

MARSHALL C.U.S.D #C-2
MARSHALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
2017 STUDENT HANDBOOK 2018



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This student handbook has been carefully designed and organized to help promote student progress as well as facilitate school governance. This handbook contents not only provide for the psychological and physical safety of all students through providing relevant information, but also ensures that students and parents/guardians receive timely and adequate notice of their rights and responsibilities as members of Marshall Junior High School.

The information and policies in this student handbook derives from the Illinois School Code and the Marshall Schools Board of Education. A complete text of Marshall School Board polices are available at the district office.

This Marshall JHS Student Handbook belongs to:

Name _____

Grade _____

Address _____

City/Town _____



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MARSHALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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I. WELCOME TO STUDENTS

Dear MJHS Student:

The teachers, staff, and administration of Marshall Junior High School would like to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year! We strongly feel that your experience at Marshall Junior High School will provide you a solid foundation for your continued growth and success. We encourage you to use this handbook as a guide toward achieving that goal.

This handbook has been provided for you and your family in order to familiarize everyone with the rules, regulations, procedures, and other relevant information necessary for the orderly functioning of the school. It has been organized to assist in promoting student progress as well as in the interest of modeling appropriate school governance. In addition, this handbook provides for the psychological and physical safety of all students through appropriate expectations, rules, and regulations.

You and your family are encouraged to read and study this handbook. Periodically, you may need to refer to the handbook to answer questions. If clarification is needed or other questions arise, please contact any teacher, counselor, or myself. We are eager to help you.

Marshall Junior High School is **your** school. Therefore, it is your best interest to take pride in your school and display respect for fellow peers (students), teachers, staff, administrators, and most importantly of all, yourself. At MJHS, you will find people from different socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. It is central to gain an understanding and appreciation of these differences among our educational family.

Your two-year career at Marshall Junior High School will be what you decide to make of it. The opportunity is available for all to have an exciting, positive, and worthwhile experience. Let each of us direct our energy toward seizing that opportunity!

Sincerely,
Mr. Tony Graham
Marshall JHS Principal
It's a great day to be a Lion Cub!



II. MARSHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES

2.01 DISTRICT MISSION

The mission of Marshall Schools is to help students develop an appropriate plan for post-secondary success. Provide students with essential curricular experiences that prepare them for college and/or the workforce, and help students develop 21st Century life skills, become lifelong learners, and understand the value of good character and service.

2.02 DISTRICT CORE VALUES

As a school district we believe....

1. that students come first.
2. in a safe environment conducive to learning.
3. in broad curricular and extracurricular opportunities.
4. in cutting edge technology as a resource to students and staff.
5. in fostering excellence in our staff through a collaborative environment of ongoing improvement.
6. in fostering excellence in our students by working to provide the supports and opportunities needed to help each reach their full potential knowing that all student can learn, but have different abilities, interests, and rates at which they learn.
7. in being fiscally responsible.
8. in leveraging our resources to have the largest impact possible on student learning.
9. in keeping the many things we do and responsibilities we have in the proper balance.

III. MARSHALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

3.01 SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of Marshall Junior High School is based on the belief that all students can learn and with the understanding that students' capabilities may vary, our mission is promote the growth of the whole child by providing a caring, stable environment where each child has the opportunity to develop his or her fullest potential.

3.02 SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of Marshall Junior High School is to help each student develop to his/her fullest potential. This involves learning by doing. The staff encourages and guides each individual to discover their own talents, capacities, and interests and helps them develop socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually.

Students should take advantage of the opportunities offered. We encourage all students to be involved in curricular and extra-curricular activities, so as to develop a well-rounded education.

IV. MARSHALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT

School Colors: RED and WHITE

School Mascot: Lion Cubs

MJHS School Song

We're loyal to you Junior High,
We're faithful and true, Junior High.
We'll back you to stand 'gainst the best in the land,
For we know you have sand, Junior High.
Rah! Rah!
So smash the blockade, Junior High,
Go crashing ahead, Junior High,
Our team is our fame protector – on boys,
For we expect a victory from you, Junior High!
Chee he! Chee ha! Chee ha ha ha!
Go, Marshall, Go!
Chee he! Chee ha! Chee ha ha ha!

Go, Marshall, Go!
Hit 'em high, Hit 'em low!
Go, Team, Go!
Bring out that dear old flag of red and white.
Lead on your sons and daughters fighting for right;
Like men of old on giants, placing reliance,
Shouting defiance, *Oskee Wow-Wow!*
Amid the broad, green plains that nourish our land
For honest labor and for learning we stand;
And unto you we pledge our hearts and hands,
Dear Alma Mater Junior High!

Be proud of your school and remember your success in this school will be what you make it.

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

Board of Education

Mr. David Macke, President
Mr. Dan Crews, Vice President Mrs. Melissa Hendrix, Secretary Mr. Bill Cook
Mr. Jacob Gard Mr. Doug Littlejohn Mrs. Gayle Rayhel

District Administration

Superintendent
Special Education Director
Director of Technology
Technology Curriculum Coordinator

Mr. Kevin Ross
Mrs. Katie Williams
Mr. Darin Hostetter
Mrs. Laretta Morris

District Office Personnel

Administrative Secretary
Accounts Payable
Payroll

Mrs. Ruth Lisella
Mrs. Molly Richardson
Mrs. Linda Wheeler

District Transportation and Grounds

Head of Transportation and Maintenance

Mr. Garry Engerski

District Medical Staff

District Nurse
District Nurse

Mrs. Tina Grooms
Mrs. Dana Miller

District Food Services

Director of Food Services

Mrs. Teresa Wright

MARSHALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Faculty and Staff

Marshall JHS Office Personnel

Principal
Athletic Director
Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tony Graham
Mr. Kevin Keown
Mrs. Sandy Daugherty

Instructional Leaders

Tara Allen - 7th Math & 7th/8th Computers
Meghan Arthur - 7th/8th Physical Education & Health
Eric Curry - 7th Language Arts
Tami Hook - 8th Language Arts
Michelle Huffington - 8th Math
Kevin Keown - 7th Geography & History
Curran McNeely - 7th/8th Physical Education
Beth Meeker - 7th Art
Carrie Miller - 8th Science & 7th Family Consumer Science
Tiffany Musselwhite - 7th/8th Cross Categorical

Angie Perry - Media Resource Specialist / Librarian
TBD, 7th Special Education
Elizabeth Sanders - Aide / RtI Coordinator
Heather Setzer - 7th/8th Band
Reuben Stence - 7th Science & Health
Terri Stewart - Aide
Angel Templeton - 8th Special Education
Jeff Whitmore - 8th Civics & History
Megan Wilson - 7th/8th Chorus
Scott Gant - 7th/8th Special Education

Social Services Department

Mrs. Mary Dunston - School Counselor
Mrs. Jennifer Evola - School Social Worker

Custodians

Mr. Pat Garrett
Mr. Jerry Raisner

VI. DAILY TIME SCHEDULE AND SCHOOL DAY PROCEDURES

6.01 DAILY SCHEDULE

SCHOOL DOORS OPEN	7:30am
STUDENT SCHOOL DAY	8:00am to 3:06pm
STUDENT DISMISSAL	3:06pm
TEACHER SCHOOL DAY	7:45am to 3:30pm
SCHOOL BUILDING CLOSES	3:30pm

MARSHALL JHS REGULAR DAY SCHEDULE

Report to your 1st hour class at the 7:56am bell.

You will be considered tardy if you are not in the classroom & seated by the 8:00am bell.

HOURL	TIME	DURATION
1 st hour	8:00 - 8:47am	47 minutes
2 nd hour	8:50 - 9:37am	47 minutes
3 rd hour	9:40 - 10:27am	47 minutes
4 th hour	10:30 - 11:16am	46 minutes
5 th hour	11:19 - 12:05/15pm	46/56 minutes
LUNCH	*12:05/15 - 12:45pm	*40/30 minutes
6 th hour	12:48 - 1:34pm	46 minutes
7 th hour	1:37 - 2:23pm	46 minutes
8 th hour (Flex)	2:26 - 3:06pm	40 minutes

*Lunch will alternate each week – 8th grade will eat at 12:05pm one week, and 7th grade will eat at 12:15pm, then switch the next week. Lunches will alternate each week for the entire school year.

6.02 EARLY DISMISSALS

Students are expected to attend all classes on shortened days. There are two (2) different early dismissals throughout the school year, *11:30am Dismissal* and *2:00pm Dismissal*

11:30am DISMISSAL SCHEDULE			2:00pm DISMISSAL SCHEDULE		
HOURL	TIME	DURATION	HOURL	TIME	DURATION
1 st hour	8:00 - 8:28am	28 minutes	1 st hour	8:00 - 8:47am	47 minutes
2 nd hour	8:31 - 8:59am	28 minutes	2 nd hour	8:50 - 9:37am	47 minutes
3 rd hour	9:02 - 9:30am	28 minutes	3 rd hour	9:40 - 10:27am	47 minutes
4 th hour	9:33 - 10:00am	27 minutes	4 th hour	10:30 - 11:16am	46 minutes
5 th hour	10:03 - 10:30am	27 minutes	5 th hour	11:19 - 12:05/15pm	46/56 minutes
6 th hour	10:33 - 11:00am	27 minutes	LUNCH	12:05/15 - 12:45pm	40/30 minutes
7 th hour	11:03 - 11:30am	27 minutes	6 th hour	12:48 - 1:23pm	35 minutes
			7 th hour	1:26 - 2:00pm	34 minutes

6.03 BEFORE SCHOOL

The east front doors will open for students to enter the school at approximately 7:30am. Upon arrival, junior high students are to enter the junior high school and not mingle at the high school among high school students. Students will report directly to the gymnasium with their bags and sit quietly in the bleachers upon entry. At 7:40am, students will be dismissed from the gym to place their items in their lockers and prepare themselves for their 1st hour class.

6.03a BICYCLES AND SKATEBOARDS

Students that ride a bicycle or scooter to school must place them in the bike rack provided at the northeast corner of the school building. Skateboards must be placed in lockers upon entry of the school. A student will not be permitted to ride their bicycle/scooter/skateboard on the school grounds after they have arrived. **Students are not to ride other student's bicycles, scooters, or skateboards.**

6.04 LOCKER DECORATION

MJHS students may decorate the *inside* of their lockers. Students may attach appropriate items such as pictures, drawings, and similar items with magnets only. Students may use shelving inside their lockers, but the structure of the locker cannot be defaced (no drilling). Mirrors, pencil holders, and wipe boards that are manufactured for the purpose of hanging in lockers are permitted if they are magnetized. No stickers are allowed on the inside or outside of lockers.

Please be aware that to minimize cleaning, repairs, and damage to lockers the following materials are prohibited.

1. All spray adhesives or glues
2. Use of glitter
3. No duct tape can be used to “wallpaper” the inside of the locker

*Decorations must not hamper the functionality of the locker. Locker doors must be able to shut all of the way, NO decorations should be visible from the outside. Should a question(s) arise in regards to a locker decoration, please ask before the decoration goes up.

(Refer to **12.04 LOCKER USE POLICY** for more information on the use of school lockers.)

6.05 BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served every day between 7:40-7:55am in the gym lobby. Students ordering and eating breakfast must sit in the gym lobby at the white tables or on the red benches. Students are to clean up after they are finished with their breakfast. Students wishing to eat breakfast need to have their meal cards available. **No food or drink is allowed in the gymnasium or hallways.**

6.06 PASSING PERIODS AND HALL PASSES

Between each class there is a three (3) minute passing period for the purpose of changing classes. During class time, students are not permitted in the halls without a pass. Passes are issued to students from teachers, aides, and office personnel. Students should not go to the guidance office or main office between periods and ask for a pass to go elsewhere.

6.07 USE OF OFFICE PHONE

Students may use the phone in the office if they are ill, if their team practice schedule has changed, or in case of emergency. The phone **will not** be available if assignments are forgotten, to arrange to have a friend over, or other personal reason. We hope that this policy will encourage our students to be responsible and plan ahead.

6.08 LUNCH AND CAFETERIA

The cafeteria serves well-balanced meals at the lowest possible cost. Students have the choice to purchase a regular hot meal being served that day or salad bar. Each student has a lunch account. Students that bring lunch money are to bring it to the main office before the 7:56am bell. Each day students order lunch at the beginning of their 1st hour class.

