

“Together We Build and Connect”

H.E. McCracken Middle School (HEMMS) provides each student with opportunities to strengthen their academic, social, and emotional skill sets. By continuing to build on the foundation that was set in elementary school, HEMMS can further enhance students’ academic ability and love of learning. Teachers create interactive lessons aimed toward achieving student growth.

The social-emotional capacity of students is a top priority of HEMMS. The school provides a responsive and equitable learning environment. Every student feels valued, respected, and welcome. The school’s community embraces, supports, and finds strength in their diversity.

The academic offerings at HEMMS are purposefully selected and designed to prepare students for a successful transition to high school. As an arts-integrated STEAM school, H.E. McCracken provides a collaborative environment where students are engaged in exploration of creativity and critical thinking.

“It’s a Great Time to be a Bulldog!”

SIC Members

HEMMS’s School Improvement Council is an action committee consisting of parents, community leaders, and teachers striving to improve our school.

Members

Co-Chair

Dana Zendzian- Parent

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Christina Cook- Parent

Elected

Emily Rietveld-Teacher

Suzanne Torgerson-Teacher

Dafina Ward- Secretary

Appointed

Lauren Lee -Community

Lisa Paquin-Groth-Community

Ex-officio

Ryan Milling-Principal

Administrative Team

Mr. Ryan Milling-Principal

Mrs. Pamela Maddox- Assistant Principal

Mrs. Samantha McKee- Assistant Principal

Mrs. Casey Swofford- Assistant Principal

Mrs. Cassandra Ryman- Testing

Coordinator/Interventionist

H.E. McCracken Middle School

Report to the Parents 2021-2022



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School Mission

To build on the academic foundation of diverse learners and establish high expectations for contributing, independent, and collaborative members of an ever increasing technologically driven society.

SIC Annual Goals

Goal One: Increase student achievement and academic awareness by providing testing information and strategies to parents, community, students, and staff.

Action Steps: Increase communication with stakeholders about testing standards and how to prepare for them using current methods such as Bulldog Bulletin, school website, print handouts, Facebook, and PLC.

Goal Two: Increase student achievement through access to high interest text.

Action Step: Provide book suggestions and curricular materials to increase awareness of student focused titles; therefore, the number of students reading increases. Book reviews occurred on morning announcements and information was sent to parents and students about new titles.

Goal Three: Increase teacher, student, parent, and administrator moral and relationships.

Action Steps: The committee agreed to work together with students to sponsor staff members and improve relationships with parents, teachers, community, and staff.



School Renewal Plan

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By 2023-2024, 65% of ELLs will meet their projected proficiency target.

By 2023-2024, the relationships within the school building and with the community-at-large will improve by 10% as measured by teacher, student, and parent opinion surveys on the school report card.

By 2023-2024, the percentage of teachers who are satisfied with the social and physical environment will increase from 70.6% to 80.6% as measured by the teacher opinion survey on the school report card.

Student Performance Data

SC READY	2018-2019	Goal 2023-2024	2020-2021
ELA	45.1	55.1	49.0 Meets and Exceeds
Math	45.5	55.5	38.9 Meets and Exceeds



Academic Offerings

Arts-Integrated

An approach that engages students in a creative process to meet learning objectives. Students explore connections between art and academic subject areas to gain a greater understanding of both.

Project Lead the Way

An engaging, hands-on environment where students work together to solve real-world problems. PLTW empowers students to gain skills needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Anime Club
- Band
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Connections
- Cross Country
- FCA
- Football
- Junior Beta Club
- National Junior Art Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- Paint & Model Building Club
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Yearbook
- Morning News Show