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Our Mission

East Mecklenburg High School strives to create a safe, nurturing environment where students plan, prepare, and expect to be successful in the 21st century. Working together with the various communities and supportive parent partnerships, we aim to improve the vision of the whole individual by developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Through leadership, effective teaching and mentorship, our staff encourages students to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who are open-minded and understand diversity.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association of East Mecklenburg is a very active part of the school. Student Congress is the main branch of Student Government and is deeply involved in all the activities at East. Student Congress does many different kinds of activities, including Homecoming, pep rallies and elections. Each individual class has a class board. Freshman Board elections are held in the fall. Sophomore, Junior and Senior Board elections are held in the spring. The boards plan all class activities. The Junior Board, for example, organizes the Junior/Senior Prom and the Senior Board plans graduation. Together these groups make up the Student Government of East Mecklenburg. All branches of Student Government work together as a group to promote school spirit and enhance student-teacher relationships.

Extra-Curricular Activities

East Mecklenburg has a rich tradition of outstanding academic and extra-curricular programs. Students who meet with a high level of success and enjoy their high school experience are those who are actively involved at East Mecklenburg. Students are encouraged to approach each school day as an academic challenge and then to relax after school hours enjoying the companionship of their peers as they participate in club activities, serve as leaders of class boards and Congress, work on literary staffs, attend the numerous tutoring sessions offered daily, or enjoy the physical rigor and competition of an athletic team as a participant or spectator. Students should seek to become actively involved in all facets of East Mecklenburg.

Interclub Council (ICC)

ICC coordinates clubs across campus, ensuring that clubs are active and participating in school-wide responsibilities.

Service Clubs

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity International that works with the Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte affiliate. The club provides 30 volunteers an opportunity for a Saturday construction experience on a Habitat House. Any student at East is welcome to volunteer.

IB Service Club

This club offers opportunities to East Mecklenburg IB students to enable them to fulfill their IB CAS hour requirements through school and community service projects.

Academic Clubs

French Club

The purpose of the French Club is to supplement the work of the French classes by providing activities in which students are made aware of cultural similarities and differences. The club also participates in service activities for the school, such as tutoring.

German Club

The German Club's main purpose is to give experiences of German life and language.

Amigos de la Biblioteca

This club is a tutoring program affiliated with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public library and is committed to helping Spanish-speaking students with their homework by working with area students.

Interest Clubs

DREAM Team

(Daring to Role model Excellence as Athletic Mentors) Team is a select group of athletes who have made a commitment to being drug, tobacco, alcohol and violence free their Senior year.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

FCA is an organization led by students with an adult advisor. FCA is open to all students, athlete or not, Christian or not. The purpose of this group is serving as spiritual guide for teenagers during their adolescent years. FCA also does service projects as well.

NAACP

The NAACP is an organization that promotes understanding and cooperation among all members of our diverse school community. The organization is open to and welcomes all students to participate.

Right Moves for Youth (Boys and Girls Clubs)

The purpose of the Right Moves for Youth club is to provide motivation and incentives to at-risk youths. The club encourages at-risk students to stay in school, improve grades, improve behavior and improve their quality of life

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is a team competition in all areas of science including chemistry, biology, earth science and engineering.

Honor Societies

***Students have to apply their Junior and Senior Years**

International Thespians

International Thespians is an honor society for students involved in drama.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society honors scholarship, character, leadership and service to school and community. Its members are chosen based on these attributes and are given opportunities to expand on them through club activities. There is a mandatory meeting in order for students to obtain the initial application to apply for membership.

French Honor Society

The purpose of the club is to promote interest in the knowledge of French culture.

Vocational Clubs

DECA

DECA is an extension of the marketing program at East. Students enrolled in marketing-related classes may join and participate in club socials, school activities and local, state and national competitions.

FCCLA (Family Community and Career Leadership)

FCCLA is a national club that promotes leadership development and personal growth through interactive programs and communications focusing on family and consumer sciences. Members may participate in local and state competitions.

HOSA (Health Occupation Student Association)

HOSA is an educational association of students enrolled in health occupations education classes. The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing members with opportunities for knowledge, skills and leadership development.

Fine Arts Clubs

Art Club

The Art Club allows students to participate in school and community artistic activities.

Drama Club

The Drama Club provides opportunities for students to be involved in theatre at East Mecklenburg.

