

**MIDLAND CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL
7 – 12**

Parent/Student
Handbook

2018 – 2019



Midland Christian School
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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| SUPERINTENDENT | Mr. Jared Lee |
| CHANCELLOR | Mr. Eddie Lee |
| HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL | Mr. Byron Myers |
| JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL | Mr. Jim Linthicum |
| ATHLETIC DIRECTOR | Mr. Greg McClendon |
| DIR. OF CURR. AND INSTRUCTION | Mrs. Geta Mitchell |
| COLLEGE COUNSELOR | Miss Jardon Powell |
| PS – 12 th GRADE COUNSELOR | Mrs. Rhonda Bruce |
| PRINCIPAL (4-6) | Miss Judy Wallum |
| PRINCIPAL (1-3) | Mrs. Betty Linthicum |
| PRINCIPAL (PK-K) | Mrs. Cristin Coulter |
| AFTER SCHOOL CARE DIRECTOR | Mrs. Cristin Coulter |
| DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT | Mrs. Courtnee McHugh |
| REGISTRAR | Mrs. Bonnie Miller |
| CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | Mr. Rory Waide |
| CONTROLLER | Miss Lindsey Lipham |
| BOOKKEEPER | Mrs. Sandra Hull |
| SCHOOL SECRETARY | Mrs. Kim Kelso |
| RECEPTIONIST | Mrs. April Taylor |

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES | 694-1661 |
| FIELD HOUSE | 694-5720 |
| GAME GYM | 689-3357 |
| DEVELOPMENT OFFICE | 694-1661 |
| AFTER SCHOOL CARE | 262-8194 |
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WEB SITE – www.midlandchristianschool.org

OFFICE HOURS

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| SCHOOL DAYS | 7:45 – 4:30 |
| SUMMER | 9:00 – 3:00 |

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Some of the Administrators listed above have classroom or other assigned duties. We suggest that you call for an appointment to ensure seeing them. In addition, all classroom teachers have Conference Periods. Please call Mrs. Kelso, at 694-1661, to schedule teacher conferences.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Midland Christian School is to assist parents in leading students to love God and to seek truth by training them in a Christ-centered environment that emphasizes moral and academic excellence and inspires them to develop their God-given talents for lives of Christian leadership and service.

PHILOSOPHY OF MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Staff of Midland Christian School believe that Christianity promotes the highest ideals, develops the strongest character and holds the greatest promise of any way of life. The entire program of Midland Christian School centers around Biblical principles that define and govern Christianity. Therefore, our emphasis is to provide education in a wholesome spiritual environment under teachers with highest Christian ideals. We believe this is best accomplished when the church, the home, and the school work together.

These guiding principles are incorporated into a curriculum designed to teach the WHOLE child – morally, intellectually, physically, spiritually and socially. These goals are achieved by helping each student attain academic excellence, physical soundness, high moral standards and civic responsibility. The educational program will be planned to meet the varying and diversified needs, interests and abilities of students. A statement attributed to James Monroe perhaps sums up the philosophy of Midland Christian School: “The question to be asked at the end of an educational step is not what has the child learned, but what has the child become.”

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ALMA MATER

Music by Tony Bianchetta; Words by Laura Oestmann, Cooper Schoolcraft,
Danielle Cox and Dayna Epley.

Midland Christian we declare our loyalty
We hail our fair red, white and blue
We will let our light shine before all the earth
While we praise and give thanks to the Lord
Walk on with our faith
Walk on Christian pride for we'll never walk alone
We sing from our heart let our voices never stop
For we'll never walk alone
We'll never walk alone
Our Mustang pride will not be denied
We are Mustangs through and through
Praise God for our red, white and blue

ATTENDANCE

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Regular and punctual attendance is important in maintaining continuity in the learning process. There are times when it is necessary for a student to miss classes due to personal illness, serious illness or death of a family member, school related events, etc. These absences will be considered excused upon proper notification by parents. This notification must occur within a week of the absence to be considered excused. It will be the student's responsibility to make up class work and tests missed. In situations where instruction for an assignment or test has been provided to the student, prior to an anticipated absence, the teacher may require the makeup work be turned in or the missed test be taken prior to the absence or due the day the student returns to school. Otherwise, a student will have two school days per absence to turn in missed work. (In the case of multiple days missed due to illness, arrangements must be made with the individual teachers.) Should a student miss more than one half of a class period, he/she will be considered absent for that period.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Absences are considered unexcused when parents do not excuse the absence or when students skip class. An unexcused absence will result in a zero for all work missed. No graded make-up work will be permitted. Additionally, chronic unexcused absences may result in disciplinary action.

