

Note: The following rules and regulations of Pittston Area Martin L. Mattei Middle School are a supplement to those printed in the Pittston Area School District Handbook. Certain circumstances may occur in which the Administration may deem it necessary to modify this handbook in order to provide a more practical and workable school.

PITTSTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pittston Area School District is to provide a quality education that develops academic, technical and social skills in order to enable our students to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners in a complex, multicultural, rapidly changing world.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

The purpose of Schools is:

- To provide all students with the opportunity to develop the skills that are necessary to function as contributing and responsible members of society**
- To guide all students toward respect for themselves and others**
- To encourage all parents to participate in their children’s education**
- To empower all students to realize their unique talents and abilities**

All Students:

- Are individuals from diverse backgrounds with unique needs, abilities and learning styles**
- Are entitled to attend school in a safe and secure environment**
- Are able to learn at their own pace**

All Educators Should:

- Have high expectations for all students**
- Encourage all students to aspire to their potential**
- Instill in students a lifelong desire to learn**

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Ross Scarantino Superintendent

Mr. George Cosgrove District Principal

Ms. Margaret E. Boyt Director of Special Ed

MARTIN L. MATTEI ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Joseph F. Oprendick Principal

Mr. Patrick M. Bilbow Asst’ Principal

**Martin L. Mattei Middle School
120 New Street
Pittston, PA 18640**

Student Handbook

Student Identification:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone: _____

Grade: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Student I.D. # _____

In Case Of Emergency, Contact:

Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Telephone (home): _____ **Telephone (work):** _____

I have read and I understand the contents of this agenda:

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Homeroom Teacher's Signature

Middle School Philosophy

The Martin L. Mattei Middle School is dedicated to helping boys and girls as they leave childhood and enter adolescence. The rapid growth spurts and changes in attitudes and feelings, common to middle school students, are outward evidence in each individual's need to expand his or her personal work through new interests, ideas, and responsibilities. At Pittston Area, the administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community to create interesting and varied experiences that guide, reinforce and foster creativity.

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the Martin L. Mattei Middle School. You are very fortunate to be a student in our school. We at the Middle School feel that we have one of the finest middle schools in the state. You will find that the rules and regulations that have been established by the district policy, the administration and the Middle School staff are in place for the safety and well being of all students and staff. I suggest that you become familiar with the contents of this notebook. If you have any questions about the contents of the book, please see your teachers, guidance counselor, administrators, or any other staff member in this building. They will be happy to try and assist you.

The Martin L. Mattei Middle School will be as successful as you make it. Be proud of it. Take care of all aspects of it. Do your best and have a great year.

Mr. Joseph F. Oprendick, Principal

Telephone Directory

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655-8249

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Back –to- School Policies

Student Absence/late slips/bus passes/medication policy/school rules

Good Attendance is absolutely necessary for success at Pittston Area. Regular daily attendance is expected of all students. If your child is going to be absent from school, here are the guidelines you should follow:

1. Call the Middle School Assistant Principal's office (655-2928) and report your child off by 9:00 A.M. (**Student name, grade, homeroom teacher and reason for absence**). This is **MANDATORY**.
2. When a child arrives late to school they **MUST** report to the upstairs office for a late slip before entering their homeroom. **Failure to do this will result in a student being marked absent from school.**
3. Students who must leave school during school hours will follow this procedure: A written and signed note including a parent's daytime telephone number. Submit the note to the main office before going to homeroom. A parent/guardian must sign the student release book in the main office. No student will be released to an adult without proper identification. If a student returns before the school day ends, he/she must report to the main office for a pass to enable him/her back into class.
4. When your child is returning to school, the student **MUST** return with a proper excuse (parental or doctor's). The excuse must be handed into your child's homeroom teacher or the student will be marked unlawfully absent.
5. *****REMINDER***** Your child is only allowed 10 parental excused days, any absences after that your child will need a doctor's excuse. Exception: funeral, natural disaster, emergencies, etc. approved by the administration.
6. When planning a vacation during the school year try to plan your vacation at a time when school is not in session. However, if it is necessary that you must take your vacation when school is in session the following steps must be followed: A written note must be sent in to the principal or assistant principal office well in advance for approval. The **student** is responsible to get all of his/her assignments from their teachers and all work must be completed and handed into their teachers when they return to school.
7. Any bus student using any transportation other than their assigned bus must have a note from their parent and approval from administration. However, if a bus is at full capacity we will not be able to issue a bus pass. **Report to the upstairs office to obtain a bus pass.**
8. Students are not allowed to use the telephone except in extreme emergencies.
9. Students are required to have a hall pass whenever they are out of any classroom except for the changing of classes.
10. Students that have 3 unexcused lates will be assigned ISS. Further disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the Administration. (Sleeping in, traffic problems are two examples of unexcused lates)

Medication Policy

In an effort to protect the safety and welfare of our students, we have decided to implement a change in our medication policy. Effective immediately, students are no longer permitted to carry medications to school. If a student is to receive any medication during school hours, the medication MUST be delivered to the school by the parent/guardian. In addition, the parent/guardian must pick up the empty medication container if he/she wishes it to be returned. All medication must be delivered to the principal's office or the nurse's office. All medication must be accompanied by a doctor's written order. These written orders must be given to the school nurse before any prescription or over the counter medications will be given. All medication must be labeled with the child's name, the dosage to be given, and the time it is to be given. All medications must be accompanied with written instructions and permission from the child's parent/guardian. All medications must be kept in their original containers, labeled with the original prescription from the pharmacy, and must contain safety lock closures. NO over the counter medications will be given without a doctor's written orders and written permission from the parent/guardian. This includes Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, etc., cough/cold medications, allergy medications, etc. Medications in plastic bags, foil, envelopes or old pill bottles will not be accepted and will not be given.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the general conditions for attendance in the Pittston Area in order that each student derives the most from the school program. Good classroom attendance is not only appropriate for the individual but also affects the Teaming process/atmosphere of the entire class and therefore the school.