Orchestra

In addition to performing winter and spring concerts, the orchestra performs for school musicals, children's concerts, student concerts, and works with guest artists. The orchestra is well represented at all state functions.

Support Groups (Parents Too)

East Mecklenburg Band Boosters Organization

The East Mecklenburg Band Boosters Organization is comprised of parents and supporters of the school band. The organization meets once a month in the EMHS band room. Its purpose is to provide moral and financial support to the band. For over 30 years, the organization has supported the band, school and community by purchasing a truck and trailer, uniforms, percussion equipment, various instruments; by sponsoring band trips to various contests, Florida, and Washington, D.C.; and by providing many other necessary services to make our band one of the strongest and most respected bands in the state.

Athletic Booster Club

The members of the East Mecklenburg Booster Club are pleased to invite you to join the Booster Club and help us to continue to provide the students of East Mecklenburg with the support that they so justly deserve. By being a member of the Booster Club, you can help us stress the importance of athletics and student involvement in all extracurricular activities. We believe that the support of all East Mecklenburg students and parents will help to promote pride, strength and unity in our school. Our ability to support all areas of school life at East Mecklenburg High School is dependent upon your membership and support.

The cost of membership to the Booster Club is \$35.00. In addition, the Athletic Department is offering three types of athletic passes for the 2014-2015 school year. A family pass costs \$190 and entitles all members of your immediate family admission to all regular season home sporting events. A pass is also available for \$105, which admits a single parent and one child to all regular season home sporting events. Finally a student pass is available for \$70; a student will be admitted to all regular season home sporting events.

Parent to Parent Talk Group

Parent to Parent Talk (PTPT) is a group of East Mecklenburg H.S. parents who join together to share, partner, and support each other by way of understanding different cultures, values and traditions. PTPT aims to promote cross-cultural harmony, deep understanding of other cultural values and traditions by sharing of ideas and ways to help our children excel in school and society, providing moral and psychological support to parents in need at the family level. Contact at the school is Mr. Tom Nguyen

Eagle Flight

The Eagle Flight Program is designed to identify, seek and reach first-time ninth grader students who are potentially at risk of failing academically or socially in high school. The

success of this program is a result of parents, administrators, teachers, students, counselors, with emphasis on mentoring being the key component in making an impact on our youth. Mentors hold students accountable by encouraging them and serving as a bridge of communication and support between school and faculty. The Eagle Flight Program offers Saturday morning tutoring programs for their active Eagle Flight Students. Contact at the school is Mr. Ron Bailey, Assistant Principal.

DISCIPLINARY RULES AND REGULATIONS

East Mecklenburg High School adheres to all Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education behavior guidelines as stated in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

In compliance with federal law, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools administers all education programs, employment activities and admissions without discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability.

Classroom Behavior

Students are expected to follow the rules that individual teachers have established for student conduct. All behavior guidelines at East Mecklenburg comply with the CMS Code of Conduct as specified in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. No student should disturb the learning of others or disrupt orderly classroom process. **Teachers must handle classroom related discipline problems using all resources that are available. When a teacher feels that a student's behavior has become disruptive, the teacher should seek the assistance of an administrator.**

Sign-In Policy

Late arrivals, after 7:15 am, must sign in at the attendance office located in the Main Office. Excused sign-ins will include only the following: 1) late school bus, 2) court documentation 3) doctor's note, and 4) students accompanied by their parent, guardian, or emergency contact person as designated on demographics screen, with a limit of five parental sign-ins per semester. All other late sign-ins will be coded as unexcused and students will be required to report to lockout. Failure to sign-in will result in 1) first offense – intervention conference with an administrator and warning of assignment of ASD or Saturday ISS. 2) second offense ASD or Saturday ISS and warning of up to two days OSS. It is our expectation after 10:15 a.m., no student will be allowed to sign in the building unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Sign-Out Policy

Students may be signed out through the attendance office only by their parent, guardian, or emergency contact person as designated on the demographics screen. Proper procedure must be followed before any student leaves campus. No student, except in emergency situations, will be signed out after 1:45 pm.