LOSS OF CREDIT:

Any student who is absent more than ten (10) days during any semester will not receive credit for that semester's work. Absences resulting from school sponsored activities will not count toward this limit. For students who exceed the 10 day limit, Saturday school will be provided on the two Saturdays and the afternoons of the final exams, before the end of each semester to allow them to make up a maximum of three (3) days. Any student with more than five (5) UNEXCUSED absences during any semester will not receive credit for that semester's work.

Single class period attendance: Once a student has reached 14 absences in a single period, the student will be informed that the student's 15th absence will result in one day of Saturday School to make-up the overage of absences. Once a student reaches 18 absences in a single class period, he/she will be required to serve a second day of Saturday School. Once the student reaches 20 absences in a single class period, he/she will be required to serve a third day of Saturday School. Once the student reaches 21 absences in a single class period, he/she will lose credit in that class.

STUDENT CHECK OUT POLICY: Students must sign out in the office and obtain permission to leave from a member of the office staff. Students in grades 7-9 may only leave for lunch with their parent and must be signed out in the office by said parent.

FAMILY TRIPS: We discourage trips of any kind while school is in session as any absence affects the learning process. But, when trips are necessary, such as for serious family illness or death in the family, we request the following action:

Notify each teacher **IN WRITING** prior to leaving town (at least 24 hours in advance if possible).

The Student is to make arrangements for make-up work as approved by the teachers involved. If the absences occur during the either Fall Semester Exams or Spring Semester Finals, then the exams will need to made up when the student has returned (For the Fall – the first week of the Spring semester. For the Spring – after Memorial Day).

INSTRUCTIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Apple laptops and textbooks which are issued to students are a part of the tuition/fee structure. It is the responsibility of each individual student to properly care for these instruments. Any student who loses or abuses these instruments will be required to pay for its replacement or repair. All students must sign a laptop user agreement regarding the appropriate use of this technology

CAFETERIA

All students through ninth grade will eat lunch in the MCS cafeteria. Students must either bring a sack lunch or purchase the meal served in the cafeteria. Students in those grades may leave campus during lunch **ONLY WITH THEIR PARENTS**. Students in grades 10-12 may leave campus during lunch subject to parental approval and completion of the “Open Campus Permission Slip”. Students who are “tardy” in returning from lunch will lose this privilege. Lunch charges are as follows:

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| Meal: | \$3.50 |
| Milk, Juice: | \$.75 |
| Ice Cream: | \$ 1.00 |

Each student will have an on-line account through which all lunch charges will be paid.

CHAPEL

All MCS students will attend daily chapel. Parents are invited to participate with us in these periods of devotion.

DISCIPLINE

MCS exists primarily for the purpose of making Christ and Christian principles the dominating influences in the lives of its students. Disciplinary guidelines are deemed necessary by the Administration of Midland Christian for the orderly operation of the school, for physical safety, for the establishment of an atmosphere conducive to learning, and for the accomplishment of our stated purposes.

Disciplinary action will be administered as uniformly and consistently as possible, while at the same time recognizing that each student and each incident must be assessed individually in regard to background, attitude, and repetition. Disciplinary action can include a verbal or written warning, notification of parents, Special Assignment Class (SAC), corporal punishment, suspension (in school or at home), disciplinary probation, or expulsion.

