause negative educational or physical results for the targeted individual or group, and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education of any student, and that is repeated or is highly likely to be repeated. Bullying is defined as a type of violence that occurs when someone uses his or her power unfairly and repeatedly to hurt someone else. Violence is defined as any word, look, sign, or act that hurts a person's feelings or things. This policy is not intended to deprive school district authorities of taking necessary and appropriate disciplinary action toward any student or employee. Students or employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

CAFETERIA MEAL PRICES 2024-25

Breakfast - Free

Lunch - Free

Students not wishing to purchase meals may bring their lunch and must eat in the cafeteria or in the student lounge. Students must adhere to the following rules during lunch:

1. Respect the rights of others; do not "cut" in the lunch line.
2. After eating, leave the table as clean as possible for the next person.
3. Take tray, eating utensils, and empty cartons to the receiving window.
4. Cafeteria food must remain in the cafeteria.

CELL PHONES

All school organizations hold learning as a core value. It is imperative that school districts be sensitive to changes in technology and culture which increase the probability of student academic growth. All secondary students are provided a school owned device to meet digital learning requirements. Naturally, cell phones possess functions which if used inappropriately can disrupt the learning environment and create the possibility for other problematic behavior. Ultimately, in a changing world, we must be willing to respond by embracing innovation but also limiting potential risks. Realizing the undeniable benefits, McCloud Public Schools adopts the policy of acceptable cell phone usage at school while creating reasonable expectations for limits of use that do not provide a benefit to the school environment. Possession and use of a cell phone must fall within these guidelines:

1. A device (chrome book or computer) will be checked out to students for use at the Secondary level. In nearly all circumstances, cell phone usage is no longer required for class learning activities. Therefore, the expectation is that student cell phones will remain on silent and be put away and not used during class time.
2. Teachers will have students use the district provided digital device for class activities. The use of cell phones will only be allowed in special circumstances, for specific learning activities, and at the direction of the teacher.
3. Cell phones must be on silent upon entering the site building, unless directed by the teacher, and remain on silent through the remainder of the class day.
4. Access for charging will vary from building to building.
5. Cell phone cameras and audio recorders may be only used for specific educational benefit and only with prior permission of the teacher or administrator.
6. Considerable leniency for cell phone use will be allowed in emergency situations. However, cell phone use should not interfere with the student's ability to follow directions or adhere to

safety advisement from school personnel.

7. Cell phones may be used in other areas within the school, on school grounds, and on school transportation as designated by the administration. Designated areas may vary from school to school with the district. Students on the high school campus may use their cell phone before school, at lunch, and after school. Students are also allowed access to phones between classes. Students are not allowed to take phones into the classroom unless the phone is concealed. CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING EDUCATIONAL TIME. Cell phones are specifically prohibited in restroom facilities. Students are not allowed to make calls on cell phones. Phone calls must be made through the office.

8. Students who choose to bring cell phones to school do so at their own risk. The school district assumes NO LIABILITY for lost or stolen cell phones.

9. Watches that possess activated functionality as a cellular device (cell phone) will fall under the provisions of this policy.

Student use of cell phones at McCloud Public Schools is a privilege, not a right. Failure to adhere to established guidelines will result in consequences similar to the consequences levied for other disruptions to the educational process including the confiscation or banning of cell phones. Cell phone abuse will result in the following punitive measures:

- 1st Offense: Phone taken away until end of day (to be picked up by student). The offense logged on Wengage with a warning.
 - 2nd Offense: Phone picked up by parents during school hours and or consequence deemed adequate by the site administrator.
 - 3rd Offense: Loss of privileges to use any electronic device on District property.
- *Certain steps may be bypassed, and other punitive measurements may be enacted based on the severity of the offense.
- *Under NO circumstances will a student be academically punished for not owning or possessing a cell phone.

CREDITS

Classes that are failed, must be retaken. 23 credits are required to graduate.

DELIVERIES

Due to personnel limitations and to avoid interruptions of the school's academic environment, McCloud Public Schools must vet and limit parents' delivery of food, flowers, balloon bouquets, or similar items intended to acknowledge individual students. Exchange of goods must be delivered by a parent or legal party designated by guardian(s) on Wengage. Food must be checked in at the east office. Third-party deliveries will not be accepted unless prior approval is given by the site principal.

DISRUPTIVE ITEMS

Items which are disruptive to the educational process are not allowed at school. Examples of such items are radios, tape players, electronic equipment, toys, trading cards, or other items disruptive to the educational process. Earbuds/Headphones use the same policy as cell phones. Students can NEVER have two earbuds in at a time. The administration reserves the right to add other items which they deem inappropriate in an educational environment. Items brought to school in violation of this policy that are stolen will not be searched for.

DRESS CODE

It is the intent to permit students to dress according to current fashions and at the same time

restrict extremes and indecencies which distract and/or disrupt the main purpose of the educational program. Due to the relationship between one's appearance and behavior, students must be dressed in reasonable and modest appropriate attire that will not cause distraction disruption.