A student and his/her parents or guardian(s) are responsible for the maintenance of a good attendance record. The Pittston Area School District rules and regulations on attendance encourage every student to attend on a regular basis.

Success in school is directly related with being in the classroom discussion and doing the assigned work on a regular basis. There is no way to duplicate the classroom experience after the student has been absent. There is no way to replace the impact of a teacher with respect to student learning. The day following his/her absence, the student must present to his/her registration area teacher an excuse, which explains the reason for absence. The student's parents, guardian, or physician must sign this excuse. The district will accept, upon the approval of the principal, up to ten (10) school days of absence (parental signed excuses) in one school year. Additional days of absences or three (3) consecutive school days of absence require a doctor's excuse. If an excuse is not presented within three days, the absence will be recorded as unexcused and/or unlawful.

All medical and dental appointments should be scheduled for after school hours. In the event a student must leave school early or must report late, a request must be submitted to principal's office at least 24 hours in advance. Any student who is excused for a doctor/dental appointment must return to school with a note to certify the appointment was kept. No student is to leave the school grounds for any reason during the school day without written permission from the principal or asst' principal. Any student who leaves without permission will be suspended. The student has the responsibility to arrange make-up assignments and test with the teacher upon returning to school. Tests missed because of absence will be made up the next school day or on a date arranged with the teacher. If a student is going to be absent for an extended period of time, the parent must notify the school so class work can be made up or homebound instruction arranged.

A student participating in a school-sponsored activity will not be marked absent.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

The following reasons only constitute lawful and excused absence: illness, quarantine, death in the immediate family, impassable roads, and other reasons that are deemed by the principal to be sufficient urgency to warrant student's absence from school. All other reasons for student's absence are unexcused, and therefore, in most cases, unlawful. The accumulation of three (3) unexcused absences will result in the petitioning of proper legal authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICE

Student Assistance Program (SAP) Team

S.A.P. is a program intended to identify students who are having problems in school because of substance abuse, pregnancy, suicide, and trauma of the loss of a family member or close friend, or eating disorders. The S.A.P. team is an intervention, not a treatment program. Students who are identified as "at risk" are often referred to appropriate agencies. The Team provides the student and his/her family with information and resources to help the student understand and resolve the problem. The S.A.P. team is comprised of administrators, staff members, and counselors who have undergone special training.

STUDENT FACILITIES AND SERVICES

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

1. No throwing of food or other objects in the cafeteria.
2. No loud, boisterous behavior.
3. Return trays and/or lunch bag items to the dishwashing area.
4. Place recyclable aluminum cans in designated containers.
5. No eating while in the serving line.
6. No pushing or cutting ahead in the serving line.
7. Obey all posted signs for cafeteria serving lines.
8. All foods to be served will be handled by the food service personnel.
9. No food or beverages will be allowed outside the cafeteria.
10. Any behavior jeopardizing the health, safety or welfare of any person will not be tolerated.

Extend your Patriot Pride to your cafeteria and help keep it clean!

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies will be scheduled on the basis of need. Therefore, assemblies are not scheduled on a student's schedule cards.

All students at Pittston Area Middle School are expected to display good manners and respect for others during assembly programs. Whistling, stamping of feet and other manifestations of poor manners will not be tolerated. A student found guilty of displaying poor manners will forfeit his right to attend future assemblies.

CHANGING CLASSES

A student is to pass in the halls in an orderly fashion, keeping to the right in the halls and in going up and down stairways. Use the shortest route in passing to classes, unless directed to do otherwise to relieve congestion. In order to avoid congestion, a student is not to stop at the water fountains, lavatories or at his/her locker.

HALL PASSES

Only one student at a time will be granted lavatory privileges. In case of an emergency, teachers will use their discretion. In the best interest of the educational process, student's request to leave a class (subject area) or a teacher's request to see a student from a class (subject area) is not permitted.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE

A student must wear the physical education attire as required by their physical education teachers.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY PREFACE

This policy, including the rules, regulations and guidelines is a concerted effort by the Pittston Area School District, members of our school population and community, to openly and effectively respond to the current uses and abuses of drugs, alcohol and mood-altering substances by the members of our entire

student population. The appropriate school personnel will be involved in helping the student during the Educational Rehabilitation process.

If the particular drug/alcohol incident does not appear as one of the situational categories included in this policy, the school administrator or his/her designee will be guided by that situational category which most clearly align itself with the particular incident under consideration, or if a situation is addressed in another policy it will be dealt with by that policy.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Through the use of an up-to-date curriculum, classroom activities, community support and resources, a strong and consistent administration and faculty effort, and rehabilitative and disciplinary procedures, the Pittston Area School District will work to educate, prevent, and intervene in the use and abuse of all drug, alcohol, and mood-altering substances by the entire student population. (The grade levels this policy will affect: Kindergarten to 12th grade).

DEFINITION OF TERM

DRUG/MOOD-ALTERING SUBSTANCE/ALCOHOL – shall include any alcohol or malt beverage, any drug listed in Act 64 (1972) as a controlled substance or medication for which a prescription is required under the law and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood.

Examples of the above include but are not limited to beer, wine, liquor, marijuana, cocaine, crack, hashish, chemical solvents, glue, look-alike substances and any capsules or pills not registered with the nurse, annotated within the student's health record and given in accordance with the school district's policy for the administration of medication to students in school.

CRISIS INTERVENTION COUNSELOR – is a certified program specialist with an expertise in the area of social restoration and student high-risk behaviors.

DISTRIBUTING – deliver, sell, pass, share or give any alcohol, drug or mood altering substance, as defined by this policy, from one person to another or to aid there in.

POSSESSION – possess or hold without any attempt to distribute any alcohol, drug or mood altering substance determined to be illegal or as defined in this policy.

COOPERATIVE BEHAVIOR – shall be defined as the willingness of a student to work with staff and school personnel.