All SAC time (Detention Time) must be served by 5:00 p.m. the next school day

(following written notification) on which the SAC class is being monitored. (NOTE: SAC Class will be monitored from 4:00 to 5:00, Tuesday through Thursday). Any time not made up before this deadline will result in the student being assigned an additional hour. Failure to make up this time will result in additional hours being assigned until eight hours are accumulated and the student is placed in "In School Suspension"(ISS). NOTE: ALL SAC assignments will be accompanied with a special SAC work assignment that must be successfully completed before that assignment is considered served. Should the student fail to complete the assignment within the allotted time, he/she will be reassigned the SAC time for the following day. Should a student receive a large number of SAC assignments during a school year, a parent conference will be scheduled with the principal. **After the twelfth SAC, the student will be dismissed from Midland Christian.** Should a student accumulate 8 hours of SAC time due to not serving assigned time as required, that student will be placed in ISS. This will erase 7 hours of SAC and the additional hour must be served the following school day. The student will receive an unexcused absence (zeros in all classes) for time spent in ISS. The student will not be allowed more than one ISS assignment per school year. Any additional accumulation of 8 hours SAC time or other reasons for ISS assignment will result in dismissal from school. Any student who receives as many as twelve lunch detentions will be assigned a SAC for any additional lunch detentions received.

It should be noted that several offenses are considered to be of such serious nature as to warrant suspension or expulsion following the first incident. These would include possession or use, on school property or at school sponsored events, of weapons (i.e. firearms, knives, etc.), alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, sexual misconduct in any form, theft, vandalism, arrests, criminal activity, terroristic threats, fist fighting, fireworks, tobacco in any form, e-Cigarettes/Vaping, testing positive for drugs or alcohol, cyber bullying, inappropriate text messages, inappropriate social network activities, or other such activities. As a private institution, Midland Christian School reserves the right to search persons, lockers, and/or automobiles which might conceal illegal contraband or to require a drug/alcohol test from any student at any time. Additionally, Midland Christian School **reserves the right to administer disciplinary action for serious violations of this kind which occur away from school.**

Disciplinary action shall be determined by the school administration. Such disciplinary action may be appealed to the Board of Trustees at a regular or specially called meeting of the Board where a quorum is present. However, the Board of Trustees functions as a policy-making body and **such appeals are limited to a determination of whether or not school policy was adhered to by the administration** in determining the appropriate disciplinary action.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Public display of affection is not allowed at school or at school sponsored events or trips.

CELL PHONES

Students are not allowed to **use** or **visibly possess** a cell phone during school hours (**7:55 AM – 3:55 PM, including Athletics**). If a cell phone is **heard** or **seen** by a staff member, it will be taken up and not returned for 3 days. If any part of that 3-day period

the office at 8:00 a.m. on Monday to complete the disciplinary action. After the 3-day period, a parent must pick up the phone in the office. A fine of \$25 must be paid to pick up the phone and the student will be assigned one hour of SAC. Should a phone be taken up, neither the SIM card nor battery may not be removed. At each coach's/sponsor's discretion, students will be allowed to use cell phones while on school trips. Students may use cell phones before or after school hours, while at school. The MCS phone system may be used in emergency situations. Repeated violations of the personal cell phone policy will result in additional disciplinary action.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are not allowed to use or visibly possess iPOD/MP3 players, CD players, games, etc., or wear earphones at any time during school hours. Tape recorders, palm pilots, calculators, and iPads are allowed for class work only, with teacher approval.

COMPUTER USE POLICY

All students and parents are required to read and sign the Midland Christian School computer use policy.

DRESS CODE

There exists a close relationship between behavior conducive to proper learning and the type of clothing that is worn. Furthermore, at MCS, students must be modestly dressed at all times and the following expectations make up the dress code:

HAIR:

1. Radical hairstyles are not appropriate (i.e. shaved areas on the head, boys dyeing their hair).
2. No facial hair will be allowed.
3. Young men should keep their hair clean and well groomed at all times and should not be longer in the back than the bottom of the collar on a regular dress shirt, nor be longer than the bottom of the ear on the sides, and the bangs cannot be longer than the top of the eyebrow.