*All lunches that are eaten at school are to be eaten in the cafeteria regardless of whether you purchase it at school or bring your lunch from home. Exceptions to this are on individual basis approved by the principal.

6.08a MEAL CARDS

Students will be distributed a meal card at the beginning of the year. Students will need to take their meal card to the cafeteria every day in order to keep an accurate account towards their meal plan and to purchase their lunch. Students that do not have their meal cards when purchasing lunch in the cafeteria will be asked to move to the end of the line, so that the line may process in a timely fashion. Students who lose their meal card will be issued one replacement at no cost. Each lost meal card thereafter will result in a replacement fee.

6.08b CAFETERIA REGULATIONS

For the respect, safety, and health of others, students will observe the following regulation when eating in the cafeteria.

1. Walk – do not run to the cafeteria line
2. Do not cut into the cafeteria line
3. No more than nine (9) people per table or detentions can be assigned to the entire group.
4. Observe good table manners.
5. Leave your table space clean when you depart.
6. Deposit papers, milk cartons, and straws in the proper disposal
7. No selling or soliciting of food. Due to health concerns, a student is prohibited from sharing food from the regular lunch or salad bar. (If this is not followed, privileges to the cafeteria will be denied.) Food obtained by free or reduced students cannot be given away or sold. If this should occur, detention(s) will be assigned to both parties.
8. Students are to remain seated while eating and return to the junior high school upon permission when finished eating.
9. Milk is free to students on free lunch program.

6.08c CLOSED CAMPUS LUNCH

Marshall Junior High School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds during their lunch period unless their parent or legal guardian writes a letter to the school administrator and/or calls the school administrator the morning of the appointment prior to 9:00am. In addition, students may not be in the parking lot or the adjacent property of to the school. Students who leave campus at lunch without an administrator’s consent will be subject to disciplinary action that could result in suspension.

6.09 AFTER SCHOOL

Following the 3:06pm dismissal bell, students are to leave school promptly through the east front doors (same as morning entry). Bus students are to go directly over to the high school gym lobby parking lot and board their bus. Students who are picked up from school are to wait outside the east front entry doors. Students who stay for an after-school activity/practice are to immediately go to the appropriate/designated area and remain there until their coach or sponsor joins them.

*Students are not to loiter at school, coming to school, or going home from school.

6.10 FEES, CHARGES, AND PRICING

Marshall School District #C-2 establishes fees and charges to fund certain student activities and educational opportunities. Below are standard fees, pricing, and charges at Marshall Junior High School.

School Registration	Book fee - \$45.00	*A waiver of book fees for eligible student parents/guardians can be done by applying in the school office.
	Sports fee - \$30.00	*A student participating in any sport, such as, basketball, track, or girls’ volleyball will pay a fee that covers the entire school year.
	Lab fee - \$4.00	
Breakfast	Free	*To students whose parents/guardians that are eligible
	Reduced: \$.30	*To students whose parents/guardians that are eligible
	Student Regular: \$1.25	
Lunch	Free	*To students whose parents/guardians that are eligible
	Reduced: \$.40	*To students whose parents/guardians that are eligible
	Student Regular: \$2.35	
	Adult Regular: \$3.00	
Library Books	*Students that have accidentally or intentionally damaged or lost a library book(s) will be charged in full for the repair and/or replacement of that book.	

6.10a MEAL CHARGE LIMIT

The Marshall Schools #C-2 Lunch Program has a \$20.00 charge limit. This means that once a student has charged \$20.00 the computer will not allow any additional charges. Marshall Schools will still provide a sandwich and a drink to ensure no child goes without food. Should a parent/guardian need help financing their students breakfast/lunch, please fill out a free/reduced lunch application that can be obtained at any school or the Marshall Unit Office.

6.11 SCHOOL VISITORS AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES

Parents are encouraged to visit the school. Parents making visits are required to register in the main office upon their arrival at school. Marshall Junior High School is handicapped accessible. If additional accommodations are necessary, please contact the school office, (217) 826-2812. Visitors who are not authorized or registered with office personnel will be asked to leave the school campus. Student visitors will not be allowed in the school.

VII. ATTENDANCE

School attendance is a responsibility for both students and their parents/guardians. Whoever has custody of a child between the ages of 7 and 17 years of age shall cause that child to attend some public school in the district of residence the entire time the school is in session unless:

1. The child attends an appropriate private or parochial school.
2. The child is found by a physician or psychiatrist to be physically or mentally unable to attend a regular school program.
3. The child is temporarily excused for good cause by the principal.
4. The child is necessarily lawfully employed according to the child labor laws with the consent of the Superintendent of the Educational Service Region.
5. The child is 12 and under 14 years and in attendance of a confirmation class.

7.01 MJHS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular attendance is so closely associated with good scholarship that parents and students who cooperate with the school in keeping a good attendance record will be amply repaid in the value received from the school.

- Students will be allowed two (2) parental excused absences PER QUARTER without penalty.
- Students who have more than two (2) absences per quarter will NOT be allowed to attend extracurricular activities. (Ex. sporting events, dances, etc.)
- Students may attend SATURDAY SCHOOL, when available, to make up their lost instruction time.
- Students MUST make up the time BEFORE attending activities / events.

*Absences with a note from a doctor or dentist excusing the student for the FULL day will be accepted.

7.01a. PROCEDURE FOR ABSENCE

1. If a student is going to be absent from school due to illness or doctor's appointment, a parent or guardian must call the junior high office (217) 826-2812 **before 9:00am on the day of the absence**.
2. Parents/Guardians must call the school office **by 9:30am to request homework** for their absent student. This ensures that teachers have ample amount of time to collect, copy, and complete student-absent forms.
3. Either a doctor's note or a signed statement by the parent or guardian which includes: 1) the student's name, 2) the dates missed, 3) reason for the absence must be presented to the office on the first day back following an illness.
****Reminder** under 7.01 MJHS Attendance Policy, a parent/guardian can only excuse their student(s) for two (2) absences per quarter. All other absences falling within that quarter must have a doctor's note for excusal.**
4. On the morning of the student's return, before school starts, a student must acquire a "return to class permit". Failure to do so will result in an unexcused tardy to class. It is the students responsibility to give their absence slip to the teacher of the class(es) they have missed in order to qualify for make-up work.

7.01b LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If a student must leave before the regular dismissal time, a note must be sent to the school office with the student in advance so that arrangements can be made for your child to get assignments from their teachers ahead of time. A parent or guardian must check the student out by reporting to the office to identify the student, state the purpose for absence, sign his/her name on the sign-out form located in the office vestibule, and report the time the student left school grounds.

7.01c. PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES / VACATIONS

Prearranged absences not to exceed five (5) per school year may be excused with the permission of the Principal for such reasons as family vacations **provided the student has not missed more than five (5) days in a given semester, and none of these five (5) days are unexcused**. At least five (5) school days notice is required to prearrange an absence as excused. The student is responsible to get their assignments before leaving on the prearranged absence and those assignments are due on the first day back following the absence. Tests missed during the absence must be made up at the teacher's earliest convenience.

7.01d MAKE-UP WORK POLICY

For each day absent the student will have one day to make up the work that was missed. For long-term absences the student, along with parent/guardian must arrange with their teacher(s) for make-up work. Parents/Guardians who know that their child's illness will continue beyond ten (10) days should contact the school office to arrange for a possible

homebound tutor.

It is the student's responsibility to arrange with their teacher(s) to complete make-up work. The student will receive a failing grade for make-up work which is not completed on time.

7.01e EXCUSED ABSENCE DEFINITION

1. Illness or injury.
2. Death in the family or of a close friend.
3. Medical and dental appointments which are **pre-approved**.
4. Court appearance(s).
5. Special religious observance.
6. After two (2) absence per quarter, a doctor, dentist, or court notice is needed for it to be excused.
7. Other critical or emergency situations as approved by the Principal.

7.01f UNEXCUSED ABSENCE DEFINITION

All absences other than those above such as car trouble, shopping, hair appointments, baby-sitting, oversleeping, driver's exams, work, missing the bus, etc. will be deemed as unexcused. **School work missed during unexcused absences MUST be made up and will be subject to receive an automatic 20% deduction on assignments, quizzes, and tests.**

7.02 TRUANCY

Truancy is usually defined as an unexcused absence from school. If a student is chronically or habitually truant, as defined by the State and the Local School District, action may be taken against the parents of the student. If parents do not cause the student to attend school after they have been notified of the truancy, the parents may be found guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. ****Students missing 10% of the previous 180 days will be reported to the Truancy Intervention Program.**

7.03 ILLINOIS SCHOOL CODE AND STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Illinois School Code mandates that any student who exceeds eighteen (18) absence with in a school year is to be immediately reported to the Regional Office of Education, and that they must obtain a doctor's note from a medical physician for each absence thereafter.

7.04 RESIDENCE

A student's residence is the same as the person who has legal custody of the student. A student is presumed to be a resident in the school district wherein his or her parents reside. After a divorce, a child is presumed to reside with the custodial parent. When a student does not live with his parents, he or she may establish a residency if he or she is legally emancipated and self-supporting, is placed with a legally appointed guardian for reasons other than to attend school, or is in the long-term custody of someone other than family members for reasons other than to attend school. Only students who are residents of the district may attend a district school without a tuition charge, except as otherwise provided below or in Illinois State Law. A person asserting legal custody over a student, who is not the child's natural or adoptive parent, must complete a signed statement stating:

1. That he or she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the child.
2. The reason the child lives with him or her, other than to receive an education in the district, and that he or she exercises full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency. In addition, the child's natural or adoptive parent, if available, shall complete a signed statement or Power of Attorney stating:
 - the role and responsibility of the person with whom their child is living; and that the person with whom the child is living has full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency.

7.05 NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Non-resident students may attend district schools upon the superintendent's recommendation, approval of the Board of Education, and subject to the following:

1. The student will attend on a year-to-year basis. Approval for any one year is not authorization to attend a following year.
2. The student will attend the school designed by the School Board.
3. The student will be accepted only if there is sufficient room.

4. The student's parents or guardians will be charged the maximum amount of tuition as allowed by State law.
5. Transportation to and from school shall be the responsibility of the parents or guardians.
6. The superintendent or designee is authorized to enter into a written agreement with adjacent school districts to provide for tuition-free attendance by a student of the adjacent district, provided that both the superintendent or designee and the adjacent district determine that the student's health and safety will be served by such attendance. When making a request for tuition-free attendance, the student or parents or guardians should state in writing how the student's health and safety needs will be served by such attendance.
7. The superintendent or designee is authorized to enter into written agreements with cultural exchange organizations and institutions supported by charity to provide for tuition-free attendance by foreign exchange students and non-resident pupils of charitable institutions.

7.06 CHALLENGING A STUDENT'S RESIDENCE STATUS

If the superintendent or designee determines that a student attending a school on a tuition-free basis is a non-resident of the district for whom tuition is required to be charged, the superintendent will notify the person who enrolled the student of the tuition amount that is due. The notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. The person who enrolled the student may challenge this determination and request a hearing as provided by The School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b.

VIII. ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND POLICIES

8.01 ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS AND LEARNING STANDARDS

In 2010, the Illinois State Board of Education adopted the Common Core Learning Standards. These standards were drafted by experts and teachers from across the country and are designed to ensure students are prepared for today's entry-level careers, freshman-level college courses, and workforce training programs. Common Core Standards focus on developing the critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills students will need to be successful. These standards also provide a way for teachers to measure student progress throughout the school year and ensure that students are on the pathway to success in their academic careers. To learn more about the Common Core Standards and the skills that students need to succeed, please visit the Illinois State Board of Education website: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Learning-Standards.aspx>

8.02 STUDENT SCHEDULE

All students are provided a schedule card that contains their daily class schedule with class instructors and their locker number. Students are encouraged to keep their schedule card for future references.

8.02a FLEX PERIOD

Flex period is a forty (40) minutes period arranged at the end of the day (2:26 – 3:06pm) for our students. This period is designed so that students can receive the appropriate academic assistance they need. All teachers will be available during this time. Student's flex hours can be changed throughout the school year to accommodate their academic needs. All students must follow the below procedures for flex hour.