UNCOOPERATIVE BEHAVIOR – is resistance or refusal, verbal, physical, or passive on the part of the student to comply with the reasonable request or recommendations of school personnel. Defiance, assault, deceit and truancy shall constitute examples of uncooperative behavior. Uncooperative behavior shall also include the refusal to comply with the recommendations of a licensed drug and alcohol facility, and/or the Student Support System.

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA – includes any utensil or item, which in the school's judgment can be associated with the use of drugs, alcohol, or mood-altering substances. Examples include but are not limited to roach clips, pipes and bowls.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All students who on school grounds, during a school session, or anywhere at a school-sponsored activity is under the influence, of alcohol, drugs or mood altering substances or possess, uses, dispenses,

sells or aids in the procurement of alcohol, narcotics, restricted drugs, mood altering substances, or any substance or over the counter drug shall be subjected to discipline pursuant to the provisions and procedures outlined in Pittston Area School District's Discipline Code.

SCHOOL GUIDELINES

As an integral part of the Pittston Area School District Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program, these guidelines represent one component in a district wide effort to respond effectively to drug, mood-altering substance, and alcohol related situations that may occur at school or at school-sponsored activities. These guidelines are intended to provide a consistent minimum disciplinary means to respond to drug, mood altering substance, and alcohol related events. The Pittston Area School District will provide a safe and healthy environment for students with due consideration for their legal rights and responsibilities. The board reserves the right to use extraordinary measures deemed necessary to control substance abuse even if the same is not provided for specifically in any rule or regulation enumerated herein.

SUMMARIZATION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINE'S

SITUATIONAL/CATEGORY

1. A student is suspected of possible drug or alcohol use. There is no violation or physical evidence.
IMMEDIATE ACTION – The student is informed of available help and encouraged to seek assistance.
INVESTIGATION – Limited to the staff member contacting the counselor, nurse or principal for assistance.
NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – Limited to behavioral problems.
NOTIFICATION OF POLICE – Not applicable
DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Not applicable
DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – None. Referral to the Crisis Intervention Counselor.
2. A student contacts a staff member in regard to the drug or alcohol use of another student.
IMMEDIATE ACTION – The student who contacts a staff member is encouraged to persuade the student with a problem to personally seek assistance.
INVESTIGATION – Limited to the staff member, although the counselor, nurse or Principal may be contacted for assistance.
NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – Not applicable
NOTIFICATION OF POLICE – Not applicable
DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Not applicable
DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – None. Referral to the Crisis Intervention Counselor.
3. A student volunteers information about personal drug or alcohol use and asks for help.
IMMEDIATE ACTION – The student is informed of services available and encouraged to seek assistance.
INVESTIGATION – A staff member may request advice from the Crisis Intervention, counselor, nurse or Principal.
NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – Only with the consent of the student, unless there is a clear and imminent danger.
NOTIFICATION OF POLICE – Not applicable
DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Not applicable
DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – None. Referral to the Crisis Intervention counselor.
4. The student has a drug or alcohol related emergency.
IMMEDIATE ACTION – The nurse will be summoned immediately. Student will be transported to medical facility – nurse will write anecdotal report of the incident.
INVESTIGATION – The Principal will investigate the incident. This may include a search of the student, locker and other possessions.

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – Yes NOTIFICATION OF POLICE –Yes DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Analysis will be made.

DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – Referral to the Crisis Intervention Counselor. If there is evidence of further violation, see appropriate situational category. Informal hearing, 10 days out of school suspension/expulsion.

5. The student possesses drug-related paraphernalia. No evidence of use. IMMEDIATE ACTION-Principal is summoned. Paraphernalia is confiscated, staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident. INVESTIGATION – The student, his/her locker, and other possessions will be searched. Confiscation of substance. NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – YES
NOTIFICATION OF POLICE – Yes
DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Analysis, is warranted.
DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – Required meeting with Crisis Intervention Counselor or Principal. If there is evidence of a further violation, see appropriate situational category. Informal hearing, petitioning of appropriate legal authorities, 10 days out of school suspension/expulsion.
6. A student possesses, uses, or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. First offense Cooperative behavior.
IMMEDIATE ACTION – Principal is summoned. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident
INVESTIGATION – The student, his/her locker, and other possessions will be searched. Confiscation of substance.
NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – Yes, parental conference arranged as soon as possible.
DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Analysis will be made.
DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – Informal hearing, 10 day out of school suspension/expulsion. Required participation in a chemical abuse program.
7. A student possesses, uses, or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. First offense uncooperative behavior.
IMMEDIATE ACTION – Principal is summoned. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.
INVESTIGATION – The student, his/her locker, and other possessions will be searched. Confiscation of substance.
NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – Yes
NOTIFICATION OF POLICE – Yes
DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Analysis will be made for possible use in further proceedings.
DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – Informal hearing, petitioning of appropriate legal authorities, 10 day out of school suspension/expulsion. Required participation in a chemical abuse program.
8. A student caught again in possession, use, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
IMMEDIATE ACTION – Principal is summoned. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.
INVESTIGATION – The student, his/her locker, and possessions are searched. Confiscation of substance.
NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – Yes, requested to come to the Principal’s office immediately.
NOTIFICATION OF POLICE – Yes
DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Analysis will be made for possible use in further proceedings.
DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – Informal hearing, petitioning of appropriate legal authorities, 10 day out of school suspension/expulsion. Possible expulsion whichever is appropriate.
9. A student is distributing a drug, alcohol, or controlled substance.
IMMEDIATE ACTION – Principal is summoned. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.
INVESTIGATION – The student, his/her locker, and possessions will be searched. Confiscation of substance.
NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS – Yes, requested to come to the Principal’s office immediately.
NOTIFICATION OF POLICE – Yes

DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANCE – Analysis for use in further proceedings will be requested.

DISCIPLINE/REHABILITATION – Informal hearing, 10 day out of school suspension/expulsion.
Formal hearing for expulsion.