PIERCINGS/TATOOS:

1. No tongue rings or body piercings (except girl's ear lobes) are accepted.
2. If a student has a tattoo, it must be covered at all times.

SHIRTS/BLOUSES/TOPS:

1. **All students will be required to wear a collared shirt that must be tucked in at all times.** An exception to this would be if a student desires to keep the collared shirt untucked, they must have an undershirt tucked in. The outer shirt or undershirt that is tucked in **must be long enough to remain tucked in at all times.**
2. Underwear or skin around the midriff should not be visible.
3. Shirts cannot be **too tight or low cut in front or back.** Racer back shirts are not permitted.

4. Should the undershirt be low cut, the outer shirt will be required to be buttoned.

5. If a tank top is used as an undershirt, it must be covered by the shirt around the neck area.
6. The undershirt cannot be mesh or see through and the outer shirt must cover at least two inches below the top of the pants being worn.
7. Turtlenecks and mock turtles count as collars.
8. Hoods on **pullover-type** sweatshirts count as collars (**button or zip-up sweatshirts will not count**). **Shirts and undershirts cannot have writing or large logos or pictures. Small logos are allowed.**
9. Coats, jackets, or pull over type hooded sweatshirts may have writing on them as long as it is not offensive.
10. Coats and jackets may not count as collared shirts.

PANTS/SKIRTS/SHORTS:

1. **Pants should have belt loops and should not be too low, (no sagging pants), or too tight.** An exception is that on game/travel days, approved team apparel that may include wind pants is acceptable as long as the coach has requested that all team members wear that apparel. Wind pants or sweat pants are not acceptable under any other circumstances.
2. **Ragged, holey, or distressed jeans with worn out spots are not appropriate.**
3. All shorts, skirts or dresses **MUST TOUCH THE TOP OF THE KNEE CAP.**
4. Skirts or dresses should not have slits which come above the knee cap.

FOOTWEAR:

1. Shoes must be specifically intended for outdoor use.
2. Bedroom slippers will be prohibited.

GENERAL:

1. It is important that young men and women dress **MODESTLY** and behave appropriately as students in a Christian School.
2. Pajamas are prohibited.
3. Clothing that is **TOO TIGHT** is not appropriate.
4. Fridays will be designated as school spirit days and students will be allowed to wear crew neck T-shirts that bear the MCS logo, a spiritual message, or a plain crew neck T-shirt. Also, if the T-shirt is long enough such that no skin shows at any time while bending over or sitting in a desk, no tucked in undershirt will be required.

Students not in compliance with the dress code will not be allowed to return to class and will be assigned an absence for each class missed, until the violation is corrected. If the violation can be corrected without the student missing more than ½ of a class period, the student will be assigned an unexcused tardy. Repeated violations will result in additional punishments.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire drills and other Emergency Procedures will be conducted on a regular basis.

FOUL WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of severe weather (especially snow storms), MCS will follow the same school closing procedures as the public schools. Please listen to the local media for this information or check their website. We will also send an email in this event.

FUNDRAISING

At MCS, we ask students to participate in two (2) school-wide fundraising activities each year: The Magazine Sale and the Mustang Run. We encourage your support of these important activities. These fundraisers directly support student activities, instructional and athletic programs, and transportation needs.

GRADING SCALE

The Midland Christian School Grading Scale is as follows: A = 90-100, B= 80-89, C = 70-79, F = 69 and below.

MEDICATION

All medications that are to be administered at school must comply with the following guidelines. All medication given must be in the original container. This includes both prescription and over-the-counter medicines. The medication has to be FDA approved with dosage information clearly marked on the container. All medication must be accompanied by a dated permission slip signed by the parent/legal guardian. Please include instructions for over-the-counter medication. Prescription drugs will be given as indicated on the label only. (Changes in dosage must be accompanied by a physician's order). Medications purchased in a foreign country cannot be given. No medication will be supplied by Midland Christian. All medications will be administered by clinic staff.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

DRIVEWAY: Please do not leave your car unattended in driveway areas. Also, please be very conscientious about having your child ready to get out of the car as you arrive and then moving out of the way as you pick them up.

