



Midland Public Schools

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SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNIQUE

School Day Beginning and Ending Times

Please know some of our elementary school start and end times have changed slightly.

Elementary

Start Time: **8:40 am** <> End Time: **3:40 pm**

Adams, Central Park, Chestnut Hill Elementary Schools

Start Time: **8:55 am** <> End Time: **3:55 pm**

Plymouth, Siebert, Woodcrest Elementary Schools

Secondary

Jefferson Middle School: **7:55-2:40**

Northeast Middle School: **8:05-2:50**

H. H. Dow High School: **7:40-2:25/3:25**

Midland High School: **7:40-2:25/3:25**

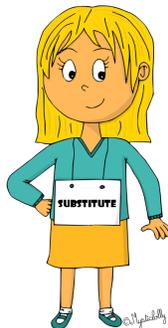
Looking for the 2017-18 District Calendar? Here is the link:

<https://new.midlandps.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-2018-Calendar.pdf>

Looking for work around your child's school schedule?

MPS is or will be seeking ...

- Paraprofessionals
- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Office Professionals
- Substitute Paraprofessionals



Click on this link for information:

<https://new.midlandps.org/pages/district/human-resources/>

or call (989) 923-5021!

New job postings are posted on Tuesdays throughout the school year. Keep checking back for new opportunities.

BUS DRIVERS and PARAPROFESSIONALS are needed in our TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT for the 2017-18 School Year!

Interested in working with children?

Want the same days off as your child?

Consider becoming a member of the MPS Transportation Team!

Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Pass criminal background check
- **DRIVERS:** Pass pre-employment drug test, DOT physical and back assessment
- **PARAS:** Pass physical, back assessment & Work Keys

Additional Details:

- Flexible schedule
- AM & PM routes available
- No experience required
- Paid training
- Both Regular and Sub Drivers and Paraprofessionals are needed



Salary:

- Bus driver: \$13.00/hour starting salary
Within four years: \$16.46/hour
- Paraprofessional: \$8.90 (\$9.25/hour beginning January 1, 2018)

Want to know more?

- Contact MPS Transportation (923-5041) Today!

First day of school for 2017-18 school year: Tuesday, September 5



is a great communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or a member of our staff will do all we can to reply to your message the next work day. Click on the green MPS Connect box on our MPS website (www.midlandps.org) to connect with me!

Congratulations to...

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Chloe Ambas (DHS) Jacqueline Anaele (DHS) Gretel Grossman (DHS) Lillian Pressnell (DHS) Megan Shaffer (MHS) who were selected to receive a SET SEG Foundation scholarship to the Michigan Associations of Student Councils and Honor Societies Summer Leadership Camp. This year SET SEG received a record-breaking 300 scholarship applications, demonstrating the high-demand for this camp and the life-changing opportunities it creates. Camp took place July 24 at Albion College. We are proud of you!

Volunteers! Sign up today.

We are excited to introduce United for Success, our new volunteer partnership with United Way of Midland County, made possible in part by The Dow Chemical Company. As part of the ongoing work to build school capacity for coordinating volunteer resources, MPS and United Way are partnering to increase volunteerism, student success and impact in our schools. Together, we will have a greater collective impact on local education and will pave the way for the next generation to be ready for college, careers and 21st century citizenship.



Want to get involved? Visit new.midlandps.org/volunteer to fill out the new volunteer registration form. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Renee Uraub at uraulbrs@midlandps.org or [989.923.5034](tel:989.923.5034).

THANK YOU TO A GREAT COMMUNITY PARTNER ... MCKAY PRESS!

The MPS Administration Center had five cases of old, unusable letterhead that had collected through the years. Being good stewards of our resources, we decided to remove the letterhead portion so we could make use of the bottom 3/4 of the bond paper in our art program. When we contacted McKay Press to see if their corporation would by any chance be able to help us cut off the letterhead, Mr. Nigro, McKay's VP of Sales & Marketing said, "We can help with this." Within a couple of hours of that e-mail from Mr. Nigro, McKay Press staff had the five cases of letterhead cut, loaded in convenient, sturdy cartons and ready for us to pick up. Wow! Thank you, McKay Press, for being such a wonderful community partner to Midland Public Schools!



MPS Summer Hours

Our elementary offices are currently closed for the summer. MPS secondary school offices remain open during the summer months.

Our elementary offices will officially re-open on August 14 for the 2017-18 school year.

From June 26 through August 17, our District employees work four 10-hour days—Monday-Thursday, with all District buildings closed on Fridays.



2017 SNEAKERPALOOZA

This year's **Sneakerpalooza K-12 Shoe Give Away** for Midland County students will be **from 3-8 pm on August 22 at Carpenter Street School**. Children must be accompanied by their parents. One pair of shoes per student.