- Students are to be in their seats at the start of the period and remain there until after attendance is taken.
- Students are to bring all study materials with them to their flex period.
- A student receiving assistance in another flex period teacher's room, must obtain a permit slip in advance from that flex teacher and present it to their original flex teacher at the beginning of the hour. Once the permit slip has been present and permission given that student is to go directly to the assisting flex teacher and remain in the classroom.
- A student may go to the library during flex hour, but must obtain a permission slip from the librarian in advance. Student will present the permit slip to their flex teacher after attendance has been taken. Flex teachers will also have additional library permits that they may give upon their discretion.

8.03 COURSES OF STUDY

Marshall Junior High School offers a wide variety of courses for students. Core curriculum subjects of language arts, mathematics, science, and social sciences are offered at each grade level. Students will have core curriculum courses for a full year, along with physical education. Through the year students will be enrolled in classes that are a semester in length and also quarter (9 weeks) length classes, called mini courses. A breakdown of these courses can be located under, [8.03a Duration of Courses](#) and [8.04 Course Descriptions](#).

8.03a DURATION OF COURSES

GRADE 7		GRADE 8	
Name of Course	Duration	Name of Course	Duration
Literature	Full Year	Literature	Full Year
Math	Full Year	Math**	Full Year
Physical Education	Full Year	Physical Education	Full Year
Science	Full Year	Science	Full Year
World Geography	Full Year	US History	Full Year
Language Arts	Semester	Language Arts	Semester
US History	Semester	Civics	Semester
Art (U/S/E)	1 quarter	Computers*	1 quarter
Computers (U/S/E)	1 quarter	Health	1 quarter
Family Consumer Science	1 quarter	Math Concepts	1 quarter
Health	1 quarter	Research to Careers*	1 quarter
(U/S/E) indicates courses that are assessed by the use of the following grading method: Unsatisfactory, Satisfactory, Excellent		*indicates courses that are assessed with a PASS/FAIL grading method **if course is Algebra, high school credit is earned but no high school grade	

8.04 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

8.04a BAND AND CHORUS

Marshall Junior High School students have the opportunity to study band and chorus. Interested students enroll in these elective classes in the spring for the upcoming year. These courses are full year elective classes that meet in the high school band and chorus rooms. A student may add band or chorus the first two days of the school year only.

8.04b LANGUAGE ARTS / LITERATURE

Language Arts (7th Grade) - Semester

Students will be introduced to the different parts of speech. During the class students will study and learn correct paragraph and essay writing, which include narratives, persuasive, and expository components.

Language Arts (8th Grade) - Semester

Students study and develop a command of the written language through sentence structure, paragraph writing, and essay writing. Throughout the class students will learn about narrative and persuasive writing these enable a student to communicate in a variety of purposes.

Literature (7th Grade) – Full Year

Students in seventh grade literature are given the opportunity to explore and learn about the elements of fiction and non-fiction reading, such as, short stories, biography, autobiography, essay, articles, and interviews. Throughout the class students will be introduced to drama and poetry reading and writing.

Literature (8th Grade) – Full Year

Students at the eighth grade literature level will engage in short story reading from a variety of novels, plays, and poetry. Students will participate in class discussions, complete class projects, and writing activities in connection to selected reading assignments. Students also study and research Greek Mythology.

8.04c MATHEMATICS

Math (7th Grade) – Full Year

In Grade 7 Math, instructional time will focus on proportional relationships, rational numbers, expressions, linear equations, scale drawings, area, surface area, volume, probability, and geometric constructions. Material is aligned to the common core state standards. Instructional time will be spent taking classroom notes, quizzes, and tests, completing projects, class assignments, homework assignments, and class activities.

Pre-Algebra (7th Grade) – Full Year

In Grade 7 Pre-algebra, instructional time will focus on proportional relationships, rational numbers, expressions, linear equations, scale drawings, area, surface area, volume, probability, and geometric constructions as in seventh grade math. However, the material will be covered at a faster pace, will include more algebra applications, and will also include topics from the eighth grade common core standards such as using linear equations and systems of equations. Material is aligned to the common core state standards using the accelerated seventh grade traditional pathway plan. Instructional time will

be spent taking classroom notes, quizzes, and tests, completing projects, class assignments, homework assignments, and class activities.

❖ **8.04b1 MJHS PRE-ALGEBRA PLACEMENT POLICY**

Approximately 25% of students entering Grade 7 meeting a set of specific guidelines will be enrolled in 7th grade Pre-algebra. Students' sixth grade math grades, sixth grade equations assessment, AimsWeb scores, scores on academic standardized tests, along with teacher recommendation are used to determine eligibility. A student that moves into district after the school year has begun may be assessed to determine their proper math placement.

Pre-Algebra (8th Grade) – Full Year

In Grade 8 Pre-algebra, instructional time will focus on expressions and equations, solving linear equations and systems of linear equations, functions, two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity and congruence, and the Pythagorean Theorem. Material is aligned to the common core state standards. Instructional time will be spent taking classroom notes, quizzes, and tests, completing projects, class assignments, homework assignments, and class activities.

Algebra (8th Grade) – Full Year

In Grade 8 Algebra, instructional time will focus on expressions and equations, solving linear equations and systems of linear equations, functions, two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity and congruence, and the Pythagorean Theorem as in eighth grade Pre-algebra. However, the material will be covered at a faster pace and will include Algebra standards not included in the eighth grade common core standards such as polynomials and rational expressions, creating equations, solving equations and inequalities graphically. Material is aligned to the common core state standards for Algebra. Instructional time will be spent taking classroom notes, quizzes, and tests, completing projects, class assignments, homework assignments, and class activities.

❖ **8.04b2 MJHS ALGEBRA PLACEMENT POLICY**

Approximately 25% of students entering grade 8, meeting a set of specific guidelines will be enrolled in 8th grade Algebra. Student's seventh grade math grades (A or B every quarter), AimsWeb scores, scores on academic standardized tests, along with teacher recommendation are used to determine eligibility. A student that moves into district after the school year has begun may be assessed to determine their proper math placement.

8.04d PHYSICAL EDUCATION

(7th and 8th Grade) – Full Year

Physical education is a vital component of a student's curriculum program. Physical education instruction provides students with the desire, knowledge, and attitude to achieve a lifetime of healthful living, acquire physical fitness, develop coordination, and participate in leisure time activities.

❖ ***Dress Policy***

Students are expected to dress for PE class every day with the following exceptions:

1. A doctor's note specifying that the student should not participate due to injury or illness.
2. Two (2) "No-Dress" days are allowed per quarter (9 weeks).
3. Two (2) parental excusal notes will be honored per quarter (9 weeks) indicating that their student should not participate in physical education class.

❖ ***Physical Education Excusal***

Students in grades K-12 may be excused from participating in physical education for the following reasons:

1. A physical or emotional condition diagnosed and reported by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act and submitted to the Marshall Schools Superintendent by the student's parents/guardians. The student shall be provided alternative special activities.
2. A written statement of objection based on constitutional or religious grounds signed by the parent/guardian and submitted to the Marshall Schools Superintendent when a student is excused from physical education on a semester, year, or permanent basis. Credit normally in physical education shall be earned in an alternate subject. The student shall enroll in an academic subject which has been approved by the Building Principal and for which credit may be earned in lieu of the required credit in physical education.

8.04e SCIENCE

Science (7th Grade) – Full Year

Students will learn about the scientific method, metric measurement, matter, introductory chemistry, motion energy, and force. Also, covered will be the functions of simple machinery, electricity, light, sound, and conservation of energy.

Topics of genetics, astronomy, ecology, and weather will be incorporated throughout the year.

Science (8th Grade) – Full Year

Grade 8 students will continue learning about the scientific method and incorporate it into experimental procedures. Topics will include biology, ecology and evolution, as well as organism anatomy. Students will take part in research projects, presentations, and dissections.

8.04f SOCIAL SCIENCES

US History (7th Grade) – Semester

Grade 7 United States History cover the period of Early Native Americans to the end of the American Civil War. The class will examine American prehistory and then move on to Native American cultural groups, European exploration, discovery, and colonization of America. Students will learn of the American Revolution and the founding of the United States, as well as, the growth of the new nation through the Civil War.

World Geography (7th Grade) – Full Year

Students utilize physical and cultural perspectives to examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international levels. Students describe the influence of geography on the events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues. As an additional part of the class curriculum, each student is required to identify all fifty (50) states on a map of the United States to assist students' knowledge at our national level.

Civics (8th Grade) – Semester

Civics is the study of citizenship and government. Students are introduced to how our state and federal governments were formed and what processes had to be taken to create our Illinois and US Constitutions. Students are informed and assisted in becoming better citizens so they may be essential to the sustainability and improve to the government in which they live. In addition, this course is a requirement by the US Department of Education in that all students demonstrate understanding of the main framework of the State and Federal Government. Therefore, each student must complete the class with a passing grade to proceed onto high school.

US History (8th Grade) – Full Year

Grade 8 United States History covers events, problems, and many challenges that have occurred to help shape our country, this United States of America. Beginning course topics include: The Reconstruction Era-the rebuilding of our nation after our Civil War, Wild and Wooly Quest for the West, America and The Great War – World War I, and on into the new Millennium of the 21st Century. This course allows students to look deeper into the history of the United States to be able to gain knowledge to create their own conclusions and ideas.

8.04g MINI COURSES

Each grade level at Marshall JHS has what are called *mini courses*, which means that the course's duration is one (1) quarter of the school year. Every quarter a student will have a new mini course that they will be enrolled in. These courses are vital additions to our curriculum program to improve and assist our students' achievement in their core curriculum classes and their success outside of our school.

Art (7th Grade)

Seventh grade art is an introductory course to the elements of art, principles of design, different media, and aesthetics. Students will be working on developing and exploring problem-solving skills. The main movements and ideas that will be covered are perspective, color theory, measurements, proportions, gridding, Pop Art, and Realism. Students will create both two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork.

Computers (7th Grade)

Seventh grade computers will focus on basic computer skills and responsible computer use. Students will develop a basic understanding of Internet safety, ethical computer use, keyboarding, opening and closing software files, and accessing and saving to the school server. The course will cover basic and intermediate skills and shortcuts using, but not limited to Microsoft Office Suite. Students will be required to create at least one presentation and present it to their peers.

Computers (8th Grade)

Eighth grade computers will focus on Google capabilities and skills that revolve around Google Drive. Students will develop a basic understanding of Google applications in connection to academics. Ethical computer use and Internet safety will be covered throughout the curriculum. Students are required to create two presentations and present it to their peers.

Family Consumer Science (7th Grade)

Family Consumer Science class covers the areas such as Clothing and Textiles, Foods and Nutrition, Housing, Human Development, and Interpersonal and Family Relationships. This class assists students in understanding themselves, their role in today's society, nature of caring for home and family, as well as, home economic related careers.

Health (7th Grade)

Course topics will include learning about food nutrition, bullying, screen time health, internet safety, street safety, drug and alcohol awareness, sex education/harassment, and school safety. Students will study health related topics, present on specific awareness information, and complete assignments that will require student to work together and individually.

Health (8th Grade)

Course topics will include learning about the benefits of personal fitness and the mechanics of muscles, along with aerobic vs. anaerobic, drug and alcohol awareness, substance addiction and dependency, as well as sex education/harassment. Throughout the class students will also be introduced to the different health careers beyond high school.

Math Concepts (8th Grade)

In Grade 8 math concepts, instructional time will focus more specifically on geometry, statistics, and probability. Materials are an extension of the 8th grade common core state standards. Instructional time will be spent taking classroom notes, quizzes, and tests, completing projects, class assignments, homework assignments, and other class activities.

Research to Careers (8th Grade)

The Research to Careers class is designed to introduce the career development process to students. The process includes self-awareness, career awareness, career exploration, and career preparation. Students will personalize the career development process by integrating information from their academic and career assessments to make informed planning decisions for careers and education and/or training beyond high school. Students are given a variety of career-related assessments, discussion of etiquette, as well as, visiting area businesses, industries, and universities to help them become more aware of their career interests. Students will prepare a portfolio containing items necessary for the competition of seeking a career.