PLEASE make every effort to pick-up your child when school is dismissed.

STUDENT PARKING/DRIVING

Students will be required to park in designated areas. They are not allowed to park in designated staff parking places. Students must display a MCS Parking Sticker on the windshield of their car. Should a student lose their sticker or need another one for any reason, they must purchase it from the main office. License numbers of cars driven to school must be on file in the office. **Abuse of good driving habits, parking violations, or lack of parking sticker can result in disciplinary action, which could include the loss of the privilege of driving a vehicle to school.** The **20 mph speed limit** on all streets adjacent to the school **MUST** be strictly adhered to.

High School students 10th grade and up are eligible for Open Campus Lunch privileges. Lunch is part of the school day and students represent the school during this time. Violations of this privilege may result in off campus privilege suspensions. Such violations may include but are not limited to: Speeding/poor driving habits, inappropriate behavior in public, the transporting of underclassmen off-campus for lunch, returning tardy from lunch two or more times in a semester. Suspensions will be determined by administration.

PICTURES

SCHOOL PICTURES will be made each Fall and Spring. Group and Activity Pictures will be taken also. Purchase is elective.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents concerning academic performance. In addition to report cards (issued each six weeks), teachers will also communicate with parents by sending Progress Reports as necessary. These reports are designed to inform parents when potential academic problems exist. Progress Reports will be emailed through RenWeb at the end of the third week of each six-week period, but please understand that a Progress Report is NOT prerequisite to receiving a failing grade.

PARENT WEB

Parent Web is a service available to 7th-12th grade parents as a means of better communicating with the teacher and staying abreast of their child's progress.

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours will be as follows:

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| Pre-School: | 8:15 – 2:00 |
| Kindergarten: | 8:15 – 2:30 |
| Grades 1 – 3: | 8:15 – 3:15 |
| Grades 4 – 6: | 8:30 – 3:30 |
| Grades 7 – 12: | 8:00 – 3:55 |

Lunch period will be as follows:

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| Grades 7 – 8: | 12:30 – 1:15 |
| Grades 9 – 12: | 12:30 – 1:20 |

STANDARDIZED TESTING

All students in Grades K-10 will take Achievement Tests each school year. These results will be available before the end of the school year.

AWARDS

Midland Christian School makes every effort to recognize student achievement. We believe in the value of special recognition to motivate performance and build school spirit. We do this principally through our annual Junior High Awards Banquet and High School Awards Assembly. At each of these events ALL student achievement is honored (Academics, Athletics, Music, Cheerleading, Forensics, etc.).

Another way we recognize student achievement is through awarding the MCHS letter jackets. Letter Jackets will be awarded for VARSITY performance only. The specific requirements for each sport or activity will be explained by the coach or sponsor involved. Jackets will be ordered in May of each year and presented at a pep rally during the first few weeks of the fall semester.

COUNSELING PROGRAM

Each secondary student's Bible teacher will be available for counseling purposes. It will be the responsibility of each Bible teacher to provide spiritual, personal, academic, and social counseling for the students in his/her charge. It is our hope that through this effort better school/student communication will be established and potential problems will be solved before they grow. School counselors are also on staff to assist students.

SECONDARY STUDENT SCHEDULING

The Secondary class is an A/B modified block schedule consisting of 6 periods, Chapel, lunch, and an Activity Period each day. All 7th-11th grade students must be scheduled for all 6 periods each day. Seniors will be scheduled according to the number of credits still required to graduate. Seniors must be scheduled through 3rd period each day to be eligible for graduation.

Students begin the class scheduling process for the next school year during the Spring semester. Each in-coming Freshman will meet with an administrator to create a Four Year Plan of Graduation. Furthermore, Freshmen and Seniors will meet with administration in late July to verify schedules, credits, graduation requirements, etc.