Lockout / Tardy Policy

Unexcused tardies are not acceptable and will not be tolerated at East Mecklenburg. Students will report directly to lockout each time they have an unexcused tardy to school

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or class. Students who report late to lockout (after five minutes) will be assigned ASD (3). Subsequent violations will result in an out-of-school suspension. On the first lockout, parents will be notified with a letter. Parents are notified by written documentation on the 3rd and 4th lockout. Failure to report when directed by any staff member will result in an immediate OSS (3). Any student removed from Lockout or ISS will result in a three - day OSS.

Lockout will be recorded as an unexcused absence and will count toward the total number of class absences. Excessive lockouts will result in the following penalties:

1st lockout	letter sent home
2nd lockout	assigned to lockout
3rd lockout	assignment of ASD or ISS Saturday School; failure to serve as assigned will result in a two day ISS
4th lockout	warning of two days OSS on the next lockout
5th lockout	Up to two (2) days OSS
6th lockout	assignment of ASD or ISS Saturday School
7th lockout	warning of community service /OSS on the next lockout assignment
8th lockout	Community service/ OSS
9 th lockout	re-start lockout process

Students exceeding the allotted five (5) parental sign-ins will result in enforcement according to the lockout policy as stated and lockouts remain on the student's record for each semester. It is the student's responsibility to contact his or her teacher(s) for makeup work, tests missed, etc. within 5 school days.

Hallway Policy

Students cannot be in the hallways during the first ten minutes and last ten minutes of class. All students must have a note or pass from the teacher in order to be in the hallway without out an escort.

Class Cuts

Being absent from class unexcused or leaving class without permission constitutes a class cut. First offense – ASD (2 days)/ Saturday ISS; second offense – assignment of community service; third offense - OSS (up to two (2) days). Cutting class and failing to report to lockout during any lunch period will result in assignment of community service. Repeated offenses will result in up to two days OSS.

Unauthorized/Unsupervised Areas

Students are not allowed in any unauthorized area of campus during the school day. During lunch, students are allowed in the following areas: cafeteria, cafeteria lobby, patio and courtyard. Violation of this rule is considered a non-compliance issue and will be considered a minimum Tier I offense to a maximum Tier II offense. If considered a Tier II offense it will result in a referral to the intervention team and up to two day OSS. Students suspended from school who return to campus will receive an additional minimum 3-day out-of-school suspension and are subject to arrest for trespassing.

Leaving School Property Without Permission

Once students have arrived at school for the day, by bus, walking or car, they are not permitted to leave or return without properly signing out or signing in. **Students may not leave school property for any reason** without following the sign out policy or authorization from the principal, assistant principals or school nurse.

- First Offense: Would be considered a minimum Tier I violation consequence and a referral to Intervention Team
- Repeated Offenses: Would be considered a Tier II violation and could result in a maximum of two (2) days OSS and revocation of driving privileges up to 45 days.
- Third Offense: Would be considered a Tier II violation and could result in a maximum of two days OSS and revocation of driving privileges for 90 school days.

Exiting Campus After School

Safety and security issues necessitate that we exit school and the campus in an orderly and timely manner. Upon dismissal, all students are required to report to the appropriate areas to leave campus. Students who walk home MUST cross Monroe Road at the designated marked crosswalks. Bus riders are the only students authorized to be in the bus lot. All students waiting for rides should report to the student “drop-off/pick-up” area, adjacent to the media center. After 2:30, all students should be 1) under the supervision of staff members, 2) at the media center “drop-off/pick-up” area, or 3) have exited the campus. Repeat offenders would be considered a Tier I violation up to a Tier II violation and could result in a maximum of two days OSS.

Restriction From After School Events

Students who exhibit misbehavior during the school day or who have been suspended will be restricted from any and all after school activities.

Parking

Student parking is a privilege granted to sophomores, juniors and seniors who have met requirements based on their cumulative weighted grade point average. Students will be assigned parking privileges based on their GPA of the prior semester, beginning with seniors. Only students who are issued a parking sticker may use that sticker and students must possess a valid parking sticker to drive. Any violation or misrepresentation of parking stickers would be considered a minimum Tier I violation up to a Tier II violation and could result in a maximum of two days OSS along with the loss of driving privileges for the remainder of the school year. Driving privileges may also be immediately revoked by the administration for any driving/parking lot infraction. Improperly parked vehicles are also subject to towing at the owner’s expense.

Failure To Serve Assigned Detention

Any student who fails to satisfactorily complete his/her assigned detention will result in a two day in school suspension; repeated offenses will result in a maximum of two day out-of-school suspension.