10. All staff members, administrators, and members of the Board of Education involved in such circumstances are obligated to guard the confidentiality of the student, as specified in PA Code Act 53, Fed Code 42 CFR.

** Cooperative behavior may mitigate the 10-day suspension to a minimum of 5 days.

** Anyone found in violation of this policy will be required to attend and complete an educational Drug/Alcohol Prevention Workshop.

PROHIBITION OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS

Eligibility for participation in school athletics shall be limited. No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless there has been a medical determination that no residual evidence of steroids exists. The Board may require participation in any drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other programs as a condition of reinstatement into a school district.

The use of steroids by students involved in athletics is prohibited. In addition to the prohibition of use, the Board directs the administration to develop educational plans regarding the use of anabolic steroids.

The superintendent shall prescribe, implement and enforce rules and regulations to prohibit the use of anabolic steroids, except for a valid medical purpose, by any student involved in school-related athletics. Body- building and muscle enhancement of athletic ability are not medical purposes. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid under the provisions of the law. Education regarding the dangers of anabolic steroids shall be provided in other district drug and alcohol programs.

The following minimum penalties are prescribed for any student found in violation of the rules and regulations required above. Violation of rules and regulations include:

1. For a first violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season.
2. For a second violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and the following season.
3. For a third violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.

Students should be made aware that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances and that the use, unauthorized possession, purchasing, or selling could subject them to suspension/expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.

Through the use of an up-to-date curriculum, classroom activities, community support resources, a strong and consistent administrative and faculty effort and rehabilitative and disciplinary procedures, the Pittston Area School District will work to educate, prevent, and intervene in the use and abuse of all drugs, alcohol, and other mood-altering substances by the student population. Any student found on school district property, or at any school district activity under the influence of, or in any way connected with the use, the selling, or the dispensing of drug, alcohol, or other mood-altering substances will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the procedures of the Pittston Area School District. This policy includes, but is not limited to, the use or possession of over-the-counter drugs and non-alcoholic beers and wines, and rolling papers.

SEARCHES

Pittston Area School District is committed to the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its students, employees, visitors, and guests, school district property, and to the educational process. With this in mind, the Pittston Area School District reserves the right to search any and all vehicles, persons, and personal effects while on school district property. No expectation of privacy should be realized while on school grounds or using school facilities.

Searches will be conducted of lockers, desks, school district owned and/or contracted buses, on any and all motor vehicles (regardless of ownership), and any other item or items, on or about any person, including, but not limited to, personal effects such as purses, handbags, backpacks, gym bags, and the like, that could be used to conceal illegal drugs, weapons, explosive devices, alcohol, drug paraphernalia, cigarettes, incendiary devices, or anything which could endanger the health, safety, and welfare of students, employees, visitors, others of the educational process.

BULLETIN BOARDS

No notices are to be posted on school bulletin boards without the permission from the principal.

A bulletin will be broadcast to every room over the public address system every morning during homeroom period. Written announcements should be submitted to the main office well in advance of the time of the announcements.

TEXT BOOKS AND OTHER SCHOOL PROPERTY

Subject, teachers, coaches, etc will issue textbooks and other school district property. A student is responsible for materials assigned to him. A student must make restitution for all damaged and/or lost materials. **IF MATERIALS ARE NOT RETURNED OR RESTITUTION IS NOT MADE BY THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, THE STUDENT WILL NOT RECEIVE HIS FINAL REPORT CARD OR TRANSCRIPT.**

Dress Code

The Administration and faculty of Pittston Area School District are aware of the fact that there is sometimes an unfavorable relationship between students' attire and the students' attitude toward school. Any school dress, which causes a safety hazard, is disruptive to the educational process, or could damage school property, is prohibited. Therefore, in order to insure a safe and healthy environment, students will refrain from wearing the following types of questionable attire:

- Clothing with ornamentation, including chains, (dog collars, choker chains, wallet chains, hand cuffs, safety pins, baggy pants with zippers all down the sides of the pants)
- Footwear - bare feet, stocking feet, bedroom slippers, or untied laces on shoes are forbidden
- Clothing, which displays slogans, and/or pictures which are suggestive of the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, lewd or illegal behavior, or contain obscene language
- Tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, low-cut blouses/dresses, revealing tops and leather clothing (pants, sleeveless shirts, vest, skirts, or shirts) are not permitted. No sleep apparel or spaghetti straps are permitted. The bottom of the shirt needs to be long enough to allow the shirt to be tucked into the slacks
- Dresses, skirts, and garments with slits must be longer than fingers with the arm and hand extended
- Shorts or skorts must be longer than the bottom of the fingers when the arm is fully extended
- No under garments are to be exposed
- Any garment, which is deemed to be too revealing or tight fitting, will not be permitted
- Transparent or sheer clothing is prohibited
- Hats, caps, sunglasses, or any headwear is prohibited
- Pants must be worn at waist level
- No garments intended to be worn as underwear may be worn as outerwear
- Standards of cleanliness and personal hygiene must be maintained
- **Any apparel or accessories deemed unsafe will not be permitted (Discretion of Administration)**
- **ALL AEROSOL CANNED PRODUCTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

The building is air-conditioned, if finding the proper length shorts, etc. is difficult to find then please wear other appropriate clothing.

- Tattoos – all tattoos must be covered
- Electronic equipment – it is against the Pennsylvania School Code to bring beepers, personal pagers and cellular phones of any kind into the building. Additionally, walk-man radios, computer games, cameras, tape recorders and CD players are not permitted into the building. Such items will be confiscated by the administration and will not be returned to the student. In some cases these items may be turned over to the proper authorities
- Body Piercing – for the overall well- being and safety of our students, jewelry, which involves piercing, is only allowed in the ears. All other body piercing must be removed before entering the school
- Backpacks – may be carried to school. However, backpacks **MUST** be kept in the students locker while in school
- Skateboards – are not permitted on school grounds
- HAIR – Dyed hair must reflect normal human hair colors. For example, no blue, pink, green, or any dyed hair deemed to be inappropriate by administration. **NO SPIKED HAIR.**
- Face paint (extreme make-up) is not allowed

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE DRESS CODE WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION

Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs and Weapons

Smoking, alcohol, drugs and weapons are forbidden by law. The district will prosecute all infractions. Please refer to the District Handbook for additional information.