CLASS DROP POLICY:

ALL schedule changes must be approved by the appropriate principal. No class changes will be granted after the first ten days into the first semester and the first five days of the second semester except in extenuating circumstances.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for participation in any co-curricular activity (Athletics, Music, Cheerleading, Forensics, etc.), secondary students must meet the following academic criteria:

Eligibility will be checked every three weeks. Any student who is failing more than one subject will be ineligible for a two-week period. If the student has a passing grade in the class or classes failed at the end of that two-week period, the student will become eligible

at that time. If the student is not passing at that time, they will remain ineligible until a passing grade is achieved at the next eligibility check. Grades are cumulative to the end of the six weeks reporting period. Any student who is ineligible for two weeks must attend practices, but may not travel or wear a uniform. Any student who fails the same subject more than six consecutive weeks will be ineligible until a passing grade is made in that subject at the next eligibility check. Any student who fails more than one subject for the semester will be ineligible for the following six-week period, during which time he/she loses all participation privileges. Students who become ineligible will be subject to disciplinary actions as determined by the coach/sponsor.

On game days, a student who misses school due to illness, must be in attendance at least four periods prior to leaving school, or prior to the end of the day for home games, to be eligible to participate. (Any student who is too sick to be at school, will be considered too sick to participate in extra-curricular activities.)

In an effort to maintain a drug free environment, random drug testing will be administered to students in grades 7th-12th.

EXAMS

SEMESTER EXAMS will be “weighted” as follows:

- I. SEMESTER EXAMS
 - A. 7th, 8th, & 9th Courses – one tenth (1/10)
 - B. 10th & 11th Courses - one seventh (1/7)
 - C. 12th Courses – one fourth (1/4)

NOTE: Seniors who have an “A” average in a class for the second semester will be exempt from the final exam in that class.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All 9th-12th grade students will be required to complete 27 credits, plus a credit of Bible for every year they attend MCHS, for graduation as prescribed in one of three optional GRADUATION PLANS, the Minimum, the Recommended, or the Distinguished Plan. Each student entering MCHS for the first time will complete a four-year graduation plan. This plan will be reviewed and revised (if necessary) during registration each academic year. A senior will not be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises unless he/she has completed all requirements for graduation. Should a senior be taking required courses from an approved educational institution other than Midland Christian, (i.e. Midland College), all grades/credit verification must be received by the school at least 48 hours prior to the time the graduation exercises take place, or the student will not be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises. Students may earn a maximum of 8 credits per school year at MCS. A maximum of 4, non-Midland Christian credits (which must be pre-approved by administration), will be allowed to count toward graduation, with a limit of 2 per year. MCS requires all English credits must be taken at MCS or Midland College. (No on-line English or Speech courses will be accepted.)

Dual Credit Requirements: Midland Christian offers dual credit courses in English, Speech, and Math. These courses count for both high school and college credit. Students may take additional courses through Midland College at the dual credit price, but they

will not count as high school credit. **In order to be eligible for dual credit courses at Midland Christian, the following qualifications must be met:**

For English:

- Sophomores must be in Honors English and maintain an 85 average
- Students must take the TSI exam or be PSAT exempt according to Midland College guidelines before May 1st
- Students must show expected growth on the NWEA test
- Transfers must meet College entrance requirements.

For Speech and Math

- Students who wish to take dual credit Speech must meet English requirements on the TSI or be PSAT exempt according to Midland College guidelines
- Students who wish to take dual credit College Algebra/Statistics must meet Math requirements on the TSI or be PSAT exempt according to Midland College guidelines

Off-Campus PE Credit: MCS provides Physical Education through both Athletics and PE class. Any off-campus PE requests are limited to activities that are not offered at MCS as part of the curriculum. Examples include horseback riding, figure skating, gymnastics, etc. Club sports that MCS offers as part of the Athletic Program will not be considered for off-campus PE credit. ALL Off-Campus PE requests require an “MCS OFF-CAMPUS PE COURSE AGREEMENT” to be filled out and on file yearly. Approved Off-Campus PE programs require that the parent have the program’s supervising adult fill out an Off-Campus PE grade form each six weeks for submission. These forms are available in the High School office.