Profanity

Profanity is unacceptable under any circumstances and will not be tolerated. Use of profanity may result in the assignment of an out-of-school suspension. However, profanity, directed towards, or in response to, any staff member will be considered a Tier

I offense up to a Tier II Offense (1-10 days OSS) and a referral to the School Intervention Team.

Failure To Comply / Disruptive or Disrespectful Behavior

Any instance involving a student's failure to comply (insubordination) with a reasonable request from any staff member will result in a minimum Tier I to a maximum Tier II (1-5 days OSS) with a referral to the intervention team. Disruptive or disrespectful behavior of this nature, including profanity, will not be tolerated. A student must cooperate with and may not interfere with a reasonable and authorized search as described in the Students Rights, Responsibilities, and Character Development Handbook.

Student Fighting

First violation shall be a Tier II infraction and will result in a suspension of no more than five days of out of school suspension as long as it does not involve a weapon or result in injury or cause a significant disruption to the educational environment. Subsequent violations or those that cause injury or a disruption will result in 10 days out of school suspension, possible arrest and recommendation for exclusion as stated in the student code of conduct. Posturing to fight is considered a serious offense and will be considered as a Tier I offense up to a Tier III offense and may result in suspension of up to 10 days.

Vandalism

Any act to damage or attempt to damage school equipment or property of another student is considered vandalism. Students will pay for repairs and replace or correct defacement. They will also be subject to further disciplinary action, including possible arrest, suspension of up to ten days and recommendation for exclusion, depending upon the severity of the offense.

Cheating/Misrepresentation

Students involved in cheating and/or misrepresentation on tests and assignments – first offense: 1) be assigned a grade of “0” for those assignments and 2) result in parental notification by teacher. A second offense, or infractions of a more serious nature, will be handled as a Tier II offense (1-5 days OSS) and also will result in removal from boards or offices students may hold or serve on.

Academic Integrity Policy at East Mecklenburg

Level 1—(copying homework or work being done in class are examples)

1st offense- Teacher notifies parents. Teacher posts on PowerSchool(notes). Student is given a zero with option of making up assignment at teacher's discretion.

2nd offense- Teacher notifies parents. Teacher posts on PowerSchool (notes). Student is given a zero. A discipline referral is written.

3rd offense- Teacher notifies parents. Teacher posts on PowerSchool (notes). Referral to OSS.

Level 2 (cheating on tests, plagiarism are examples)

1st offense-Teacher notifies parents.

Teacher posts on PowerSchool (notes). Referral to Administration.

Student given a zero on assignment. If student is on National Honor Society, notify them for possible suspension. Removal from any offices the student may hold—including clubs, class positions, etc.

2nd or more offenses- Teacher notifies parents. Teacher posts on PowerSchool (notes) Student given a zero. A discipline referral is written.

For the complete Academic Integrity Policy please visit East Mecklenburg's School Website.

Forgery and False Notes

Any situation involving a student falsifying and/or misrepresenting (a) note for tardies/absences, (b) a teacher assigned pass, or (c) lockout sign-in regarding student information would be considered as a Tier I up to a Tier II violation and could result in up to five (5) days OSS.

Public Displays of Affection

Students are to refrain from any public display of affection. Repeated violations will result in an assignment of ASD/Saturday ISS and/or consequences up to and including out-of-school suspension.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is a violation of human rights. Persons involved in this activity will be subject to a minimum Tier I up to a recommendation for long term suspension and expulsion. Students may be subject to being arrested.

Bullying / Cyber Bullying

Bullying of the other students is strictly prohibited. Students violating this policy is considered a minimum Tier I to a maximum Tier II (1-10 days OSS) and a referral to the school intervention team.

Dress Attire Policy

Students are expected to maintain a standard of dress that does not interfere with their education and is not distracting or disruptive to others during the entire school day (including lunch periods).

- Hats may be worn in exterior areas around campus but must be removed prior to entering any building. Hats worn in the building will be confiscated and returned at the end of the quarter.
- Bandanas, head wraps, do-rags, head scarves, etc., are not allowed on campus during the school day or during school sponsored events on campus at any time.
- Wigs without proper medical documentation are not permitted.
- Any item displaying an indication of possible gang identification, will be confiscated and not returned and will result in the maximum level of disciplinary action.
- Shirts with suggestive or inappropriate slogans are prohibited.
- All shirts must cover the mid – section. No cut-off t-shirts.
- All shirts must adequately cover a student's chest. No low cut blouses, shirts or low cut tank tops (front or side) are permitted.
- Strapless tops or tops with spaghetti straps are not permitted. Also tops that expose undergarments are not permitted.

