

# Mary Catherine Harris School

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## Rules and Regulations

### Academics

- Complete subject notes, concentrate on success and consider yourself a winner.
- A student's grades on Edgenuity are comprised of 70% computer generated grades and 30% teacher generated grades, while traditional classes follow BISD policy of 10 daily grades and 3 major grades per grading cycle.
- All students must take notes for each course. The note requirements may vary by teacher discretion. No notes=no credit; copied notes or notes in another person's notebook= redo the entire course for all persons involved.
- It is the student's duty to know how many credits he/she has.
- Grade Classification: 0-5.5 credits= freshman, 6-11.5 credits= sophomore, 12-17.5 credits= junior, 18+ credits= senior. 2014-2015 Soph., Jr. and Sr. need 26 credits are needed for graduation. A minimum plan of 22 credits is available with parent permission. The 22 credit program is only available to fourth or fifth year high school students who are unable to complete the required 26 credits in order to graduate.
- 2014-2015 Freshman will be placed on newly created Foundation Plan plus an endorsement of Arts and Humanities or Multi-Disciplinary Studies.
- Early graduation before student cohort is only permissible if student is on recommended plan.
- Student in EOC assessed courses will attend traditional classes. Failure to pass EOC will result in a placement into an EOC tutorial lab class.
- The internet is not available to students at MC Harris unless approved by Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Grisham, or Mr. Morales.

### Attendance

- Students with fewer than 6 credits will not be allowed to have a shortened school day.
- Truancy will be filed on students who miss all or part of 5 days or more in a semester. Partial day absences are treated the same as full day absences for truancy purposes.
- Students who are eighteen may not leave campus without special permission from Mr. Morales or Mr. Hopkins. Special permission will be given for verified doctor appointments, job interviews, etc. Students with excessive absences will not be allowed to check out.
- MC Harris is a closed campus and students are not allowed to leave during their school day without parental consent and school approval.

### Attitude

- MC Harris students are members of a select group. The MCH Code of Conduct reflects expectations for young men and women to behave in an exemplary manner. A good attitude and good attendance equal great achievement.
- Be safe, be responsible, and be respectful.
- Don't fight, argue or complain, don't use foul language, and don't use cell phones during school day.

## **Discipline**

- All MC Harris students are subject to the rules and regulations in the BISD Student Code of Conduct. BISD student code of conduct is available on the MCHS and BISD website.
- Once enrolled in MCHS, an eighteen year old student is not allowed to sign out of school without prior approval from Mr. Morales, Mrs. Grisham, or Mr. Hopkins. All appointments will be verified.
- Cheating and plagiarism are considered disciplinary infractions. Both infractions carry a loss of credit and/or restart course for all students involved. Subsequent infractions will result in more severe consequences.
- Administrative personnel may use metal security devices such as but not limited to body scanners or portable metal/non-metal detectors.
- Students are allowed to use cell phones before school, at lunch and after school. Cell phones may not be used as an electronic music device. Use of cell phone during prohibited times will result in a referral and the cell phone will be confiscated. Parent/guardians may retrieve phone by paying \$15 administrative fee.
- Once a student is on campus, he/she may not leave the premises. Once the student has entered the premises, by bus or private transportation, permission will not be given to go to any business to purchase food or drink. Students leaving campus and returning will be counted absent for missed periods, subject to discipline for skipping class, and may be subject to searches of vehicle and/or personal belongings.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Every student must complete a lunch application to determine if lunch will be provided at a free, reduced or full rate.
- Breakfast is free to all students.
- Music and the use of electronic listening devices such as MP3 or flash drives may be allowed as a privilege by the teacher. Student owned headphones must be used to listen to their music. This privilege may be removed at any time by the teacher if music is hindering the student's progress. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.
- Students will not be allowed out of the classroom the first and last 10 minutes of class.
- The administrator or the administrator's designee is the ultimate authority regarding what actions constitute inappropriate behavior at school based on the student code of conduct and campus wide expectations.
- Parents are invited to visit at any time. Parents must check in at the front office of the main building.
- HSEP (GED) students are restricted to the Annex building. They will not be allowed in the main building unless it involves school business.
- You will graduate if you follow teacher and administrative direction!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Student Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_