MIDLAND FLEX
LEARNING CENTER

October 7, 2026

Your weekly updates and info from MFLC

Weekly Updates/Reminders from Ms. Eaton

- There's a New Sign In/Sign Out paper by Ms. Kirkman's desk. If you are leaving before the bus arrives at 2:10, you MUST sign out AND be done with your activity goal for the day AND be caught up in your classes, OR have a parent or guardian sign you out.
- Students that bring a phone with them must put it in the phone storage pockets by Ms. Kirkman's "office" and keep their backpacks in the front of the room.
- To stay on target, try to complete 20+ activities a day (more if your goal is higher) and 100+ per week (again, more if your goal is higher). Try to spread them out between classes so that you don't get too far behind in other classes.
- All tests must be taken in person at the Lab or virtually in a Google Meet. In a Google Meet, I'd ask you to share your screen, turn on your camera and microphone, and show me the space you're testing in to ensure there are no external devices. I may ask that you put any cell phones/tablets up somewhere behind you. Occasionally I may be able to schedule multiple tests in a Meet depending on how busy the lab is that day, however, the standard practice will be 1 at a time to start.
- Email or message ME (Ms. Eaton) on Securly if you want any retakes, checks, or bypasses. I am willing to bypass a test for you to be able to continue working, but I don't want you to get too far ahead in the course and risk forgetting material before the test or getting confused by something later on. You won't be able to bypass another test in that course until the last bypassed test is taken.
- I will be reaching out to students who are significantly behind in their classes and start requiring them to complete their coursework in person at our Learning Lab location and/or set up a plan with me to catch up.
- Let me know if you have any questions about the updates or count day.

Youth Work Permit Process Changed October 2nd

Starting October 2, 2026, Michigan is changing the process for students under 18 to obtain a work permit. Students and employers will now use the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity's (LEO) online Youth Employment Permit Portal (YEPP) instead of obtaining permits through their schools.

MPS schools and the MPS Administration Center will no longer issue or approve youth work permits.

For more information and to access the YEPP system, visit the Michigan LEO Youth Employment page.

Senior Updates

- October is College Application in Michigan which means some schools waive their application fee. You can view the list here to see which ones are waived and if there is a waiver code to include in your application. Reach out to Mrs. Kirkman if you need help.
- FAFSA is open! Reach out to our district FAFSA Coordinator, Ms. Cass, for any assistance you need with completing this.
- College Visits at Midland High - List of dates/times that various schools will be at Midland High. Let me know if you would like to attend one at MHS. If you would rather attend one at DHS, let me know and I will get their schedule as well.

  NOTE: If you are considering the military, or simply aren't sure of what to do after school, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration Assessment will be offered at MHS on November 5th. Let Mrs. Kirkman know if you would like to participate.

Office/Classroom Hours

Office Hours: M-F, 7:00am-3:30pm

Classroom Hours: M-F, 7:40am-2:25pm
Lunch Break: 11am-11:30am

- On in-person days, students will arrive by their set times.
- Teaching staff are available during these hours to assist with assignments and tests either in-person or through a Google Meet.
- Staff may not respond to emails outside of these times.

Attendance: If your student is unable to attend on a planned in-person day, please send an email to midlandflex@midlandps.org or call the office at 989-923-3930. Please do not use Synergy to report absences. We do not have an attendance office to monitor those submissions.

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