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- All dresses and skirts must be finger tip length or longer.
- Spandex tights or leggings are not permitted to be worn unless covered by a finger tip length top.
- Shorts- the length of shorts should be determined by standing with your arms straight at your side, with fists clenched, anything shorter than this length is prohibited.
- Pajama pants are not permitted.
- Pants worn below the waist are also prohibited.
- Pants with holes, slits, and tears that expose the skin more than two inches above the knee are prohibited.

Students on campus in violation of the above dress code will be sent to an administrator. Administration will contact their parent for a change of clothes. Failure to comply or repeated offenses will result in a Tier I consequence.

Student Identification Badges

The purpose of this policy is to increase the sight security of all students on East Mecklenburg High School's campus. Ensuring safety and security for all staff and students is out top priority each and every day. Student identification cards will be provided to every student. A student's ID card authorizes a student to be on campus. **EVERY** student must wear their ID badge at all times while on school grounds. The following guidelines must be adhered to when wearing ID Badges:

- ID badges cannot be worn on a shirt sleeve, pants outside of pockets, under a coat/jacket or at the bottom of a shirt
- If a student is wearing a jacket, the badge must be on the outside of the jacket and visible
- ID badges must be presented to any school staff member or person of authority when seeking identification
- Front of ID badge must remain free of stickers, markings, other photos, etc.
- Lost, stolen altered, damaged and defaced ID cards must be replaced IMMEDIATELY. Badges can be replaced in the media center (times to be determined) or by signing up each morning in the Main Office before the bell rings. **Replacement of loss or damaged ID badges will result in a replacement fee of \$1.00 per replacement badge.**
- Students are excused from wearing IDs during classes where they present a hazard to student safety. They should be secured during this time.

Teachers will do an ID badge check during every period. Temporary ID stickers will be issued for students. Repeated offenders will be given a referral and reported to their administrator. Administration will assign consequences. Consequences for not displaying ID badges will be concurred per semester.

Consequences For Not Displaying /Possessing School ID Badge

- 1st Violation: Warning
- 2nd Violation: Warning - Intervention
- 3rd Violation: After School Detention/Saturday School
- 4th Violation: Community Service
- 5th Violation: Warning – Contact Parent advise of possible OSS
- 6th Violation: Would be considered a Tier I to Tier II violation

Personal Electronic Devices: Cell Phones, Earbuds, Headphones

Students are allowed to use cell phones, earbuds and headphones only during designated times and areas during the school day. Designated times are before school begins, during lunch times and after dismissal bell at end of day. In the morning as soon as the morning warning bell rings (at 7:08 a.m.) all electronic devices must be turned off and must not be visible. Electronic devices are not allowed to be used or visible in the hallways during class changes once school starts. Electronic devices may be used in the classroom for educational purposes only, at the teacher discretion. During lunch, electronic devices are allowed to be used in the designated areas only. Designated areas are cafeteria, lobby, patio and courtyard. When the bell rings to end lunch ALL electronic devices must be turned off and not visible before moving to class. Any violation will result in confiscation of the cell phone by any staff member. Confiscated electronic devices may be picked up by the student (first offense) on Friday, after school, in the main office, with a picture ID. Parents may pick electronic devices up before school (6:30 am – 7:15 am) or after school (2:15 – 3:30 pm) in the main office with ID. Electronic devices will not be given out during the school day and we will not call students out of class to retrieve a phone from a parent. Any issue involving failure to comply would be considered a Tier I offense. Repeated violations, and/or the unauthorized use of a electronic devices during the school day will be considered a Tier I offense. **The school is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to any personal electronic device or other electronic devices brought on to school grounds.**

Toys, Games, Gambling, “Snack Stores”

These items are not to be brought into the school for any reason. Students are not allowed to play games of skill or chance for money or property. Bringing bags of snacks/candies for selling purposes is prohibited and will be confiscated and not be returned. Repeated offenses will be considered a Tier I offense up to a Tier II offense. Items may be confiscated by any staff member.