HALL PASSES

Students must have a signed Hall Pass when out of class during non-passing periods. No students should be in the office without a pass.

LOCKERS

Students will be assigned Hall and Athletic lockers. MCS will not be responsible for items stored in lockers. Students who elect to use a personal lock on lockers must leave a key (or combination) on file in the office.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Juniors and Seniors are eligible to be members of the Midland Christian School Chapter of the National Honor Society. To be eligible, a student must maintain a 3.75 GPA, and each student must have successfully taken at least three honors classes. Once the prerequisite GPA requirement has been met, students will then submit a Student Activity Information Form to the faculty sponsor. A five-member faculty council will then decide on the eligibility of each candidate based on leadership, service, character, and other qualities. The faculty sponsor will keep these forms on file and provide other information as needed by parents or students. As a reward for this achievement, NHS members will be exempt from 1 final exam of their choice per semester. No member may exempt the same subject both semesters.

SENIOR TRIP

Each Midland Christian School senior class will be permitted to take a SENIOR TRIP. This trip will be for a maximum of three (3) days and two (2) nights. Destination, itinerary, sponsors, and other details will be determined by the MCS Administration. Financing for the Senior Trip will be provided through monies earned from the annual magazine sale. Senior classes which meet established Magazine Sale Goals will be allowed to supplement magazine monies with personal funds as desired and approved.

SIX FLAGS TRIP

Students in Grades 7-8 will be allowed to take a trip to Six Flags Over Texas each spring. This trip will be financed by monies earned during the annual magazine sale. The entire trip will be funded if students reach their prescribed Magazine Sale Goal. Groups which fail to reach this goal but sell 50% of their class goal will be required to pay for a percentage of the trip if they elect to go. Groups which do not sell at least 50% of their class goal, or individuals who choose not to participate, will not be permitted to go.

TARDIES

Each student is allowed a total of two (2) unexcused tardies per six weeks. (NOTE: This is not two per class, but a TOTAL of two for all classes, including Chapel). On the third unexcused tardy, the student will be assigned Lunchroom detention. Beginning with the fourth, each tardy will result in the student being assigned 60 minutes in Special Assignment Class (SAC). Should excessive tardies accumulate, parents will be notified that additional tardies can result in suspension from classes. Should a student accumulate 5 unexcused tardies in a class during a semester, an unexcused absence will be given for that class on the day the 5th tardy is given.

VISITORS TO CAMPUS

All visitors to the secondary campus are required to check in at the high school office.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Midland Christian School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, who qualify for admission, to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school.

SPECIAL NOTE: Additional Policy Statements are available upon request. Please contact the Administrative Offices if you desire this information.

Statement of Faith

At Midland Christian School, we believe that the following are longstanding principles of scriptural truth based on the Bible, the constant moral teachings of our forefathers:

WE BELIEVE the Bible, the only infallible, authoritative word of God in all matters of faith and conduct, to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. No one has the authority to add to or take away from the word of God. *Deuteronomy 4:2; Psalm 19:7-9; Proverbs 30:5-6; I Corinthians 2:13; Galatians 1:8-9; II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:20-21; Revelation 22:18-19*

WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Genesis 1:1-3; Isaiah 44:6-8; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 12:29; John 1:1-4; Acts 5:3-4; II Corinthians 13:14*

WE BELIEVE in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit; the creator of all things, visible and invisible, in the heavens and on the earth, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He, and only He, saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. *Genesis 1, 21:33; Isaiah 40:28; Exodus 33:14; John 4:24; Revelation 4:8; Romans 11:33-34; Jeremiah 32:17; Ephesians 1:19-20, 3:9; Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 5:8; II Samuel 24:14; I John 5:14-15*

WE BELIEVE in God the Son, Jesus Christ the Savior, the only begotten Son of God, in His deity, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His continuous intercession for His people, and in His personal return in power and glory. *John 1:1, 2, 14, 18; John 3:16; Luke 1:34-35 & 24:27; Hebrews 4:15; Romans 3:23-26 & 8:34; Mark 8:38; Matthew 24:30; I Corinthians 15:3-4*