Any attire which disrupts the educational process is prohibited. The student dress code applies at school, on school vehicles, and to participants at school-sponsored or authorized activities. Students who are dressed inappropriately will be asked to change and may be counted absent from any classes they miss.

The principal's discretion will judge questionable attire. Faculty may be asked to articulate how reported violations create a disruption to the teaching/learning process. Violations may result in disciplinary action. The principal may make exceptions for spirit days or special activities. Pre Approval is required.

The following is a general guide regarding proper dress.

1. Apparel should be of appropriate length to assure that areas where typical undergarments are located are not visible.
2. No frayed, shredded, holey, ripped, or torn garments that expose skin in the hip/pelvis area or above the minimum length requirements for shorts and skirts may be worn.
3. Leggings and tights must be covered by an opaque top that covers the essential hip/pelvis area of the student.
4. Halter tops, off-the-shoulder tops, bare midriff tops, tank tops, racer back, backless garments, mesh shirts, muscle shirts, or outer garments that have the appearance of underwear or sleepwear are prohibited. Clothing that is too tight or loose (including "sagging") is not to be worn. The student's torso, chest, or undergarments should not show at any time, including while sitting, bending, or leaning. Sleeveless blouses must cover most of each shoulder. Necklines should be modest and appropriate.
5. Offensive writing, suggestive slogans, or logos which pertain to beer, liquor, drugs, or tobacco/nicotine, or carry connotations of immorality, vulgarity, obscenity, or nudity, or promotion of violence on any person or article of clothing, belt buckles, jewelry, school materials, etc. will not be allowed.
6. Students must wear shoes. Cleats, roller shoes, or shoes that limit physical activity or safety should not be worn. Blankets are not allowed except for PreK. students during afternoon rest periods.
7. Headgear may not be worn inside the buildings at any time. Examples include, but are not limited to caps, hats, bandannas, and sunglasses. Hoods on sweatshirts or sweaters may not be worn over the head inside the buildings at any time. Exceptions for approved school activities, religious or medical reasons are at the discretion of the building principal.
8. Any known gang/cult related attire or personal grooming is prohibited. Students may not wear colors, clothing, or identified articles denoting gang/cult membership.
9. Biker or animal chains/collars/spikes may not be worn. Jewelry or personal items or manner of dress which could cause harm to self or others may not be worn.
10. Clothing normally worn when participating in a school-sponsored extracurricular activity or sports activity may be worn to school when approved by the school administration. No costumes outside of spirit days.

Exceptions to this policy are at the discretion of the building principal as there may be clothing, hairstyles, or accessories not specifically addressed herein that are so disruptive to the educational process that the principal may need to take immediate corrective action.

Permission to drive a motor vehicle onto and park on District premises is a privilege granted to students. This privilege is conditional upon the student driver complying with several rules, such as providing evidence the student has a license to operate a motor vehicle, having verification of insurance, and ensuring whatever vehicle the student drives onto school property, regardless of who owns the vehicle or rides in the vehicle, is clean of all items not allowed on District property under school discipline codes and handbooks. The privilege of driving a vehicle onto District property may be taken away for failure to comply with these requirements and may also be taken away for failure to operate a vehicle in a safe manner on District premises. The District has a vital interest in seeing that students, staff, patrons, and visitors on District premises are not subjected to harm due to the operation of vehicles. The purpose of this policy's application to students who drive vehicles on District premises is to protect the health and well-being of students, staff, patrons, and visitors who drive onto District premises or walk across District parking lots and other areas in which motor vehicles are permitted.

Students driving cars or any type of motor vehicle to school MUST have a valid driver's license, insurance verification, and a McCloud school parking permit. The school parking permit will cost \$10 and can be purchased at the west office. The vehicle must be parked when first arriving and cannot be moved until the end of the school day unless special authorization is obtained.

Passengers are not to be transported in the back of pickup trucks. Any vehicle that is on school property may be subject to search by school officials. Students must park in the spaces located in the south parking lot. Seniors may park on the back row of the lot in front of the high school east building. These spots are first come, first served. If they are full, move to the south lot. Students may not park in the JH parking lot. Students are asked not to cut through the parking lots. Violation of this request will jeopardize the student's privilege of driving his or her vehicle on campus for a period determined by the principal. Every driver is expected to obey all safety rules at all times with special emphasis around the school. **DRIVING TO SCHOOL IS A PRIVILEGE THAT SHOULD NOT BE ABUSED. THERE WILL BE NO LOITERING IN THE PARKING LOT AT ANY TIME. LOITERING AT A VEHICLE MAY BE JUST CAUSE FOR A SEARCH.**

DRUG-FREE SCHOOL

(Federal Regulations)