8.05 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE RECOMMENDATION POLICIES

8.05a ENGLISH / LITERATURE

The following guidelines are used for eighth grade students in determining placement in Freshman College English I: **1) B or higher in junior high English classes, 2) Scores from AimsWeb and other academic standardized tests, 3) Teacher recommendation (student ability, application, and academic commitment)**

8.05b MATHEMATICS

Depending on whether an eighth grade student is enrolled in Pre-algebra or Algebra can determine what eligible math course they are placed in when entering high school. A student that completes Pre-Algebra will be recommended for Algebra I or Algebra IA in high school. A student that completes Algebra, during their eighth grade year, can be recommended as a freshman for either Algebra I (if they did not meet academic standards in Algebra as an eighth grade student), Plane Geometry, or Honors Geometry. The determining factors for a student's high school math placement is a culmination of eighth grade math class completed, eighth grade math grades, AimsWeb and other academic standardized test scores, along with teacher recommendation (student ability, application, and academic commitment).

8.06 HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an important part of each student's education. Homework is a tool for teaching the necessary skills of independent study and learning outside the school. Schools characterized by high achievement emphasize, skill attainment, responsibility for learning, and homework. The completion of homework assignments is the responsibility of each student.

Homework...

- increases time on task
- extends opportunity to pursue special interests and/or ability areas
- challenges students to set priorities, manage their time, and develop self-discipline for lifelong learners
- provides an opportunity for parental involvement in the formal education process
- communicates high expectations schools hold for their students, teachers, administrators and community

8.07 MJHS GRADING SCALE

A+	over 100%	C+	83 – 84%
A	95 – 100%	C	76 – 82%
A-	93 – 94%	C-	74 – 75%
B+	91 – 92%	D+	72 – 73%
B	87 – 90%	D	68 – 71%
B-	85 – 86%	D-	66 – 67%
		F	0 – 65%

8.08 REPORT CARDS

Report cards are distributed at the end of each nine-week period. Parents/Guardians can receive their students reports cards via email and also accessible via Lumen Parent Portal. If a parent wishes to have grades sent electronically please inform the main office. Report cards not received electronically will be sent out via mail. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to review carefully the information on the report card. In addition to grades, attendance is also recorded on the report card.

8.08a MID-QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS

Midway through each quarter, five week progress reports will be made available to all parents/guardians. Progress reports will be received via email and/or Lumen Parent Portal. Any parent not receiving electronic reports will have their students report mailed to them. If a concern exists, parents and student should consult with the teacher concerning strategies for improvement.

8.09 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROMOTION STANDARDS

8.09a ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

Students are responsible for earning passing grades at Marshall Junior High School. When a student accumulates **two (2) failing classes or more** in a grading period, a student conference will be held to address the student's grade deficiencies. A conference will be held with appropriate teachers and parents/guardians to develop a remediation plan for the student. Should failures occur, students will be recommended for academic assistance which may include RtI (Response to Intervention) Program, homework help/late stays, academic probation, summer school, and/or consideration for retention. ****Eighth graders not performing well in English/Language Art classes and/or Illinois State Assessment tests will take a one (1) semester ninth grade reading/writing class in high school.**

8.09b ACADEMIC PROBATION

Academic probation occurs when a student fails **two (2) classes for two (2) grading periods**. When academic probation occurs, a student is not allowed to attend any extra-curricular activity without administrative approval. Academic probation discontinues when the student is no longer failing two or more classes at the end of a grading period. A student can be re-instated on academic probation if two (2) or more Fs are earned in a future grading period.

8.09c RETENTION

1. When a student has three (3) F's in any subject, successful completion of a summer school program may be required in order to pass onto the next grade level.
2. The decision to promote a student to the next grade level shall be based on successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, performance based on Illinois State Assessments, STS Test (high school placement), or other testing.
3. A student shall not be promoted based upon age or any other social reason not related to academic performance. The administration shall determine remedial assistance for a student who is not promoted.

8.09d AUTOMATIC RETENTION

A student that fails eight (8) courses within a school year will automatically be retained at their current grade level.

IX. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND REGULATIONS

9.01 School Dances

Throughout the year a variety of dances will be held for junior high school students. During school dances, all school rules are in effect for students attending.

The following policies are in effect for school dances.

1. High School students **may not** attend any dance for junior high students.
2. Students **will not** be re-admitted after leaving a dance. If a student chooses to leave a dance unsupervised and/or early, parents may be notified to verify the circumstances.
4. Only Marshall Junior High School students may attend.

9.02 Extracurricular Regulations for Students

Marshall Junior High School is a member of the Illinois Elementary School Association (I.E.S.A.) and abides by the rules set by the association. Inter-scholastic basketball (girls and boys), cross country (girls and boys), scholastic bowl, track (girls and boys), and girls' volleyball are offered under the IESA.

- A. In order for an MJHS student to participate, they must be in attendance for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th periods in their entirety. In an emergency situation the student may request to be absent by following attendance procedures outlined in this handbook. (Refer to **7.01 MJHS ATTENDANCE POLICY** for more information on student attendance.)
- B. A MJHS student must abide by the Marshall C-2 policy concerning violation of training rules and code of conduct. The Training Rules are located below for reference.
- C. A MJHS student-athlete must provide a statement from the parents relieving the school from responsibility for medical bills incurred while participating in athletics.
- D. A MJHS student-athlete must provide a certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician not more than one year preceding beginning practice or game.

9.03 School Athletic Committee Policy

1. Players may move up to the next age level to play games on a part time basis only when low participation makes it necessary.
2. Open gym and recreation times will be scheduled so that student/athletes are not forced to choose between two or more at the same time.
3. When a student/athlete quits a given sport, he/she may participate in another sport immediately.
4. All athletic clothing/uniforms/wearing apparel purchased by the district, individuals, booster groups or non-school groups which is worn by students representing school teams and/or groups will be red and white. Gray may be used as an accent color. Apparel which displays students' names will consist only of last names. Shoe colors and styles will be designated by the coach with approval of the principal. Exceptions may be made by the building principal.
5. A form clearly stating an understanding of who will be responsible for students' safety and behavior will be required for all summer out-of-season camps, workshops, and trips.
6. Coaches/sponsors have the authority to ask visitors to leave practices.
7. Students participating in co-curricular activities or athletic events must ride school transportation to those activities unless special conditions warrant the principal's **prior approval** of alternate transportation. **Failure to ride school transportation or receive prior approval of alternate transportation will result in the student not being able to participate in the co-curricular or athletic event.**
8. For a suspension to be considered served, the student-athlete must finish the season in which they served the suspension in good standing.
9. Coaches' or Sponsors' training rules will be approved by the school Athletic Director or Principal.

9.03a ACTIVITY TRAINING RULES

The Coach/Sponsor must follow these procedures.

Since participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right, the following training rules apply to all participants during their involvement in the activities listed below for grades 5 through 12. The activity training rules are in effect throughout the calendar year.

9.03a1 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

A student must be passing all classes and maintain a "C" average to participate. Principal, coaches, and teachers will work with the student to help the student bring his/her grade to passing status. The student will be excluded

from all games until the grade is brought up to passing at the next grade check.

Eligibility grade sheets are given to the teacher on Wednesday of each week and must be turned in to the Principal's office by Friday by noon. Eligibility runs from Sunday to Saturday following the report date.

Student participants are also required to maintain IESA requirements.

If a student is ineligible for four consecutive weeks, that student will be removed from participation in the sport or activity to facilitate more study time. School activities covered by the eligibility/disciplinary policy are the following:

Basketball (Girls/Boys)	Cheerleading	Cross Country (Girls/Boys)	Cub-Cudettes
Library Clerks	P.A.W.S.	Office Helpers	Scholastic Bowl
Student Council	Track (Girls/Boys)	Volleyball (Girls)	

9.03a2 VIOLATION OF TRAINING RULES

Drugs - Use, possession, sale, or distribution of controlled substances.

Alcohol - Consumption, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages.

Tobacco - Use, distribution, or possession of tobacco in any form.

1st Offense (In an academic career)

A. Students will lose 30% of the games if in season, or 20% of the games if between seasons. In an effort to reward honesty, students who report their violation of the training rules to their coach, athletic director or the principal within three days of the violation, will lose 20% of the games if in season, or 10% of the games if between seasons. In addition, the student must attend counseling with the school counselor.

B. Refusal to attend counseling with the School Counselor will result in the student being suspended from all activities for the rest of the school year.

2nd Offense (In an academic career)

A. A student who violates the Code a second time within a calendar year must enroll at the earliest possible date and complete an Administration approved treatment program. The student will also lose 50% of the games of the next season in which he/she participates.

B. Failure to enroll at the earliest possible date and complete an Administration approved treatment program will result in the student being suspended from participating in all activities covered by the Code for one calendar year from the date of the second violation.

3rd Offense (In an academic career)

The student will be suspended from participation in all activities covered by the Code for one calendar year from the date of the third violation.

9.03a3 VIOLATION OF ANY CRIMINAL CODE

Students may be suspended from activities for violation(s) of the criminal code. The Principal has the responsibility to investigate possible criminal code violations. If the investigation by the Principal reveals violations of Coach or Sponsor Training Rules or violations of the Code as addressed above, the Principal may invoke discipline consistent with the Coach or Sponsor Training Rule or the Code. The Principal, upon the conclusion of a resulting court case, will determine the length of the suspension based on the severity of the criminal code violation. Students found guilty **will not** be allowed to participate on homecoming or prom courts, if applicable.

A. The Authority to Determine Violations of the Code

1. Students may be reported for a violation of the training rules by a teacher, administrator or police who observed the violation.
2. The Principal shall be responsible for the investigation of the violation and administration of the consequences of the violation.

B. Right of Review of a Violation

1. The student-athlete and parents have the right to request a hearing with the coach, athletic director, and principal within ten (10) days of exclusion.
2. If the student-athlete or parents are unsatisfied with the first hearing, they may request a hearing with the Athletic Committee, within ten (10) days of the hearing with the coach, athletic director, and principal.
3. All exclusion rights and privileges of the student-athlete shall be the same as described in the School Board Policies and must be initiated within 30 days of the meeting with the Athletic Committee.

X. STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND CONDUCT

Students are expected to behave in a manner that will be a credit to Marshall Junior High School. It is impossible for teaching and learning to take place in a classroom unless good order is maintained. Therefore, these standard discipline procedures have been established. These discipline procedures **do** pertain to **all** students and are extended to include all extracurricular school activities.

10.01 STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- To become informed of and adhere to reasonable rules and regulations established by local boards of education and implemented by school administrators and teachers.
- To refrain from libel, slanderous remarks, and obscenity in verbal and written expression.
- To be punctual and present in the regular or assigned school program to the best of one's ability.
- To refrain from gross disobedience or misconduct or behavior that materially and substantially disrupts the educational process.
- To maintain the best possible level of academic achievement.
- To respect the reasonable exercise of authority by school administrators and teachers in maintaining discipline in the school and at school-sponsored activities.
- Comments that may be construed as threats to the safety of our students and staff members will not be allowed. Similar to airport check-in points, implied threats will be taken seriously.

10.01a BOOK BAGS, PURSES, AND BACKPACKS

For the health, well-being, and safety for everyone, students are not to bring book bags, purses, or backpacks to class. Book bags, purses, and backpacks, are to be stored in their lockers at all times.

10.01b FOOD, GUM, DRINKS, AND CANDY

Food, gum, all drinks, and candy are only to be consumed in the cafeteria. Gum should not be chewed at any time during the school day. Detentions will be issued for students in violation.

10.01c CELLPHONES, MUSIC DEVICES, TABLETS, AND OTHER DEVICES

1. Students are **not** to use cellphones, or other electronic devices for music, games, cameras, video, social media, or any device/toy that is disruptive to the educational process without the permission of administration.
2. Cellphones **may not** be turned on or used during the school day. Student possession of cellphones in the school building or on school grounds during the school day (7:45am – 3:06pm) is restricted to storage in their school locker. Cellphones must not be visible during these time periods. Furthermore, a student may not initiate or receive calls, text messages, or pictures/videos during the school day or while participating in school events without the express permission of school officials.
3. Cellphones and other devices with recording or camera capabilities are prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms, or other areas with a heightened need for privacy. Violation of this rule may be considered Gross Disobedience or Misconduct (Refer to 10.04k GROSS DISOBEDIENCE OR MISCONDUCT for more information.)
4. The school district is not responsible for theft or damage to phones brought onto school property. If a student needs to make a call during the school day, they are to use the phone in the main office with permission.