WE BELIEVE in God the Holy Spirit, the Helper and Comforter, in His daily guidance and revelation of truth, in His conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment, and in His indwelling presence at the moment of salvation, enabling believers to live godly lives. *John 3:5-8, 14:16-17 & 16:13-14; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:30-32 & 5:18*

WE BELIEVE we are created in God's image, but because we sin, we become separated from God and in need of salvation. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for salvation through the repentance from sin and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We receive the gift of salvation only by accepting God's invitation to enter into a covenant relationship with Jesus, placing our trust and faith in Him, and obeying His command to be immersed in water, which reflects the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ and there is no other name under heaven by which we are saved. *Isaiah 59:2; John 3:5-8, 16; 5:24; 14:6; Acts 2:21, 37-39, 4:12; Romans 3:10-11, 23; 6:3-4, 23; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 1:6-7, 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-8; I Peter 1:23*

WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost—the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of eternal separation from God. *Luke 16:19-26; II Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15*

WE BELIEVE in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, all of whom are added by God to the church, which is Christ's body on earth and of which He is head. Just as Christ is not divided, His church should not be subject to human divisions. We are called by God to gather regularly to worship and to be active in participation so that we may be mutually encouraged and so the body will build itself up as each part carries out its particular function. *Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:42-47, 20:7; Romans 15:5-6; I Corinthians 1:10-13, 11:23-26, & 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23, & 4:3-6, 11-16; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 10:25; I Thessalonians 5:11*

WE BELIEVE that we should put away the desires of the sinful nature and, led and empowered by the Spirit, live godly lives worthy of the calling we have received, not for the purpose of earning salvation (which is a gift from God and cannot be earned), but in response to the incomparable riches of God's

grace. *Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 2:4-10, 4:1, 5:1-20; Titus 2:11-14; II Peter 3:11*

WE BELIEVE that marriage is a permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal “one flesh” union of one man and one woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and biological family, and in furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good of binding father, mother and child. *Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:4-9, Mark 10:5-9, Ephesians 5:31-33*

WE BELIEVE that sexual acts outside of marriage are prohibited as sinful, including without limitation, adultery, fornication, incest, zoophilia, pornography, prostitution, masturbation, voyeurism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, sodomy, polygamy, polyamory, sologamy, or same-sex acts. *Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 18:7-23, Leviticus 20:10-21, Deuteronomy 5:18, Matthew 15:19, Matthew 5:27-28, Romans 1:26-27, I Corinthians 6:9-13, I Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 4:17-19, Colossians 3:5*

WE BELIEVE that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different but with equal personal dignity. We also believe that human life begins at the moment of fertilization and that men and women must affirm their physical biological sex given to them by God at the time of conception and refrain from any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with such physical biological sex, including without limitation elective sex-reassignment, transvestite, transgender or non-binary “genderqueer” acts or conduct. *Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 1:26-32, I Corinthians 6:9-11*

WE BELIEVE that God created and ordered human sexuality to the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive and conjugal “one flesh” union of a man and a woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and biological family, and in the furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good of binding father, mother and child, and we resist and refrain from any and all same-sex sexual attractions, acts and conduct, which are all intrinsically disordered. *Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:5-9, Romans 1:26-27, I Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:7-9, Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:7-9, Revelation 21:2*

WE BELIEVE that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and should seek redemption through confession, repentance, baptism, and faith in Jesus Christ, and that we must welcome and treat with respect, compassion and sensitivity all who confess their sin (including

sexual immorality) and seek redemption and commit to resisting sinful temptation and refrain from immorality. *Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-10, I Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 2:17-18, Hebrews 4:14-16*

All persons associated with Midland Christian School (including without limitation all teachers, staff, coaches, students, volunteers, parents and others) must affirm and adhere to this Statement. This is necessary for Midland Christian School to accomplish our religious mission, goals and purpose. Behavior or counter-witnessing that does otherwise will impede and burden our integrity and religious mission. We believe that God's grace can wipe the slate of guilt and sin, though the consequences are still incurred.