Illegal and Illicit Drugs, (Drug Paraphernalia), Tobacco and Alcohol

- a. Use of illicit drugs and unlawful possession and use of alcohol or tobacco is wrong and harmful; therefore, we advocate a "NO USE, NO TOLERANCE" policy.
- b. McCloud School has a smoke-free, tobacco-free campus. Use of tobacco by students is prohibited by law. Students are not permitted to smoke, chew, dip, use, or have in their possession any tobacco during school hours. This policy is in effect during all school-sponsored activities.
- c. Students are prohibited from using, being under the influence of, possessing, furnishing, or selling alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or other mood-altering substances at school, while in school vehicles, or at any school-sponsored event.
- d. "Illicit drugs" includes steroids and prescription and over the counter medications being used for an abusive purpose, i.e., when they are not used in compliance with the prescription or directions for use and are not being used to treat a current health condition of the student. "Mood-altering substances" include paint, glue, aerosol sprays, and similar substances.
- e. Violation of this rule will result in the imposition of disciplinary measures, which may include suspension for the remainder of the current term and the following term.
- f. Student violation of this rule, which also constitutes illegal conduct, will be reported to

law enforcement authorities.

2. Necessary Medications

- a. Students may not retain possession of and self-administer any medication at school for any reason with the exception of prescription inhalers.
- b. Students who have a legitimate health need for over-the-counter or prescription medication at school shall deliver such medication to the school nurse or principal with parental authorization, in compliance with Oklahoma law and school policy and procedures regarding administering medicine to students.
- c. Violations of this rule will be reported to the student's parents by the principal and may result in discipline, which can include suspension.

3. Distribution of Information

- a. Information for students and their parents about drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and reentry programs in this geographic area is available from the principal at each student's school.
- b. Copies of these rules shall be provided to all students and their parents at the beginning of each school year.

4. Illicit use of Drugs and/or Alcohol

- a. Illicit use of drugs and or alcohol during the school day and or school activities may be subject to drug testing and disciplinary action by the school and or law enforcement agencies. Refusal to submit to drug testing will result in disciplinary action.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility will be calculated on Monday morning at 8:00 AM.

FIGHTING/ASSAULT

Students are not allowed to engage in a fight or assault on school grounds, school buses, or school activities. Additionally, students who act as "look-outs" for students who are engaged in fighting/assaultive behavior, and who can warn students of the approach of staff members may be disciplined the same as students engaged in the fight/assault. Further, students who record a fight/assault on school grounds, school buses, or on school activities are in violation of school policy and may receive disciplinary action including suspension. Posting video recordings of fights/assaults on social media may be violations of school policy and procedure if the post establishes a substantial disruption to the school environment. Such actions could subject the student(s) responsible for the post to disciplinary measures including the possibility of suspension. Students who are present during a fight or assault should immediately find an adult and ask for assistance. Failure to follow this expectation could also result in disciplinary action including suspension from school.

GRADE CLASSIFICATIONS

Grade classification is determined by the number of credits a student has at the beginning of the school year and will not change until the next school year. This means that a student will not change "classification" after a grading period no matter how many credits he/she has. The following minimum criteria will be used in determining a student's class at the beginning of the school year:

Senior – 16 units (10 of which must be core classes)

Junior – 10 units (6 of which must be core classes)

Sophomore – 4 units (2 of which must be core classes)

LATE WORK POLICY

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Late work procedure: this applies to a student's absence from school, this does not apply to a student in class who does not complete work assigned in class. A student in class and not working will receive a referral to a Counselor and/or Administrator, and a ZERO. The student can make up the assignment for 75% during Friday Focus or PRIDE if assigned by a teacher/counselor/administrator.

Late work = a deduction of 25% (Highest grade possible is 75% of assignment point value)

Once a Zero is given, options are:

1. Attend Friday Focus to earn a max of 75% of the assignments original point value.
2. Teacher discretion to arrange a time outside of class to make up the Zero to earn a max of 75% of the assignments original point value.

All tests are to be made up with the classroom teacher. Friday Focus is for making up class assignments and for tutoring.

Students will have one day for every day they are absent to make up work.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

The display of affection is not appropriate at school, (e.g., around school, on school grounds, in school buildings, in the parking lot, on bus to and from activities, etc.) All students are asked to refrain from Public Display of Affection at school. Students not honoring this request will be referred to a principal for counseling/discipline.

SOCIAL MEDIA

McCloud Public Schools urges extreme caution in the use of social media platforms by our students. Many social media platforms allow users to create multiple accounts. This allows students to create accounts that are not readily identifiable. This means that a student could create an account where other students are targets of comments and media which might be demeaning, embarrassing, disrespectful, and even illegal. Often it requires a police report filed on the part of the parent to attempt to secure assistance in finding out the real identity of an account. McCloud Public Schools staff will attempt to investigate all claims; however, parents should be advised that our ability to identify person(s) using the account for inappropriate purposes may be impossible. We would encourage parents to monitor their student's social media presence and even consider limiting their child's use of social media to responsible platforms.

TRUANCY POLICY

If a student leaves school during the day, he/she must be checked out through the office by their parent or guardian. Any student leaving school without permission from the office will be considered truant.