Violation of this policy will result in confiscation of the phone/device. The student will not be permitted to remove the battery or any memory component. A parent or guardian will need to retrieve the cellphone from the office. Depending on the circumstances of the violation, additional consequence may result.

10.01d STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to wear proper attire while at school. Students are to dress and groom in a manner that meet reasonable standards of health, cleanliness, and safety. Bare feet, cut-off t-shirts, tube tops, tank tops, shorts, hats, apparel that uses inappropriate slogans or references, and attire that is disruptive to the educational process, are not considered appropriate. Exposed underclothing, spaghetti straps, and pants hanging off buttocks are also considered inappropriate. Shorts must be fingertip length. Absolutely no hats are to be worn in the building. Students will be asked change if dress code is not adhered to.

10.02 DEFINITION OF CONSEQUENCES

10.02a NOON/LUNCH DETENTION

All students earning a noon/lunch detention will be notified by the teacher and/or principal. Parents/Guardians will be notified by the issuing teacher or through the office.

1. Students serving a noon /lunch detention will go to the cafeteria to get their lunch. The student will take their lunch directly to the designated detention room where the detention supervisor will be waiting. (If a student brought a lunch from home that students is not to go to the cafeteria, but directly to the detention room.) Lunch trays will be taken back to the cafeteria once permission is given by the detention supervisor.
2. Students are to work or read on school materials during their noon detention. No talking or horseplay will be tolerated. Students will respect all other individuals in the detention room by following rules and appropriate behavior.
3. A student who is tardy or disruptive will be assigned additional consequences by the supervisor and/or principal.

10.02b AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

All students that earn an after school detention will be notified by the teacher and/or principal. The student will also be given a reminder slip from the office the day of the detention.

1. On that day, after the final dismissal bell, the student is to gather all homework and materials and report directly to the office where the detention supervisor will be waiting to take him/her to the designated detention area.
2. The student is expected to work and/or read quietly on school materials the entire time. If the student has nothing to work on the supervisor will assign additional work. The detention will last from 3:06-4:00pm.
3. When a student receives an after school detention the parent/guardian will be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours before the after school detention date. The parent/guardian is responsible for the student's transportation home.

10.02c EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain in the schools an environment conducive to learning and conducive to the educational process. A student's conduct is largely a personal matter that should be maintained within the limits of acceptability. However, school administrator and teachers have an important responsibility when a student is to learn. Therefore, whenever it is in the best interest of the student, the school, or other students to exclude a student from the educational program or related services, the following procedures shall be followed:

DEFINITIONS OF EXCLUSION

"Bus Suspension" means an exclusion from riding a school bus for any length of time.

"Emergency" means a situation where the student's presence poses an immediate or continuing danger to persons or property or constitutes an on-going threat of disrupting the educational process.

"Exclusion" means any denial of educational services, programs, or transportation, as the case may be, to which a student would otherwise be entitled.

"Expulsion" means an exclusion for a period of more than ten (10) school days, but not more than two (2) years.

"Suspension" means an exclusion in-school or out-of-school for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days or until the end of the next grading period, whichever is less. A student will be graded on all work required during the suspension. It must be turned in upon the return to regular classes.

10.02c1 SUSPENSION PROCEDURES

1. The suspending official shall give the student oral or written notice of the charges which constitute the student's gross disobedience or misconduct and a summary of evidence which supports such charges.
2. If the student denies the charges the suspending official shall give the student an opportunity to explain the incident.
3. The suspending official shall make a finding, based upon the evidence that the charges are supported by the evidence and a suspension is in order.

10.02c2 EXPULSION PROCEDURES

The superintendent and/or principal shall institute expulsion proceedings against any student guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct. Gross disobedience or misconduct of students shall include, but not be limited to, instances of the following:

1. Disobedience of directives from staff members or school officials and/or rules and regulations governing

student conduct.

2. Possession, use, distribution, purchase, sale, or if found to be under the influence of controlled substances and look alike substances and/or alcoholic beverages.
3. Injury or threat of injury to any school district employee, official, or student.
4. Destruction and/or defacement of any school property.
5. Possession, use, or distribution of a dangerous weapon.
6. Other such conduct that poses a danger to persons or property or disrupts the educational process.

10.03 INTERVIEW OF STUDENTS

Representatives of law enforcement agencies may interview a student without a parent/guardian being notified when the student is not a suspect in a case. Students who are suspects may not be interviewed until his/her parent/guardian has been notified, unless someone is in immediate danger.

10.04 STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

Outlined below are general definitions and standard procedures with a range of consequences for varying violations. Each situation is unique, so depending upon the circumstances the principal may change the punishment as is deemed appropriate. It is the goal of the district to keep students safe, but at the same time limit the use of exclusionary discipline practices when possible.

10.04a ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

At Marshall Junior High School it is expected that all classwork, homework, tests, etc., to be the original work of the student submitting it. A student that submits work that is not original may have committed the act of academic dishonesty. Plagiarism, a form of academic dishonesty, occurs when a student borrows or restates another's words or ideas and claims them as their own.

- 1st offense: 0% on the assignment and two (2) days of noon detention
2nd offense: 0% on the assignment, a parent conference will be initiated, and two (2) days of Saturday School
3rd offense: Student will be removed from the class for the semester with a failing grade, and three (3) days of out-of-school suspension.

10.04b BOMB THREAT, ARSON, POSSESSION OF A WEAPON, AND/OR EXPLOSIVES

Possession or use of explosives, firearms, or other dangerous weapons or instruments shall be prohibited on school buses, school buildings, at any related activity, or on school grounds at all times. Students found to be in violation of this policy shall be disciplined by the administration on an individual basis. Disciplinary measures may include counseling, withholding of privileges and/or suspension or expulsion. The District shall notify the parents of the action taken and may notify juvenile authorities. In cases of suspension or expulsion, the District shall follow procedures required by state law and Board policy.

10.04c BULLYING OR CYBER BULLYING

Bullying is defined as any form of behavior that subjects a person to ongoing physical or psychological harm. Illinois Schools are required to identify students who are at risk for aggressive behavior (including bullying), notify their parents, and intervene immediately.

- 1st offense: Contact parents and 2 days detention after school
2nd offense: Contact parents and 1 day suspension
3rd offense: Contact parents and 3 days suspension

Marshall C-2 will use the following demonstrated behaviors to identify students at risk:

1. Past history of aggressive or violent behavior, stealing, vandalism, lying, cheating, and fire-setting.
 2. Uncontrolled anger.
 3. Mild patterns of hitting, intimidating, and bullying
 4. History of discipline problems.
 5. Threats to use violence.
 6. Possession of a weapon.
 7. Expressing violence in writing or drawing.
 8. Affiliation with gang and gang-related activities.
 9. Prejudice or intolerance for differences.
- Parents of students deemed to be at risk of bullying behavior will be notified of the school's concerns and informed of our intervention process in the event it is needed.

- The most effective action for parents and guardians is to impress upon their student early and often that such behavior will not be tolerated. Then follow-up with action when necessary.

Our bully/cyber bully intervention process will include, but is not limited to:

1. Encourage all staff to report observances to the principal.
2. Interview all involved students.
3. Notify parents of concerns.
4. Refer convers to team of counselors, psychologist, social worker, BD/ED itinerant, and police.
5. Create an individual plan as the situation dictates.

10.04d ETHNIC SLURS

1st offense: 2 days of after-school detention and 1 mandatory counseling session with the school counselor.

2nd offense: 1 day suspension and 2 mandatory counseling sessions with the school counselor.

3rd offense: 2 day suspension and 3 mandatory counseling sessions with the school counselor.

10.04e EXCESSIVE NOON DETENTIONS

An after school detention will be issued to any student who has **accumulated more than three (3) noon detentions** within a quarter (nine week period). Each noon detention that follows within that quarter (nine week period) will also result in an after school detention.

10.04f EXCESSIVE AFTER SCHOOL DETENTIONS

A Saturday School will be issued to any student who has **accumulated four (4) or more After School Detentions** within a quarter (nine week period). Each after school detention that follows within that quarter (nine week period) will also result in a Saturday School.

10.04g FIGHTING

1st offense: 2 days suspension.

2nd offense: 3 days suspension.

3rd offense: 5 days suspension.

- ASSAULT UPON ANOTHER STUDENT
3-10 day suspension depending on severity.

10.04h FORGERY

Forgery is the creation of a false written document or alteration of a genuine one, with the intent to defraud. Forgery consists of filling in blanks on a document containing a genuine signature, or materially altering or erasing an existing instrument.

1. *School Work*

1st offense: 3 days out of school suspension

2nd offense: 5 days out of school suspension

3rd offense: 10 days out of school suspension

2. *Passes/Signatures*

1st offense: 1 day Saturday school

2nd offense: 1 day out of school suspension

3rd offense: 3 days out of school suspension

10.04i GAMBLING OR EXTORTION

1st offense: 3 days detention after school.

2nd offense: 3 days suspension.

3rd offense: 5 days suspension.

10.04j GANGS AND GANG-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The presence of or student involvement in gangs or gang-related activities on school grounds while school is in session or at school-related events, including the display of gang symbols or paraphernalia, including references to violence, Satanism, and other that depicts an anti-safe school environment, is strictly prohibited. Any student who violates this policy shall be subject to suspension or expulsion in accordance with the District's student discipline policy. Board Policy 730.14

10.04k GROSS DISOBEDIENCE OR MISCONDUCT

Consequences depend upon circumstances and severity of offense.

10.04i LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PERMISSION

1st offense: Contact parents and 2 days detention after school.
2nd offense: 1 day suspension.
3rd offense: 3 days suspension.
Student will have to make up lost time.

10.04m PHYSICAL ATTACK, THREAT OF PHYSICAL ATTACK UPON AN ADMINISTRATOR, TEACHER, SUPERVISOR, OR OTHER EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT

1st offense: Suspension depends on the problem.
2nd offense: Suspension with recommended expulsion.

10.04n POSSESSION, SMOKING, USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL

1. *Tobacco*

1st offense: 3 day suspension.
2nd offense: 5 day suspension.
3rd offense: 10 day suspension.

2. *Alcohol*

1st offense: 5 days suspension.
2nd offense: 10 days suspension.
3rd offense: 10 days suspension with possible recommendation for expulsion. Police will be informed.

10.04o PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION BETWEEN STUDENTS

1st offense: Contact parents.
2nd offense: 2 days detention after school
3rd offense: 5 days detention after school or other alternatives.

10.04p REPEATED CLASS AND HALLWAY DISTURBANCES

1st offense: Multiple noon detentions.
2nd offense: 3 days detention after school.
3rd offense: 5 days detention after school.

10.04q RUDE, INSULTING, USE OF OFFENSIVE OR PROFANE LANGUAGE TO OTHER STUDENTS

1st offense: Contact parents and 2 days detention after school.
2nd offense: 3 days detention after school.
3rd offense: 3 days suspension.

• TO ADULTS

1st offense: 3 days suspension.
2nd offense: Suspension depends on the problem.

10.04r SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Any misbehavior directed toward school personnel or their property that can be related to school will be dealt with as an extension of the school.

10.04s SEXUAL HARASSMENT

1st offense: 3 days out of school suspension and 5 mandatory counseling sessions with the school counselor.
2nd offense: 5 days out of school suspension and 10 mandatory counseling sessions with the school counselor.
3rd offense: 10 days out of school suspension. Student will be recommended to be placed in an alternative education setting or for expulsion.

(Refer to **16.03 SEX EQUITY** for more information about Marshall Schools Sexual Harassment Policy)

10.04t TARDY TO SCHOOL AND TO CLASS

Students are allowed three (3) tardies per quarter. Upon the fourth tardy within a quarter, a student will receive a noon detention. If a student tardiness equals up to 10% of unexcused school missed it may be is treated as a school truancy situation. (Refer to **7.02 TRUANCY** for more information about truant students)

10.04u THEFT

1st offense: Call parents, restitution, and 5 days detention after school.

2nd offense: Restitution and 3 days suspension.

3rd offense: Restitution, 5 days suspension and possible expulsion.

**Students are required to turn items into the office which are not theirs found on school property.

10.04v THREATS OR INTIMIDATION

1st offense: 3 days detention after school.

2nd offense: 5 days detention after school.

3rd offense: 3 days suspension.

