

It's Time To Go Back To School!

SY 2016-2017

Important Information for Parents

Critical Health Education

In compliance with State law and with its desire to maintain effective communication with parents and the community, the Board has made arrangements for the programs and instructional materials to be available for review by any parent or interested member of the community. If you wish to review any or all of the programs, please contact the principal of your child's school. Your child is required to participate in these courses, but the law allows you the right to have your child excused from participating in course topics, which include instruction in sex education, reproductive health, family planning, and AIDS education. The Board's policy is to honor parents' written requests that their child be excused from certain topics in critical health education segments.

Bullying and Behavior Policy

To promote a safe and civil environment in school for students and staff to learn and achieve high academic standards, the District has had policy to protect all students from bullying/aggressive behavior regardless of the subject matter or motivation for such impermissible behavior. Demonstration of appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment or bullying is expected of administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers to provide positive examples for student behavior. Misconduct occurring outside of school may also be disciplined if it interferes with the school environment. Contact your building principal with any concerns.

Michigan Personal Curriculum, a personal curriculum is an option a student or family can explore as a way to modify certain Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) graduation requirements. It is intended to meet individual learning needs, allow students to earn a high school diploma, and provide preparation for life after high school. State statute allows personal curriculum modifications in order to:

- Go beyond the academic credit requirements by adding more math, science, English language arts, or world language credits; or by completing a department approved formal career and technical education (CTE) program.
- Modify the Algebra II content
- Modify, if necessary, the course requirements of a student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- Modify course requirements for a student who transfers from out of state or from a nonpublic school and is unable to meet the MMC requirements.

Visit the Michigan Department of Education Website – Personal Curriculum

HELPING HOMELESS STUDENTS “Students who lack fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence.”

Students who meet the federal definition of “homeless” will be provided a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as all other students of the district and will not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of being homeless. No homeless student will be denied enrollment based on the lack of proof of residency. No board policy, administrative rule or practice will be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance or school success of homeless children. Homeless students will be provided services comparable to other students in the district. Contact Ms. Julie Milewski at 989-831-2016.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) requires Central Montcalm Public School to obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities, including a student survey, analysis, or evaluation in an applicable program. This opt-out right also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes and to certain physical exams and screenings. The opt-out option request must be submitted in writing. Parents and students 18 years or older are advised that they have the right to review student records and that permission must be granted before confidential information is given to a third party.

Asbestos Program Notification

The district has completed the asbestos inspection and management plan as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. The management plan has been approved by the State of Michigan. Copies of the plan are available for your review in each school office and the Superintendent's office. If you have any questions regarding asbestos in the district, please contact the central services office at 989-831-2001.

Integrated Pest Management System

You have the right to be informed prior to any application of an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide made to the school grounds or buildings. Please contact your building principal.

Notice of Parent's Right to Request Teacher and Paraprofessional Qualifications

The No Child Left Behind Law of 2001 require schools that receive federal Title I funding to inform the parents of children who attend their facilities, of their right to request information about their children's teacher(s). Parents may also request this information about any paraprofessional who provides Title I services for their children. If you would like to receive this information, please contact your children's building principal or the superintendent at 831-2001.

Ride the Bus with Us!

All students are to be picked up and dropped off at their designated stops only. Students riding the bus will have only one pickup address and one drop off address each day. Any request for a change must be approved by the Transportation Office prior to the change. The Bus Rider Handbook is available on the District's web page. Questions, contact the Bus Garage at 989-831-2240.

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

The District's Technology Department uses a firewall filter to maintain the integrity of our student's computer usage while they are at school, as well as when they are off campus. Each year, District policy is reviewed for content and adopted at the Board of Education. The District has policy in place to maintain technology protection and Internet safety, in accordance with the CIPA guidelines.

DON'T BE A "RED LIGHT RUNNER!"
School Bus Lights
are Just Like a Traffic Light

Yellow lights flashing—prepare to stop
Red lights flashing—stop no closer than
20 feet from the bus
Red lights turned off—proceed with caution
Student Safety is our primary concern!

Important Notice about Student Information

The Central Montcalm Public School District will routinely print and distribute student information such as student name, photographic, video or electronic image of students; dates of attendance, honors, degrees, and awards received; grade placement; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; honor roll information; most recent school attended; information generally found in yearbooks. Any parent or lawful guardian who does not want their child's name and information published or released should inform the appropriate school principal in writing. If no objection is received, the information will be classified as directory information until the beginning of the next school year.

Two federal laws and one Michigan law require Central Montcalm PS to provide military recruiters, upon request, the names, address and telephone numbers of high school students. This information can only be used to provide information to students concerning educational and career opportunities available in the US Armed forces or service academies. Any parent/lawful guardian or 18-year old student who does not want student name and information published or released should inform the high school principal in writing.