FIGHTING, ACTS OF VIOLENCE, OR HARRASSMENT

When a student is engaged in a fight, act of violence and /or acts of harassment, he will be placed on out-of-school suspension for three (3) days. He will be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. Second offenders will be given a five (5) day out-of-school suspension and also will be referred to the appropriate authorities. Third time offenders will automatically be placed on a ten (10) day out-of-school suspension and will be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. Depending on the severity of the situation, any act deemed serious enough by the administration may result in a longer suspension and/or expulsion.

A student may be placed on suspension for any of the following reasons:

1. Bringing public disgrace to the school. (Out-of-school suspension, and/or expulsion and/or legal action).
2. Conduct that is unbecoming, or is detrimental to the school. (Out-of-school suspension, and/or expulsion and/or legal action).
3. Stealing, gambling, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, controlled substance and drug-related paraphernalia, including “look-alike products”. (Out-of-school suspension, and/or expulsion and/or legal action).
4. Defiant or disrespectful behavior to a teacher, or other school personnel or the use of inappropriate language in class or on school grounds. (Out-of-school suspension, and/or expulsions and/or legal action).
5. Disregard for school authority. (Out-of-school suspension, and/or expulsions and/or legal action).
6. Leaving school grounds during school hours without specific permission from the office of the principal or asst’-principal. (Out-of-school suspension and/or expulsion and/or legal action).

7. Disregard for the rules and regulations of the school. (Out-of-school suspension and/or expulsion and/or legal action). Possession of a weapon, or explosives of any kind. (10 days suspension, and/or expulsion and/or legal action).
8. Possession of a weapon, or explosives of any kind. (10 days suspension, and/or expulsion).
9. Failure to report to the office of the principal or asst'-principal when directed to do so by person in authority.
10. Loitering in the lavatory, auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria, or classrooms during the school day or after school. (Out-of-school suspension).
11. Card playing, bookmaking, gambling, or other games of chance. (Out-of-school suspension, and legal action).
12. Fighting, acts of violence and/or harassment. (Out-of-school suspension, and legal action).
13. Smoking and/or use of tobacco product. (Out-of-school suspension and legal action).
14. Truancy (parent conference).
15. Pornography (out-of-school suspension and legal action).
16. Harassment (out-of-school suspension and/or legal action).
17. Violation of Internet/Computer Rules & Regulations (out-of-school suspension and/or legal action).
18. Possessions of cigarettes, incendiary devices, and/or tobacco products (legal action).
19. Public displays of affection is forbidden. (Parent conference).
20. Loitering in the halls and "lining" the halls is strictly forbidden (parent conference).
21. Setting off the fire alarms (false alarms). (10 days out-of-school suspension and/or legal action, and/or expulsion).
22. Vandalism, graffiti destruction of school property. (Suspension and/or legal action, and/or expulsions).
23. Cheating. (Suspension, failing grade on assignment).
24. Gum chewing is not allowed anywhere in the building.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

It is the policy of the Pittston Area School District to maintain learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any member of the district staff to harass a student through conduct or communications of a sexual nature as defined below. It shall also be a violation of this policy for students to harass other students through conduct or communications of a sexual nature as defined below:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or education, or when
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for academic or employment decisions affecting that individual, or when
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or professional performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment or education environment.

Sexual harassment, as defined above, may include but is not limited to the following:

Verbal harassment or abuse, pressure for sexual activity, repeated remarks to a person, with sexual or demanding implications, unwelcome touching, suggesting or demanding sexual involvement accompanied by implied or explicit threats concerning one's grades, jobs, etc.

Any person who alleges sexual harassment by any staff member or student in the district may use the district's complaint procedure or may complain directly to his/her immediate supervisor, building principal, guidance counselor or other individual designated to receive such complaints. Filing of a complaint or otherwise reporting sexual harassment will not reflect upon the individual's status; nor will it affect future employment, grades or work assignments.

The rights to confidentiality, both of the complaint and of the accused, will be respected consistent with the district's legal obligations, and with the necessity to investigate allegations of misconduct and take corrective actions when this conduct has occurred.

A substantiated charge against a staff member in the district shall subject such staff member to disciplinary, including discharge.

A substantiated charge against a student in the school district shall subject that student to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion, consistent with the student discipline code.

SUSPENSION PROCEDURE

On the first out-of-school suspension, a mandatory in-school parental conference with the Asst'-Principal, guidance, and teachers will be held.

On the second out-of-school suspension, a mandatory in-school parental conference with the administration, Principal, Asst'-Principal, guidance and teachers will be held.

On the third out-of-school suspension a hearing will be held to evaluate the future status of the student.

After a student/parental conference, the length of any suspension may be mitigated at the discretion of the principal or assistant principal.

During the suspension period (out-of-school), a suspended student is prohibited from participating in extra-and /or co-curricular activities. Except for those offenses, which are automatically an out-of-school suspension, the suspension procedure mentioned above will be followed.

A student suspended twice (2) in a semester will not be allowed to attend or participate in co-curricular activities for a period of 45 school days. This includes games, concerts, plays, dances, clubs, etc.