**Depending on severity, the school district will involve police, parents, and counselor.

10.04w USE, POSSESSION, OR DELIVERY OF DRUGS, LOOK-ALIKE DRUGS, INHALANTS, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, ANY CHEMICAL PRODUCT THAT IS USED IN A MANNER IN WHICH IS NOT INTENDED, OR ANY OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

1st offense: 10 days suspension with possible recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement will be notified.

***Students suspended for being under the influence of drugs/alcohol may be reinstated to school without penalty by providing negative results of a drug/alcohol test completed within two (2) hours after the student was suspended. If the results of the test are negative, the parents will be reimbursed for the cost of the test.

10.04x VANDALISM

1st offense: Contact parents, restitution, and 2 days detention after school.

2nd offense: Contact parents, restitution, and 5 days detention after school.

3rd offense: Suspension and restitution.

10.04y WEAPONS

Possession or use of explosives, firearms, or other dangerous weapons or instruments shall be prohibited on school buses, in school buildings, at any school related activity, or on school grounds at all times.

Students found to be in violation of this policy shall be disciplined by the administration on an individual basis. Disciplinary measures may include counseling, withholding of privileges and/or suspension or expulsion. The District shall notify the parents of the action taken and may notify juvenile authorities. In cases of suspension or expulsion, the District shall follow procedures required by state law and Board policy.

10.04z WITHHOLDING PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING A SUSPENDABLE OFFENSE

Consequences depend on severity of offense.

10.05 BUS TRANSPORTATION AND STUDENT CONDUCT

On any school sponsored trip, teachers, coaches, and bus drivers are in full charge of the student and bus. Classroom conduct must be observed at all times when riding the bus. The privilege of riding on the school bus is dependent upon good behavior and observance of the rules and regulations.

The following rules and regulations apply to bus transportation to and from school, extracurricular events, class trips, and field trips, etc. Students traveling on the bus to such events are also to return on the bus unless returning with their own parent(s) or guardian(s). Permission must be obtained from authorized personnel on the trip or prior approval from the principal.

Students involved in security or legal violations on such trips will be remanded to the custody of the appropriate security law enforcement officer. The rules have been given careful consideration and the school feels they are in the best interest of your child.

Please read carefully and impress upon your child the importance of observing these safety regulations. When transporting student to and from school, only authorized personnel shall be permitted on the bus.

10.05a BOARDING PROCEDURE

- Students shall be ready to board the bus at the designated times
- Students shall be careful in approaching the school bus. They should wait until the bus is completely stopped before attempting to enter
- Students shall remain off the road at all times and conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting for the bus
- Students must ride their assigned bus to and from school. Students must have permission from the office to ride a different bus

10.05b PASSENGER GUIDELINES

Students shall observe the following rules for bus behavior and decorum:

- Refrain from using profane or indecent language
- No smoking or possession of tobacco products on the bus
- Assist in keeping the bus as safe and sanitary as possible at all times
- Avoid unnecessary noise which might divert the driver's attention and cause an accident
- Never stick hands, arms, or any other part of the body out of the bus
- Pay for damage intentionally caused to seats or interior parts of the bus
- Never experiment or tamper with the bus or any of its equipment
- Leave nothing in the bus such as lunches, clothing, or books
- Keep personal possessions out of the aisles
- Never throw anything out the windows or anything into the bus
- Remain in assigned seats and avoid rowdiness and horseplay while on the bus
- Practice courtesy to fellow students and the bus driver
- Remain quiet while the bus is approaching and crossing railroad tracks
- Obey the school bus driver and in case of emergency they shall remain in the bus unless otherwise instructed by the individual in authority
- Be good school bus citizens in every way possible
- No possession, use, or selling of alcohol or drugs

10.05c DEPARTURE PROCEDURE

Students shall observe the following when leaving the bus:

- The older students shall help look after the safety of smaller children
- Students shall be careful and wait for the alert signal from the school bus driver
- When necessary to cross the road after getting off the bus, the student(s) will cross twelve feet in front of the bus after looking both ways to make sure no traffic is approaching. The driver shall wait for them to cross
- Students shall get off at the stop designated for them unless their parent(s) or guardian(s) have made arrangements with the driver and school administrator to authorize their departure from the bus at a different place
- Whenever a road becomes impassible or dangerous to travel or whenever a bus cannot safely be turned around for efficient routing, the Director of Transportation shall be empowered to change a route to avoid this situation

10.05d VIOLATIONS PROCESS

Violations of bus conduct rules will result in disciplinary action taken by school administration. Action may include the following:

- Conference with student
- Discipline notice sent home
- Suspension of bus riding privileges and/or suspension from school or other appropriate discipline as outlined in discipline code.

*The parent(s) or guardian(s) of any student suspended from a bus will be required to furnish his/her transportation to and from school during the entire period of the suspension.

10.05e VIDEO SYSTEMS

A video system has been installed on all district buses and will be in use when this video monitoring system is present the camera will provide a visual and audible record of all activities on the bus. The use of such system will allow the driver to focus on the safe operation of the school bus vehicle.

If a discipline problem is recorded, a Marshall Junior High digital video/audio recording will be made for presentation. A presentation to parent(s) or guardian(s) of students shown in the digital recording and/or school board members will be conducted is necessary. Any recording filmed on a school vehicle will only be shown to the personnel of the school, parent(s) or guardian(s) of student(s) shown in the recording. If criminal actions are recorded, a copy of the recording

may be provided to law enforcement personnel.

10.05f EVACULATION DRILLS

Illinois law requires that all bus riding pupils must experience a practical school bus evacuation drill at least twice a year. During the drill, students need to move at least one hundred feet away from the side of the school bus.

10.06 MISCONDUCT BY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Behavioral interventions shall be used with students with disabilities to promote and strengthen desirable behaviors and reduce identified inappropriate behaviors. The District will establish and maintain a committee to develop, implement, and monitor procedures on the use of behavioral interventions for children with disabilities. The committee shall review the State Board of Education's guidelines on the use of behavioral interventions and use them as a non-binding reference. This policy and the behavioral intervention procedures shall be furnished to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of all students with individual education plans: (a) within fifteen (15) days after the policies and the procedures have been adopted by the school board, or (b) within fifteen (15) days after the school board has amended its policies and procedures, or (c) at the time an individual education plan is first implemented for a student. All students shall be informed annually of the existence of this policy and the procedures and a copy of the local procedures shall be made available upon request of any parents and guardians.

XI. MJHS POSITIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

11.01 CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Marshall Junior High School believes character development in our students is an important priority. To assist in promoting that philosophy, each month is focused on a character trait which then is connected to our students of the month awards. Each month, four different students, one (1) girl / one (1) boy from seventh grade, and one (1) girl / one (1) boy from eighth grade are selected by the teachers who exemplify that month's designated trait.

These awards are presented as an example to all students of our expectations and our definition of requirements for success in beyond our school doors. These character traits are based on core values we share and we believe will serve our students well as they move into high school and adult life. Award eligibility is not based necessarily on grades, but rather on the students' possession of that month's positive quality. Below are the Marshall Junior High School character traits and their correlating months.

August Self-Worth	September Respect	October Responsibility	November Citizenship	December Generosity
January Gratitude	February Kindness	March Determination	April Trustworthiness	May Integrity

11.02 EIGHTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

Each spring, at the beginning of May, Marshall JHS eighth grade students have the opportunity to travel on an end of the year field trip. Student attendance on this field trip is a privilege and is earned throughout the school year. For a student to earn this end of the year trip they must meet acceptable marks in three (3) categories: **1)Academics 2)Attendance 3)Behavior** Below is a breakdown of the eighth grade field trip criteria according to each category. This earned criterion goes into effect on the first day of school through the designated date of the field trip.

Academics

- Students earning trip privileges may not have more than one (1) failing class per quarter.
(A final grade check will be administered the day before the trip.)

Attendance

- Students earning trip privileges may not have any unexcused absences during the school year.

Behavior

- Students earning trip privileges may not have more than two (2) after school detentions during the school year.
- Students earning trip privileges may not have attained an In-School Suspension or Out-of-School Suspension.

**Please note that student participation in this activity is considered a privilege, and it is desired that everyone participate and take part in this positive experience that Marshall JHS offers. With knowledge of this field trip criterion, the hope is that this will encourage students to strive towards their fullest potential academically and behaviorally and in doing so be rewarded for their efforts.

11.03 HONOR AND HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grades from academic subjects will be used to calculate eligibility for honor roll. There are two levels of honor roll.

1. **Honor Roll** – any combination of A’s and B’s in the academic subject. In addition, to make Honor Roll, a student may not have any enrichment grade lower than a C.
2. **High Honors** – a student earning high honors has all A’s in their academic subjects

11.04 “PAWSITIVE POSTS” PROGRAM

The “Pawsitive Posts” Program at Marshall Junior High School recognizes the many learning events, wonderful efforts, and acts of kindness that happen among our students and staff each day. Whenever we witness an act of kindness by a student without direction, effort beyond what is asked, or a continued commitment to Marshall Junior High School’s standard of excellence, that teacher and/or staff member will send a postcard home to share and acknowledge your student’s willingness to go above and beyond.

XII. STUDENT USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

12.01 COMPUTERS

Students who are found to be misusing computer equipment by hacking into programs or systems that are unauthorized or otherwise tampering with disks, flash drives, and/or stored information, may lose their privilege to utilize computers at school, may be removed from any computer classes in which they are enrolled, and face additional disciplinary action outlined in the Marshall JHS Student Handbook. (Refer to ***12.05 Marshall C-2 Internet Acceptable Use Policy*** for more information.)

12.02 iPad DEVICES

Marshall Junior High School is a fully functioning One-to-One school. This means that each student at the junior high school is issued his or her own iPad to utilize throughout the day as a learning tool in connection with class instruction. Below you will find our student expectations for the handling, carrying, and use of these devices.

12.02a HANDLING OF DEVICE

1. Use a gentle touch, never bang or slam the device on the desk, floor, etc.
2. Use only your finger or an approved stylus to operate the touch screen.
3. Students should always use their own assigned iPad.
4. Before school starts, get your iPad from your flex teacher’s cart and put it in assigned carrying bag. (Band/Chorus students’ iPads will be in their 7th period classroom.)
5. When returning your iPad to the cart, be sure to place it in the designated slot.

12.02b TRANSPORT OF DEVICE (iPad Bags)

1. Each student has been provided a neoprene bag with their name on it. Students are to **only use school issued bags**.
2. Students cannot share each other’s bags. Use only the bag with their name on it.
3. In transport, bags will be worn over the shoulder, cross the body.
4. The iPad is the only item to EVER be in the inside pocket and it must be zipped.
5. The only items that are allowed in the outside pockets are earbuds and student planner. NO books. NO papers.
6. iPad bags will be stored in the students’ flex hour class (7th hour class for band/chorus students) in a desired location designated by the teacher.

12.02c PROPER USE OF THE DEVICE

1. Use only apps, programs, and websites that the teacher has instructed you to use.
2. Always make responsible and smart learning choices using the technology.
3. Students should never use the iPad to access personal (non-school issued) email or iTunes accounts.
4. All language, pictures, and searches must be school-appropriate.
5. LOCK SCREENS will be set with student’s name and flex hour teacher’s name and the home screen set to a pre-installed background.
6. You are responsible to plug in your iPad during Flex when the battery is 40% or less.
7. Tap “Install Tonight” when updates are needed, and be sure to plug your iPad in to update.

12.02d CARE OF DEVICE

1. Only use clean hands when using electronic devices, only use an approved cleaning cloth on the screen, and keep electronics away from liquids.

2. Never stack anything on top of the device.
3. Be careful to never make marks on either side of the device with a pen or pencil.
4. iPads must be stored in a LOCKED locker during lunch or PE. Hang the bag on a hook or on the top shelf, where it will not be damaged.
5. Never place your iPad on the floor. Make sure your iPad is in a safe place at all times; it is your responsibility to make sure it does not get damaged by yourself or another student.

12.02e TECHNOLOGY VIOLATIONS (T.V.s)

Students must meet the above expectations. Use of the iPad is a privilege that can be revoked at any time.

Physical abuse or extreme misuse may result in the immediate loss of all technology privileges for the remainder of the year, as well as other consequences as provided in the student handbook or determined by the principal. Failure to meet iPad use expectation will follow the below technology violation procedures.