OK2SAY enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff or other school employees. Students, teachers, parents, school workers, friends and neighbors can all submit tips, if they are aware of a threat in school. Tips can be submitted through the following ways:



Call: 855.565.2729 <> **Text:** 652729 (OK2SAY) <> **Email:** ok2say@mi.gov

Web: www.mi.gov/ok2say <> **OK2SAY Mobile App:** download available in app stores

Midland Public Schools Announces

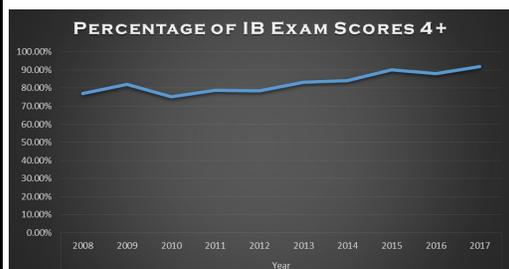
2017 IB Assessment Results

MPS is proud to announce the latest results for students taking International Baccalaureate courses and examinations. This year's results continue to show exemplary achievement and participation. IB courses and testing offer students an opportunity to earn college credit and advanced placement at most post-secondary institutions. Taking IB courses also demonstrates to college admissions officers that students have sought out a rigorous curricular pathway. Each IB exam is scored using a seven point scale. Scores from 4 to 7 are considered satisfactory to excellent.

During the 2016-2017 school year, 159 MPS students took 312 IB exams in 22 subject areas. Among the most frequent exams taken were English A HL, History of the Americas HL, Biology HL, Psychology SL, Math Studies SL, Spanish B SL, and Spanish B HL. 92% of the examinations taken by MPS students received a score of 4 or higher. This is the highest passing percentage since MPS students began taking IB exams in 2008

22 MPS students earned the full IB Diploma. This is the 2nd highest number of MPS students in a cohort to earn the credential (29 earned a diploma in 2014.) These students completed course work (and received qualifying assessment scores) in six IB subjects. The diploma recipients were also required to complete an Extended Essay, C.A.S. project (service based), and work in a course titled Theory of Knowledge. Since the inception of the MPS IB Diploma Programme, 145 students have earned the full IB Diploma.

International Baccalaureate exam results are one of the many academic achievement points of pride for the Midland Public Schools and its teachers, students, parents and community.



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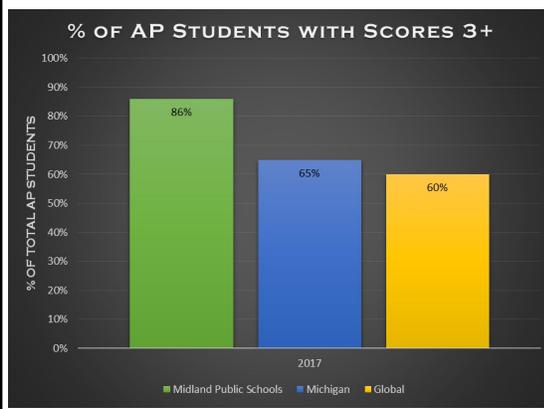
2017 AP Assessment Results

MPS is proud to announce the latest results for students taking Advanced Placement courses and examinations. This year's results continue to show excellent achievement and participation in comparison to state and global numbers. Advanced Placement courses and testing offer students an opportunity to earn college credit and advanced placement at most post-secondary institutions. Taking AP courses also demonstrates to college admissions officers that students have sought out a rigorous curricular pathway. Each AP exam is scored using a five-point scale. Scores from 3 to 5 are considered qualified to extremely well qualified.

During the 2016-2017 school year, 271 MPS students took 496 Advanced Placement exams in 22 subject areas. Among the most frequent exams taken were Psychology, Computer Science A, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Biology, Physics C: Mechanics, Microeconomics, and Calculus AB. 86% of the MPS students taking an AP exam achieved a qualified score of 3 or higher. This compares to 65% amongst Michigan schools and 60% globally.

Approximately 24% percent of the Midland Public Schools' Class of 2017 achieved at least one AP Exam score of 3 or higher at some point during their high school career. 76 MPS seniors achieved the distinction of being named an AP Scholar, meaning that they earned a score of 3 or higher on a minimum of 3 AP subject area assessments.

Advanced Placement results are one of the many academic achievement points of pride for the Midland Public Schools and its teachers, students, parents and community.



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Community Flyers:

<https://new.midlandps.org/pages/community/community-flyers-2/>

Administration	923-5001
Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Street	923-6411
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Eastlawn Elementary	923-7112
Plymouth Elementary	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elementary	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

wise words

Wise Thoughts to ponder from Henry Ward Beecher:

"Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody expects of you. Never excuse yourself."

"It's easier to go down a hill than up it but the view is much better at the top."

"We never know the love of a parent till we become parents ourselves."

"The library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."