Alcohol and Drugs and Illegal Substances

Students at East Mecklenburg High School will not use, purchase, sell, distribute, be under the influence of or possess any kind of alcoholic beverage or any kind of controlled substance as defined by state law. Possession of drug paraphernalia will result in notification of parents and further disciplinary action, including long-term suspension, at the discretion of the principal. Possession, coming on school grounds or being at any school activity after consumption, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or a school related activity: First offense – is a Tier III offense with parent notification, up to 10 day OSS, enrollment in POPS, and conference outlining disciplinary assessment. Further discipline as provided by the appropriate situational category will be administered following the principal’s investigation. Second offense - Parent notification and up to 11 days or more OSS and recommendation for a formal hearing for exclusion.

Tobacco and Marijuana

Smoking or possession of cigarettes, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, marijuana, etc., are prohibited at school and at all school functions. First offense – will result in a minimum Tier I up to a Tier II infraction and a referral to the Intervention Team and School Substance Abuse Counselor. Failure to attend the Positive Options Program (POP) could result in further Tier I consequences. All subsequent violations will be a Tier 2 infraction and referral to the (POP) Positive Options Program.

Driver's Eligibility Requirements (direct line to Guidance for questions 980-343-1991)

North Carolina Law – Effective November 1, 1998 – Effective November 1, 1998, North Carolina passed a Dropout Prevention/Driver's Eligibility Law. The law basically states:

1. If you drop out of school before the age of 18, you will lose your driver's permit/license.
2. At the end of first semester the grades are checked to verify that all students who have obtained a Driver's Eligibility Certificate have passed 70% of their classes. (3 out of 4 on a 4x4 block and 6 out of 8 on an 8 class A/B schedule). Semester grades are checked for passing 70% of classes before a Driver's Eligibility Certificate is issued.
3. At the end of the school year, eligibility is determined by passing 70% of classes for the entire year, which is 6 of 8.

At the end of each semester, a student who has dropped out or does not meet the eligibility criteria will receive notification from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles that their permit/license will be suspended.

Reinstatement Procedure: You must obtain a new Driver's Eligibility Certificate from your school meeting the grade criteria stated previously, receive a High School Diploma or its equivalent, or upon reaching the age of 18.

General Information

Recovery Program (direct line to Guidance for questions 980-343-1991) –

Any student who misses more than ten (10) days (excused or unexcused) in a class will receive a final grade of "F" for that class regardless of the student's grade point average. Students must make up missed time minute for minute by attending after school tutorials for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes and no longer than ninety (90) minutes per daily session. Students must sign-in indicating their purpose for attending either recovery credit or tutoring. Students must attend tutoring sessions with the subject area teachers for which the student needs recovery credit (i.e. math teacher for Algebra recovery time). Due to new diploma requirements for graduation, it has become important for students to make up missed hours of instruction in career cluster, foreign language, fine arts and physical education classes. Tutorial sessions will be available for these classes and recovery credit will be applied towards absences in that class; recovery time is not transferable to other classes outside the subject area. The application of recovery credit to classes is completed by the Recovery Team, not the teacher, at the end of the school year. If you should choose to appeal a recovery decision it must be appealed in the current school year.

Schedule Changes (direct line to Guidance for questions 980-343-1991)

- **Administrative Changes** - Occasionally changes are required by the school to balance class size or to make needed adjustments to the master schedule. These changes are made in the best interest of the student body at large and do not require the permission of the student or parent. We regret any inconvenience these changes may cause an individual student, but they are made only when necessary.
- **Student-Initiated Changes** - Student-initiated changes are limited to seniors who need to add courses necessary for graduation and to students whose schedule needs to be adjusted because of courses passed in summer school.

Enrollment Requirements (direct line to Guidance for questions 980-343-1991)

All students are required to be enrolled in eight classes. Enrollment in cooperative work release counts as two of the eight courses. Students must be in attendance for all classes for which they are enrolled.

Homework When Absent

Students who know that they will be absent for two or more days may obtain homework assignments through their teachers and/or counselors. When students are absent, they must make up all work no later than five days after they return to school. Teachers can be contacted by email, <http://pages.cms.k12.nc.us/eastmeck/links.html> and click on Staff.

Testing

(direct line to Guidance for questions 980-343-1991)

Beginning with the class of 2010 students must pass the following EOC exams in order to be eligible for a high school diploma: English 9, Algebra I, Biology, U.S., Civics and Economics. All students must pass the N.C. Computer Skills test in order to be eligible for a high school diploma.