1 ST TECH VIOLATION	Verbal Warning
2 ND TECH VIOLATION	Twenty-four (24) hour guided access
3 RD TECH VIOLATION	One (1) week guided access
4 TH TECH VIOLATION	After school detention(s) and one (1) week guided access
5 TH TECH VIOLATION	Possible loss of iPad device along with other discipline if necessary

12.03 LIBRARY

1. You will be admitted to the library for reference work by way of a permit issued by your teacher who has assigned this work. Present this slip to the study supervisor and you will be allowed to go the library.
2. Use of the library is a privilege and, in fact, a necessity in our school. Others must also use the library. Failure to maintain a studious attitude in the library may cause you to lose this privilege.
3. Library books may be checked out before school, during the noon period, and after school. Every book taken from the library must be checked out so we may have a record of its location.
4. Library books should be checked in by the “deadline” date so other students may have the use of them. Overdue books cause additional work and expense.
5. We encourage the use of the library and believe that these procedures will allow maximum use of its facilities.

12.04 LOCKER USE POLICY

1. Lockers that are made available for student use on the school premises are the property of Marshall Unit #C-2. These lockers are made available for student use in storing school supplies and personal items necessary for use at school, but the lockers are not to be used to store items which cause or could cause an interference with school purposes, or educational function, or which are forbidden by state law or school rules.
2. The student’s use of the locker does not diminish the school ownership or control of the locker. Marshall Unit #C-2 retains the right to inspect the locker and its contents to insure the locker is being used for its intended purpose. Likewise, anything on school grounds may be inspected to insure its appropriateness if there is reason to be concerned. Students’ personal property may be searched if school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the safety or well-being of the student or other students may be endangered by any dangerous item or substance suspected of being in a student’s possession.
3. Students are accountable for and will be held responsible for the contents of their lockers. Students are strongly encouraged to lock their lockers.

12.04a HALLWAY LOCKERS

Hallway lockers have been assigned to each student. These are for storage of books, school materials, clothing, etc. Locks for hallway lockers are optional. Students are responsible for providing their own lock for their hall locker. **It is strongly encouraged for all students to have a lock on their locker and locked for the protection of money, lunches, or any other valuables wanting to be stored in the locker.** Extra keys and combinations must be filed in the office for reference if a student should forget their key or lock combination. Please do not write or place stickers on the inside or outside of the lockers.

12.04b P.E. LOCKERS

Each student will also be assigned a PE locker AND issued a school PE lock to use. The PE lock must stay with the student’s PE locker. Physical education teachers will monitor and enforce that PE locks are locked for the safety and well-being of each student and their valuables.

12.05 MARSHALL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Internet access is available to students and teachers in Marshall District #C-2. The Internet enables worldwide connection to electronic mail, discussion groups, databases, shareware software, and other informational sources such as libraries and museums. Marshall District #C-2 provides Internet access to promote educational excellence and engaged learning in the district's schools by facilitating resource sharing, problem solving, innovation and communication.

12.05a PHILOSOPHY

- *Risk:* It is impossible to control all materials on the Internet. Sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or controversial. With global access to computers and people, there is a risk that students may access material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting.
- *Users responsible:* Internet users, like traditional library users, are responsible for their actions in accessing available resources.
- *Mandatory workshop:* Mandatory workshop completion is required before Internet access is granted to any faculty, staff, student or parent. The purpose of the workshop is to educate users on proper Internet conduct. This policy outlines general responsibilities that are acquired with Internet access.

12.05b INTERNET TERMS AND CONDITIONS

***Acceptable Use:* Marshall District #C-2's Internet access may be used to improve learning and teaching consistent with the educational mission of the district. Marshall District #C-2 expects legal, ethical and efficient use of the Internet.**

- *Privilege:* Use of the Marshall District #C-2 Internet access is a privilege, not a right.
- *Voluntary:* Use of the Marshall District #C-2 Internet access is voluntary on the part of the student or teacher.
- *Subject to system administration:* All Marshall District #C-2 Internet access is subject to system administrator perusal for virus scanning or inappropriate use investigation.

***Inappropriate Use:* Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to intentional uses that violate the law, that are specifically named as violations in this document, that violate the rules enumerated in the Marshall District #C-2 Student Handbooks or any other use that hampers the integrity or security of the district's computer network or any computer networks connected to the Internet.**

- *Violation of law:* Transmission of any material in violation of any international, United States, or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material and threatening, harassing or obscene material. Any violations of the law through the use of the Marshall District #C-2 Internet access may result in disciplinary action or litigation against the offender by the proper authorities.
 - ❖ *Commercial use:* Use for commercial, income-generating, "for-profit" activities or product advertisement is prohibited. Sending unsolicited junk e-mail or chain e-mail letters is prohibited.
 - ❖ *Vandalism/Mischief:* Vandalism and mischief while using the Marshall District #C-2 Internet access is prohibited. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet or any networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the creation or propagation of a computer virus. Any interference with the work of other users, with or without malicious intent, is construed as mischief and is strictly prohibited.
 - ❖ *User sharing:* Once access has been granted to the Marshall District #C-2 Internet, the user is responsible for all actions taken while on the Internet. Sharing of Internet access is not permitted.
 - ❖ *Electronic Mail:* Forgery of electronic mail messages is prohibited. Reading, deleting, copying, or modifying the electronic mail of other users is prohibited.
 - ❖ *File/Data violations:* Deletion, examination, copying or modification of files and/or data belonging to other users is prohibited.
 - ❖ *Downloading:* Downloading of any files onto Marshall District #C-2 computers is prohibited.

12.05c CONSEQUENCES OF POLICY VIOLATION(S)

A violation of the provisions of this policy may result in revocation of the user's Internet access privileges and/or e-mail account, regardless of the success or failure of the attempt. In addition, school disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

- *Initial determination:* The school administrators, with the assistance of the teacher, will make the initial determination of any policy violation.
- *Due process:* Violators will be accorded due process rights in the determination of possible violations and consequences.
- *Denial, revocation, or suspension of Internet Access:* The school administrator, in accordance with the Marshall

District #C-2 disciplinary procedures, may deny, revoke, or suspend any Internet access as deemed necessary.

12.05d DISCLAIMER

Marshall District #C-2 makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Marshall District #C-2 will not be responsible for any damages suffered by users. This includes loss of data resulting in delays, nondeliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or user errors or omissions. Marshall District #C-2 is not responsible for phone/credit card bills or any other charges incurred by users. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. Marshall District #C-2 specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

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XIII. STUDENT AND SCHOOL RECORDS

13.01 MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL RECORDS

The district maintains two (2) types of school records for each student: 1) a permanent record and 2) temporary record.

The permanent record shall include:

- Basic identifying information, including the student's name and address, birth date and place, gender, and the names and addresses of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Academic transcripts, including grades, class rank, graduation date, grade level achieved, and scores on college entrance examinations
- Attendance record
- Accident and health records
- Record of release of permanent record information in accordance with 105 ILCS 10/6(c)
- Scores received on all State assessment tests administered at the high school level (that is, grades 9 through 12)

The permanent record may include:

- Honors and awards received
- School-sponsored activities and athletics

No other information shall be kept in the permanent record. The permanent record shall be maintained for at least sixty (60) years after the student graduated, withdrew, or transferred.

All information not required to be kept in the student permanent record is kept in the student temporary record and must include:

- A record of release of temporary record information in accordance with 105 ILCS 10/(c)
- Scores received on the State assessment tests administered in the elementary grade levels (that is, kindergarten through grade 8)
- Information regarding serious infractions (that is, those involving drugs, weapons, or bodily harm to another) that resulted in expulsion, suspension, or the imposition of punishment or sanction
- Information provided under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (325 ILCS 5/8.6), including any final finding report received from a Child Protective Service Unit
- Completed home language survey

The temporary record may include:

- Family background information
- Intelligence test scores, group and individual
- Aptitude test scores
- Reports of psychological evaluations, including information on intelligence, personality and academic information obtained through test administration, observation, or interviews
- Elementary and secondary achievement level test results
- Participation in extracurricular activities, including any offices held in school-sponsored clubs or organizations
- Honors and awards received
- Teacher anecdotal records
- Other disciplinary information
- Special education files, including the report of the multidisciplinary staffing on which placement or non-placement was based, and all records and tape recordings relating to special education placement hearings and appeals
- Verified reports or information from non-educational persons, agencies, or organizations

- Verified information of clear relevance to the student's education.

The district will maintain the student's temporary record for five (5) years after the student transferred, graduated, or permanently withdrew. Temporary records that may be of assistance to a student with disabilities who graduates or permanently withdraws, may, after five (5) years, be transferred to the parent(s)/guardian(s) or to the student, if the student has succeeded to the rights of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

13.02 STUDENT WITHDRAWAL TO ANOTHER SCHOOL

Students who are withdrawing from school should report to the office for the proper forms. The withdrawal/transfer forms will be filled out by a parent/guardian, school principal, and any associating teachers. These forms are for the student's entrance in a new school. The State of Illinois Transfer Form must accompany students. All school books must be returned and all fees should be paid before the transfer is completed.

*Student transfers into Marshall School District #C-2 must have served any accumulated suspension/expulsion before being admitted.

13.03 PARENT RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over eighteen (18) years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within forty-five (45) days of the day the District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will arrange for access and notify the parents or eligible students of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parents or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the students' education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Parents' rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) are those regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations. The rights include:

1. Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education –
 - a. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 - b. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 - c. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 - d. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - e. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 - f. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 - g. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
 - h. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility
2. Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –
 - a. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 - b. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 - c. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
3. Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –
 - a. Protected information surveys of students;
 - b. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 - c. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5901

If you do not want your child to participate in surveys funded by the U.S. Department of Education, notify the principal in writing before October 1 of the school year.

13.04 CHILDREN'S PRIVACY PROTECTION AND PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT ACT

- (a) For the purpose of this Act, the consent of a parent to the sale or purchase of information concerning a child is required.
- (b) This Act does not apply to any of the following:
- (1) Any federal, state, or local government agency or any law enforcement agency.
 - (2) The National Center for Missing Exploited Children.
 - (3) Any Educational institution.

XIV. HEALTH SERVICES

14.01 WELLNESS POLICY

Belief Statement

The Board of Education of Marshall Community Unit District C-2 is committed to providing a learning environment that supports and promotes wellness, good nutrition, and an active lifestyle and recognizes the positive relationship between good nutrition, physical activity, and the capacity of students to develop and learn. The school district shall promote good habits of nutrition and physical activity in each student.

The complete Wellness Policy may be found on the district's website:

<http://www.marshall.k12.il.us/unit/districtinfo/wellnesspolicy/wellnesspolicy.htm>

14.02 ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

Medication required by a student shall generally not be administered at school by a District employee. This policy includes even common and widely used preparations such as aspirin, Tylenol (acetaminophen), Motrin (ibuprofen), allergy, or any over-the-counter medications.

**** In all cases, the school retains the discretion to reject a request for administering medicine.**

For students recovering from temporary illness or students on permanent medication who require medication during the school day may bring medication to school by following these guidelines.

1. A written statement from the student's physician, indicating the necessity for the medication and proper dosage, time, and duration shall be required. The telephone number of the physician and the name and telephone number of the pharmacy shall be indicated.
2. A written request and permission from the parent to administer the drug shall be required.
3. Medication shall be brought to school in appropriately labeled containers which includes the name, dosage of the medication, and the time and route of administration. The name of the student and the names and phone numbers of the physician and pharmacy shall be indicated on the containers. For short-term prescribed medication such as antibiotics, the original prescription bottle label may stand for the doctor's note, yet it should also be accompanied by a parent signed request permitting administration of medicine that includes time last take and the time needed for next dose.
4. Students may carry emergency medications, such as inhalers, epi-pens, and diabetic supplies on their person when a written statement has been received from the student's physician and parent which indicate the medical necessity. Students shall have extra emergency medications stored in the office or nurse's office in the event that the student would misplace or forget his/her medication. Medication shall be administered by the nurse, principal, or designee.

14.02a OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION

In compliance with the State of Illinois guidelines, a student that needs to take an over-the-counter medication at school will either need to have a note from the doctor on file in the main office or a parent must have to be contacted and the parent may bring in the medication and administer it to his/her child.