Buses Regulations

Maintaining good order on school buses requires the cooperation of the pupils, parents, principals, teachers, and the bus drivers. Therefore, in order to insure the safety of our bus students, the following policies, have been adopted by the Pittston Area Board of Education:

1. The bus driver has the right to assign permanent seats.
2. Students will not be permitted to leave their seats or to get off the bus while in motion.
3. Students must pass in front of the bus to cross the highway.
4. Students will not be permitted to leave the bus except at his/her regular stop without permission from the Principal/Assistant Principal. Bus drivers have been instructed not to allow students to get off the buses without permission.
5. Safety drills, including the use of the emergency door of the bus, will be conducted at least once a year under the supervision of the administration.
6. No animals, firearms, explosives, or anything else of a dangerous or objectionable nature will be transported on the school buses.
7. Students must stand by the roadway while waiting for the bus.
8. Students will not be allowed to board the bus on a steep grade, or on a blind curve, or on the crest of a hill.
9. Upon boarding the bus, students must be seated immediately.
10. Students shall remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop.
11. The use of **TOBACCO IS FORBIDDEN** in the school building, on school buses or on school property.
12. While the bus is in route to or from school, the bus drivers the sole authority.
13. While getting on or off the bus, students must wait their turn.
14. **STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT ASSIGNED BUS STOPS TEN (10) MINUTES EARLY IN THE EVENT THE BUS IS LATE, AND/OR THE WEATHER IS INCLEMENT, STUDENTS**

SHOULD REMAIN AT LEAST (30) MINUTES BEFORE RETURNING HOME. IN GOOD WEATHER, STUDENTS SHOULD WAIT INDEFINITELY FOR THE RELIEF BUS, WHICH WILL BE DISPATCHED TO PICK THEM UP.

15. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES ARE TO BE CONSUMED ON BUSES.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF BUS REGULATIONS

- First offense: 1. Notification of parent, warning and/or suspension from the bus for one (1) school day
 2. Further disciplinary action maybe taken at the discretion of the Principal
- Second offense: 1. Notification of parent
 2. Suspension from the bus for one (1) to three (3) days
 3. Further disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the Principal
- Third offense: 1. Notification of parent and parental conference between Principal or Assistant
 Principal, Transportation Director, and Bus Company official
 2. Suspension from the bus for five (5) to ten (10) days
 3. Further disciplinary action maybe taken at the discretion of the principal
- Fourth offense: 1. Notification of parent and parental conference between the Principal and Assistant
 Principal, Transportation Director, and bus company official
 2. Suspension from the bus for five (5) to twenty (20) days
 3. Further disciplinary action maybe taken at the discretion of the Principal

***** Further disciplinary action may include permanent suspension from bus privilege**

PENALTIES AND PENALTY FOR DAMAGING BUS COMPANY PROPERTY

1. Guilty students must make full restitution to the bus company
2. Guilty students will forfeit their right to ride the bus for a period of 45 school days
3. Guilty students will be prosecuted by the bus company to the full extent of the law

Lockers

1. A locker is assigned to each student at the beginning of the school year. The lockers remain the property of the school, not the student, and as such, the lockers remain under authority of the school. However, the school is not responsible for items stolen from the locker, or for any material left in the locker overnight.
2. Each locker will have a combination. Students are not responsible for supplying the lock.
3. All outer garments including hats are to be kept in lockers and not to be worn or carried to class. Bags must be placed in the locker.
4. The student is responsible for keeping his/her locker combination private and must not share this information with any other student for any reason.
5. According to the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, citizens are protected from unreasonable searches and seizures. Middle school students do not lose this right. However, school officials have the right to conduct a search of a students' locker (which remains school property), as long as this right has been previously announced or published within the school. (This paragraph is that announcement).
6. **A student is NOT to go to his locker during or between class periods without the written permission of his classroom teachers. All lockers must be cleaned at the end of the school year. Failure to do so will result in the withholding of final grades and report cards. The student is urged not to give his locker combination to other students.**

How to Operate a Lock

Step 1 – Turn the lock dial twice in a clockwise direction. After the second full turn, stop when you get to your first number

Step 2 – Next, turn the dial in the opposite (counterclockwise) one full turn. After a full turn, stop when you get to your second number

Step 3 – Finally, turn the dial slowly clockwise until you get to your third number

Step 4 – Pull the lock open

Note – If the lock fails to open, repeat the process, if you accidentally go past a number in one of the steps above, you must start over again.

Personal Concerns

Personal Property at School

Coats, book bags, band instruments, and other articles of value should be labeled. It is best not to bring anything of value, especially large amounts of money. If you lose something, check first with your teachers. Then get a hall pass to look in the office Lost and Found. Claim lost items promptly.

Guidance

Guidance services are available to every student in the school. These services include help with school planning, explanation of test scores, career and occupational information, group guidance, study organization, help with home problems, school and social concerns, and many others. If you need to talk to the counselor set up a session with the counselor or the secretary.

Interim Reports

If a student is having academic difficulties an interim report will be sent home to the parents in the middle of each marking period. Upon receiving an interim report the parent/guardian may call the guidance office (655-3756), to set up an appointment with the teachers or make arrangements to have a phone conference with the teachers.

Failures

If a student has failed more than two courses in different subject area during their time at the middle school or if the student has failed the same subject twice the student would fail the year. All eighth grade students, even those who have not failed any course in the previous two years at the middle school, are allowed to fail only one subject in their eighth grade year. It is strongly recommended that all failures be satisfied during the following summer at an accredited summer school. Failed subjects area successfully completed in summer school would change the failure to a passing grade.

Criteria Matrix for Pre-Algebra/Algebra Placement

Final Math Grade		MAT*	SAT*
100		100	
93	4	93	4 8 4
92		92	7
85	3	85	3 6 3
84		84	5
77	2	77	2 4 2
76		76	3
70	1	70	4 2 1

- Mathematics Assessment Test
- Stanford Achievement Test (Local Mathematics Stanines)

Students must attain a score of 7 or better for consideration for placement into 8th grade Algebra 1 or Pre-Algebra. Students must attain a score of 7 or better for consideration for placement in 7th grade Pre-Algebra.

GRADING SYSTEM

A “LETTER GRADING system” is employed at the Martin L. Mattei Middle School. The grading range, adapted to a Quality Point Index Scale, ranges from one point (D grade) to four points (A grade) – is as follows:

LETTER GRADING SYSTEM

A – 93- 100

B – 85 – 92

C – 77 – 84

D – 70 –76

F – 50 - 69

CARE OF THE BUILDING

Everyone should take pride in our school building and the school grounds outside and do everything that you can do to keep it clean and attractive. Students are expected to pick up paper and litter from the classroom and hallway floors at the end of each class period. Please be a thoughtful citizen and pick up paper and rubbish when you see it instead of walking by it.

Students damaging school equipment or property in any way will be required to clean the article. Parents and students are responsible for damage to school property or materials loaned to the students.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

It is expected that students will display good conduct. Good behavior is appreciated and rewarded. These expectations were compiled by a team of students, staff, and parents.

*Bring signed material from home, * Arrive to class on time, * Come to class with necessary materials, *Move through the building in an orderly manner, walking on the right, *Use hall passes appropriately, * Follow school and classroom rules, * Follow cafeteria policy and procedures, * Wear appropriate clothing, * Respect school property and the property of others, * Use appropriate language, * Settle conflicts appropriately, * Treat peers with respect, * Treat staff with respect.

Examples of items that are forbidden at Pittston Area:

Do not bring to school or have in your possession or in your locker any of the items listed below.

Radio, cassette player, CD player, toy gun, water gun, electronic device, beeper, cellular phone, whiteout, cameras, knives, firecrackers, balls, squeeze or glass bottles.

P.A. Awards and Activities

Programs of student activities and awards at Pittston Area Middle School are designed to provide incentive for increased student achievement, to foster spirit, to involve students in the operation of the school and to recognize those students for their accomplishments.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS & CHEERLEADERS

ELIGIBILITY

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics in the Pittston Area School District, he must meet the scholastic and athletic requirements of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

To be eligible for interscholastic competition, a student must pursue a curriculum approved by the Principal, and must maintain for the current semester or term a passing grade in at least four (4) full credit subjects, or their equivalent, approved by the Department of Education.

Scholastic eligibility shall be determined weekly by ascertaining the student's class standing in each subject, during the semester or term. Class standing is defined as the grade or mark in a given subject for all work covered from the beginning of the semester or term to date. Weekly marks shall be effective for a period of one week from the date of issue. If the official report, as recorded on the student's report card, indicates a deficiency, the student will be ineligible for competition until the deficiency has been rectified.

In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, a student must have passed at least three (3) full credit subjects, or the equivalent during the preceding semester. If a student's work in any semester does not meet the above standard of eligibility as stated in the second paragraph, he shall be ineligible to participate in all athletics before October of the first semester, and before March of the second semester.

A student who is enrolled in Pittston Area schools for the first time must comply with all of the academic requirements. In determining the eligibility of such a student, reference will be made to his academic transcript.

PRACTICE/GAMES

The student/athlete must attend school the day practice/game is scheduled in order to participate. Any student reporting to school after 11:00 A.M. will not be allowed to practice/play that day. Extraordinary circumstances will be evaluated on an individual basis. In order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our student athletes, students excused from school by the nurse will not be allowed to practice that day.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES RELATIVE TO ATHLETIC INJURIES

Every reasonable precaution and safeguard should be exercised for the welfare of all students participating in school-sponsored athletics. With reference to athletic injuries, the responsibility rests first with the coach and secondly with the athletic director and the principal for the proper organization and administration of the athletic activity.

A person qualified in first aid procedures is to be in attendance at all practice sessions and all athletic events.

Any student injured during practice or during a game in any school sponsored athletic activity must report the injury immediately to the coach. Failure to do so may further endanger the student and could nullify his/her right to receive compensation.

If a player needs emergency treatment at a doctor's office or at a hospital, the coach should proceed with the most logical course of action for the welfare of the injured player. The physician in charge of athletics must treat an injured athlete. If he chooses to see his own doctor, he is responsible for any expenses incurred.

ATHLETIC INSURANCE

The school district will provide limited school insurance for all interscholastic athletic participants, for all band and band front members and cheerleaders.

DICIPLINE POLICY FOR ATHLETICS, CHEERLEADERS AND MARCHING PATRIOTS

In addition to coaches, and moderator (s) rules and regulations, all athletes, cheerleaders and Marching Patriots must follow the policies and procedures of the Pittston Area School District.

1. An athlete, cheerleader or marching patriot member whose conduct causes embarrassment to the school will be the subject of disciplinary action precipitated by the Head Coach or Moderator (s) in conjunction with athletic director and the administration.
2. Any athlete, cheerleader, or marching patriot member found guilty of and/or cited for the consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia shall be subject to the following:
1st offense: Two- week suspension from the activity, if the student cooperates with drug and alcohol counseling. If the student does not cooperate with the drug and alcohol counseling the student will be suspended from the activity for the rest of the season.
2nd offense: The student will be suspended from the activity and all co-curricular activities for the remainder of the year. Athletes, cheerleaders, and marching patriots found to be in possession, or under the influence of illegal drugs and alcohol in school or any school-sponsored activity will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.
3. The team's Head Coach, Moderator (s), the athletic director and the administration will appropriately discipline an athlete, cheerleader or marching patriots member found guilty of acts of vandalism.
4. An athlete, cheerleader or marching patriot member found guilty of act of theft will be dismissed from the program.
5. An athlete, cheerleader or marching patriot member suspended twice in a semester will be placed on probationary status. Further suspensions will result in loss of athletic privileges.

MARCHING PATRIOTS

1. All members of the Marching Patriots who play instruments or who have previously played an instrument in the marching band must audition each year in order to continue to perform as a marching patriot.
2. The band director will decide the required instrumentation for auditions.
3. All members of the marching patriots have the option to audition for Visual Ensemble and/or Marching Band.
4. No member of the marching patriots may transfer from instrumentation to Visual Ensemble or vice versa without the permission and approval of the band director.
5. All members of the marching patriots (instrumentation) with three (3) years of high school experience (ninth, tenth and eleventh grade) are exempt from senior auditions.
6. All members of the marching patriots (Visual Ensemble) with three (3) years of high school experience (ninth, tenth and eleventh grade) are exempt from senior auditions.