- **Administration of Medication Form**

This form is available at all school district offices and is available on the school district website, www.marshall.k12.il.us. This form is required to be completed for all prescription and over-the-counter medication that a student needs administered. The form must be completed and signed by the prescribing doctor. A doctor's office may provide their own form for medicine administration which is acceptable with the prescribing doctor's signature. The form must then be returned and will be placed on file. The parent is then responsible for sending in

the medication in the original bottle, labeled with the student's name, grade, and any other pertinent information.

14.02b STORAGE OF MEDICINE

All medications, over-the-counter and prescribed, must be checked into the office upon arrival and will be stored in the office under lock and key until administration. Medication is not permitted in student lockers or possession. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school discipline policy.

14.03 DISEASE POLICY

The School Board recognizes that the student with a communicable and chronic infectious disease is eligible for all rights, privileges and services provided by law and the District's policies. The District shall balance those students' rights with the District's obligation to protect the health of all District students and staff.

When the Building Principal receives notification that a child in the District has been diagnosed as having Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) for AIDS-Related Complex (ARC) or is shown to have been exposed to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or any other identified causative agent of AIDS, the Principal shall immediately notify the Superintendent of the child's identity. The Principal may, as necessary, disclose the identity of the infected child to those persons who, by federal or state law, are required to decide the placement or educational program of the child, as well as to the school nurse and the classroom teachers in whose classes the child is enrolled.

The Board directs the administration to observe all rules of the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding communicable and chronic infectious disease. The Superintendent shall develop and implement procedures for the District to report to the local health authority, where appropriate, known or suspected cases of a communicable and chronic infectious disease involving a District student. The collection and maintenance of the student's medical information shall be done in a manner to ensure the strictest confidentiality and in accordance with federal and state laws regarding student records.

The determination of whether the student with a communicable and chronic infectious disease shall be permitted to attend school in a regular classroom setting or participate in school activities with other students shall be made on a case-by-case basis by the Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease Review Team, the student's personal physician and local health authorities.

If the infected student is not permitted to attend school in a regular classroom or participate in school activities with other students, due to a determination that he or she poses a high risk of transmission of a communicable and chronic infectious disease to other students and staff, every reasonable effort shall be made to provide the student with an adequate alternative education. State regulations and school policy regarding homebound instruction shall apply. Temporary removal of the student from the District's classroom(s) may be appropriate when:

- the student lacks control of bodily secretions;
- the student has open sores that cannot be covered;
- the student demonstrates behavior (e.g. biting) which could result in direct inoculation of potentially infected body fluids in to the bloodstream.

Temporary removal of the student from the classroom for those reasons listed above is not to be construed as the only response to reduce risk of transmission of a communicable and chronic infectious disease. The District shall be flexible in its response and attempt to use the least restrictive means to accommodate the student's needs.

The removal of a student with a communicable and chronic infectious disease from normal school attendance shall be reviewed by the Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease Review Team, in consultation with the student's personal physician and local public health authorities as least once every month to determine whether the condition precipitating the removal has changed.

When a student returns to school after an absence due to a communicable and chronic infectious disease, the school administration may require that he or she present a certificate from a physician licensed in the State of Illinois stating that the student is free from disease or otherwise qualifies for readmission to school under the rules of the Illinois Department of Public Health which regulate periods of incubation, communicability, quarantine and reporting.

If the parents/guardian disagree with the student's alternative educational placement or program, they shall be offered the opportunity to an appeal to the School Board within ten (10) day so their notification of the decision of the Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease Review Team.

At no time shall a District employee or student educationally intimidate any student who has or who is believed to have a communicable and chronic infectious disease. "Educational intimidation" is defined as interference with the child's right to attend or participate in school activities. Educational intimidation may include:

1. Actual or threatening physical harm to the person or property of the child or the child's family; or
2. Impeding or obstructing the child's right of ingress to, egress from, or freedom of movement at school facilities or activities; or
3. Exposing or threatening to expose the child or the family or friends of the child to public hatred, contempt or ridicule.

The actions of the communicable and chronic Infectious Disease Review Team shall not be considered educational intimidation as long as the Team acts within its professional duties and in accordance with applicable law.

14.04 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Every student shall, at or about the same time as he is given a health examination as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, present to the District proof of having received inoculations for preventable communicable diseases. The school staff will apprise parents of their obligations in these areas and will furnish the necessary forms and keep records of compliance.

In accordance with a provision of The School Code of Illinois, students objecting to inoculations on religious grounds shall not be required to submit themselves thereto, if they present to the School Board a statement of such objection signed by a parent or guardian of the student. If the student's physical condition is such that any one or more of the immunizing agents should not be administered, the examining physician shall so state on the health examination form.

All students entering the district's school for the first time shall provide the superintendent or his designee with proof of immunization from disease prior to the first full day of school.

In the case of a transfer student, a period of thirty (30) calendar days, beginning with the first day of enrollment in the District, shall be given to meet the inoculation requirements.

The Superintendent is authorized to prohibit a student from attending school until requirements for such inoculations have been met or a statement objecting to such inoculations has been submitted.

14.05 NUT-FREE SCHOOL

In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students, NO PEANUTS, TREE NUTS, or products containing peanuts and/or tree nuts will be served on the school grounds and school buses. This includes, but is not limited to, the school lunch program, class snacks, and any occasion where food will be served to or shared by students. Furthermore, due to the increasing number of food allergies experienced by children, homemade treats will not be served at class parties and events. ALL foods and treats served must have an ingredient label. Any foods not in compliance will be returned home or disposed of. There will be no exceptions to this policy. Any questionable treats will be referred to the school health professional or principal. This policy does not include lunches brought from home.

14.06 ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

The asbestos management plan for all District #C-2 schools is available for inspection by any interested individual by appointment made through the superintendent's office at least one working day in advance.

14.07 PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

The Marshall School District #C-2 maintains a registry of parents and guardians of students who wish to receive written notice prior to the application of pesticides to school buildings. If you would like to be placed on the registry, please notify the Marshall Schools Unit Office at 503 Pine Street, Marshall, Illinois 62441.

XV. STUDENT SERVICES AND GUIDANCE

15.01 COUNSELING SERVICES

Marshall Junior High School has a school counselor and social worker available to work with students in several areas. Personal, academic, career, and social counseling will be the main areas to be addressed. Students, teachers, or parents may make a referral by contacting the office or the school counselor. Confidentiality is very important in personal situations. However, in the event there is information given that anyone is in danger of harm, that information must be shared with the proper people.

15.02 MANDATED REPORTERS

In accordance to Illinois State Law (Public Act 84-1079), all school personnel are mandated reporters, which means they are required to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect directly to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Mandated reporters and other persons should call the **Illinois Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-252-2873** when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child/student has been abused or neglected. The Hotline worker will determine if the information given by the report meets the legal requirements to initiate an investigation.

State of Illinois Tip Line for potential violence report: 1-800-477-0024.

XVI. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

16.01 STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, religious beliefs, physical or mental disability, status as homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy. Further, the District will not knowingly enter into agreements with any entity or any individual that discriminates against students on the basis of sex or any other protected status, except that the District remains viewpoint neutral when granting access to school facilities under School Board policy 8:20, Community Use of School Facilities. Any student may file a grievance by using Board policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure.

The Superintendent at 503 Pine Street, Marshall, Illinois, telephone: 217-826-5912, is the Coordinator of Nondiscrimination for the School District and the principal of South Elementary School at 805 South Sixth Street, Marshall, Illinois, telephone: 217-826-5041, is the Grievance Officer.

16.02 SELECTION OF ENRICHMENT STUDENTS

The State of Illinois recognizes five (5) percent of the population of each school district as gifted and talented students. The selection plan used by Marshall Community Unit Schools is designed as a broad based process in an effort to include students who are motivated, creative and with innate ability.

16.03 SEX EQUITY

No student shall, on the basis of his or her sex, be denied equal access to programs, activities, services or benefits, or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage or opportunity.

The Superintendent will be Coordinator for Nondiscrimination (the "Coordinator") for the School District, and principal of South Elementary School is the grievance officer.

Within seven (7) calendar days of inquiry by a student, parent/guardian or community resident, the Coordinator shall send a copy of the District's written grievance procedure to the person making the inquiry. Upon receipt of a written grievance, the Coordinator shall investigate the nature and validity of the grievance.

The Coordinator's written decision may be appealed within fifteen (15) calendar days to the School Board.

16.03a SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Student Sexual Harassment of Students - Findings and Intent

- 1st offense: 3 days out of school suspension and 5 mandatory counseling sessions with the school counselor.
- 2nd offense: 5 days out of school suspension and 10 mandatory counseling sessions with the school counselor.
- 3rd offense: 10 days out of school suspension. Student will be recommended to be placed in an alternative educational setting or for expulsion.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide for its students an educational environment free from unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct or communications of a sexual nature constituting sexual harassment as defined and prohibited in this policy.

- **Definition of Sexual Harassment**

"Sexual harassment" committed by a student against another student is defined for purposes of this policy as: Any unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors made by one student to another student, or any conduct of a sexual nature exhibited by a student toward another student, when such conduct has the purpose of substantially interfering with the student's educational performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. See Board Policy 720.20

- **Grievance Procedure**

1. Any student who is the victim of sexual harassment may directly inform the person engaging in sexual harassment that such harassment is unwelcome and must stop. Any student who is so informed to stop engaging in sexual harassment shall do so immediately. The Board recognizes, however, that power and status disparities between the alleged harasser and victim may make such a confrontation impossible.
2. Students shall report any sexual harassment to the Building Principal, Superintendent, Coordinator for Nondiscrimination or Counselor.
3. The grades, attendance or assignment requirements or other conditions of school participation of any student who complains of sexual harassment shall not be affected by so complaining.
4. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall promptly and thoroughly investigate all claims of sexual

harassment, and as part of such investigation, shall conduct interviews of all persons involved. A student who fails to cooperate fully in an investigation or supplies false information may be subject to discipline. Upon the conclusion of the investigation, the investigator shall reduce his or her findings and determinations to writing and provide a copy thereof to the student who has complained of sexual harassment

16.04 RIGHTS OF HOMELESS

The Marshall School District shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have equal access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and youth not living with a parent or guardian, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available, as prescribed in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

In an effort to comply with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Marshall School District affirms that all Homeless Students will not be denied the benefits of, or be subject to, discrimination under any educational program or activity as students who are not homeless.

XVIII. SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARSHALL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS School Calendar 2017-2018

August 2017

Monday, August 14 – Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance)

Tuesday, August 15 – First day for students, Early Dismissal for School Improvement 11:15 K-6; 11:30 7-12

September 2017

Monday, September 4 – No School, Labor Day

Wednesday, September 13 – Early Dismissal for School Improvement 11:15 K-6; 11:30 7-12

October 2017

Friday, October 6 – Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance)

Monday, October 9 – No School, Columbus Day

Friday, October 13 – End of 1st Quarter

Thursday, October 19 – Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:45 K-6; 2:00 7-12

Friday, October 20 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Student Attendance)

November 2017

Tuesday, November 21 – Early Dismissal for Holiday 1:45 K-6; 2:00 7-12

Wednesday, November 22 – No School, Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 23 – No School, Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24 – No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 2017

Friday, December 15 – Early Dismissal for School Improvement 11:15 K-6; 11:30 7-12, End of 2nd Quarter

December 18 – 22, 25 - 29 - No School, Christmas Break

January 2018

January 1 - No School, Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 2 – School Resumes

Monday, January 15 – No School, Martin Luther King’s Birthday

February 2018

Thursday, February 15 – Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:45 K-6; 2:00 7-12

Friday, February 16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Student Attendance)

Monday, February 19 – No School, President’s Day

March 2018

Wednesday, March 7 – Early Dismissal for School Improvement 11:15 K-6; 11:30 7-12

Friday, March 9 – End of 3rd Quarter

Wednesday, March 28 – Early Dismissal for Spring Break, 1:45 K-6; 2:00 7-12

March 29 – 30 – No School, Spring Break

April 2018

Monday, April 2 - No School, Spring Break

Tuesday, April 3 – School Resumes

May 2018

*Friday, May 18 – Last day for students, Early Dismissal for School Improvement 11:15 K-6; 11:30 7-12, End 4th Quarter

*Monday, May 21 – Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance)

May 22-25, 29 – Emergency Days

**These dates may move back depending on the number of Emergency Days used. The latest possible date for the Last day for students is Friday May 25. The latest possible date for the Teacher Institute is Tuesday, May 29.*