7. The Visual Ensemble will be comprised of the students who have compiled the highest 40 scores and will consist of a maximum of 40 members.
8. The Visual Ensemble auditions are open to students of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades of the 2004-2005 school year.
9. Students in the middle school may participate in the band in seventh and eighth grades only.
10. Students auditioning for Visual Ensemble Captains are required to compose and perform a special routine.
11. Each student auditioning for the marching patriots must meet audition requirements to attain the minimum number of points set by the judging system to qualify to perform as a marching patriot.
12. Selection of students for the marching patriots will be based not only on their audition performances but also their experience and leadership qualities.
13. The band director, after auditions, will decide the performance position for each student to best serve the program.
14. All marching patriots' instrumentalists are required to take band class, if there are no conflicts in their schedules.
15. In addition to the rules and regulations of the marching patriots, all members must adhere to the policies and procedures of the Pittston Area School District.
16. The marching patriot program is under the direction of the band director, the assistant band director and moderators.
The moderators and staff in accordance with school policies and procedures will make all selections and assignments.

TRANSPORTATION

The school district will provide transportation to and from all authorized performances.

REHEARSAL AREAS

The building principal will designate rehearsal and performance areas.

GENERAL RULES

1. A club can be initiated by a faculty member or by a group of students.
2. A request Club Form must be obtained from the principal. The principal will forward the request to the superintendent, who will submit it to the Board of Education for approval.
3. Each club must be organized under the direction and supervision of a club moderator.
4. In order for a club to be recognized as such, its by-laws must stipulate monthly meetings.
5. Aims and objectives of a club must be submitted to the building principal.
6. Extra-curricular and/or co-curricular clubs are an extension of the school program and thus school policy and procedure must be followed.
7. Any member of an extra-curricular and/or co-curricular club or activity will not be allowed to participate in a field trip and/or performance if he has been suspended and/or shows disregard for school rules and regulations.
8. A list of club members and activities must be submitted to the principal at the beginning of the school year or as soon as the club reorganizes.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of activities for the school year:

Baseball, basketball, cheerleaders, chorus, cross country, drama club, marching band, soccer, softball, student council, talent show, communications club, track & field, weight lifting, wrestling.

GENERAL RULES

1. A request for a field trip form' must completed and submitted to the principal 30 days in advance of the planned trip. This is the responsibility of the club or class moderator.
2. Educational trips will be limited to one for each club or class. (Exception: senior class may take two trips per year).
3. The number of chaperones assigned to each trip will be one chaperone for every 25 students, or two chaperones to the full complement of a bus.
4. In order for a student to participate in a field trip, a parental permission form must be submitted. These forms must be collected and filed by the club or class moderator.
5. All school-related field trips must have the approval of the Administration. Any student who is absent from school the day prior to or the day following a trip without good reason will be marked unexcused and/or unlawful, and he will be deprived of going on all future educational trips.
6. A majority of club or class members must be committed to make the trip in order for a trip to be scheduled. If the majority is less than 25 students, the trip must receive special authorization from the principal.
7. Private transportation cannot be used on educational trips, except with the special permission of the principal.
8. All school-related trips that are deemed recreational in nature are not to be scheduled on school time.
9. Any student who has been suspended twice during the semester will not be allowed to attend.
10. A list of students wishing to attend the field trip must be submitted to the principal for approval 3 school days prior to the trip. It is the moderator's responsibility to inform the students wishing to attend the trip that they may be excluded by the administration for disciplinary reasons.

Special Days

Throughout the year, special days are planned for student involvement and enjoyment. The year's activities will include School Colors Day, Seasonal Socials, etc.

Student Council officers will be elected from each homeroom. Major functions of the Student Council are:

- To provide meaningful activities and projects for the student body
- To present the views and opinions of students to the school staff
- To represent Pittston Area students before city and state Student Council organizations
- To conduct fundraisers for educational purposes

FUND RAISING

Fund raising is an activity with the expressed purpose of raising money for all active school groups or clubs that are recognized by the school district. The respective groups do not expend monies raised under the auspices of the school district or clubs will remain in the groups' treasuries. Also, the club funds can be expended only for activities of an educational nature.

All fund raising activities must be submitted to and approved by the administration ten (10) days prior to the scheduled activity. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the activity.

Fine arts performance; by Pittston Area School groups are not to be considered fund raising activities.

Awards

Certificates of merit are given to acknowledge student achievements academically, behaviorally and socially.

Contests

Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Math Counts, Science Olympiad

Disciplinary Policies

Depending on the infraction, a parent conference will be required.

School Colors: RED, WHITE and BLUE

School Hours: 7:58 A.M. – Homeroom
8:10 A.M. – Classes begin
2:55 P.M. - School day ends
3:00 P.M. - Dismissal

School Calendar

Aug. 28, 29 – Teacher in-Service
Aug. 30 – 1st Day of School
Sept. 4 – Labor Day (No School)
Sept. 15 – Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
Oct. 20 – Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
Nov. 2 – 1st Marking Period Ends
Nov. 10 - Veteran’s Day (No School)
Parent/Teacher Conference - Nov. 14/15/16
Dismissal/12:30 P.M.
Nov. 17 – Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
Nov. 23/24/27 – Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 15 – Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
Dec. 25 thru Jan. 2 – Christmas Vacation
Jan. 3 – Classes resume
Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Day (No School)
Jan. 19 - Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
Jan. 22 – 2nd Marking Period Ends
Parent/Teacher Conferences Jan. 31/Feb. 1-2
Dismissal/12:30 P.M.
Feb. 16 - Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
Feb. 19 - President’s Day (No School)
March 16 - Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
March 27 – 3rd Marking Period Ends
April 5-6-9 – Easter Vacation
April 20 - Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
May 18 - Act 80 Day (Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.)
May 28 – Memorial Day (No School)
June 4 – 4th Marking Period Ends
June 4 – Graduation Day (Last Day of School)