The End-of-Course English 10 Writing Test is given in March. The remaining EOC tests in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Civics & Economics, History and English I are given during the first and second semester exam periods. Scores on these tests count toward the year grade.

The PSAT is administered free of charge to all sophomores and juniors in October. While the test is important for all students, juniors are encouraged to do so since PSAT scores are used to determine eligibility for National Merit Scholarships. There are no PSAT make-ups. The ACT PLAN is administered free of charge to all sophomores. The ACT is administered free of charge to all juniors.

All college-bound students should register to take the SAT and/or the ACT at least once during their junior year and in the fall of their senior year. Registration materials and study guides are available in the Guidance Office.

Military personnel administer the Armed Services Vocational Battery in November.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests are given in May to students enrolled in AP and IB courses.

Financial Obligations

All students at East Mecklenburg are required to pay financial obligations. Students who have financial obligations will not be allowed to:

1. Be a member of any athletic team, including cheerleaders.
2. Be a member of any honor society or academic competition.
3. Run for or hold any office in any club or class.
4. Go on any field trip, other than mandated by CMS.
5. Be honored as student of the month or be involved in any extracurricular activity
6. Buy a parking sticker
7. Have a transcript sent to a college.
8. Receive their report card or diploma.
9. Attend the prom.

When paying financial obligations, a student must pay the teacher to whom he/she owes the obligation. If the obligation is from a prior year, the student must submit payment to the financial secretary in the main office before or after school.

Unpaid Financial Obligations: Graduation Exercises

If students owe money to CMS, they may not participate in graduation exercises and may not receive a diploma until the debt is paid. This includes wide range of debts, such as fees for overdue library books, damaged textbooks, unpaid lunch charges, unreturned uniforms, or damage to school property. The fees accrue over the student's time in CMS.

Media Center

The media center at East Mecklenburg provides such resources as camcorders, basic videotape editing systems, transparency making machines, laser discs, letter cutting machines to help in creating posters and displays, numerous CD-ROM data bases, periodicals, and over 22,000 books to help make the high school experience a successful one. The staff is available to help students as they do research for papers, and, in addition, to help you create effective presentations. To ensure that students have easy access to the media center, the library hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Library passes are needed by students to use the media center throughout the day. In addition, passes are needed during lunch periods. These can be requested from teachers or media coordinators throughout the day. At East Mecklenburg, all students are assigned a library card with their own unique ID number. Students are asked to come to the media center to sign for their cards before checking out materials. Students who wish to have Internet access must have a signed parental permission form and follow the guidelines established by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Advanced Placement Program (AP)

East Mecklenburg offers a full range of AP courses which allows students to be eligible for the AP diploma.

The International Baccalaureate Program (IB)

East Mecklenburg High School has an International Baccalaureate (IB) program; Grades 9 and 10 follow the Middle Years International Baccalaureate curriculum and grades 11 and 12 follow the International Baccalaureate Diploma curriculum. During the Diploma Years, students take advanced classes in English, foreign language, history, science, mathematics, electives, and "Theory of Knowledge." The two-year diploma program concludes with a series of special examinations and preparation of an extended essay of 4,000 words. Requirements for the IB Diploma are structured to meet the entrance requirements of the best universities throughout the world, while striving to meet the ideal of a liberal arts education. The program is open to highly motivated ninth and tenth grade students with strong academic backgrounds. Students need not be certified as academically gifted. In order to have a reasonable chance of attaining the world-recognized IB diploma, candidates for admission need to have completed the following courses prior to beginning the program:

Rising 9th grade Math I and either first year of French, Chinese, Spanish, German or Latin

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Rising 10 th grade	Math II and either second year in French, Chinese, Spanish, German, or Latin
Rising 11th grade	Math II, Chemistry, Math III and either third year of French, Chinese, Spanish, German or Latin

Outside Lunches

The North Carolina Nutrition Standards set criteria regarding school meals and ala carte foods and beverages. Criteria are established for fat, saturated fat, sodium, trans fats, cholesterol, sugar and food preparation methods. Any lunches or drinks brought on campus must be in a brown bag or lunch box. No fast food lunches will be allowed to be delivered. Students will not be called out of classroom instruction to pick up their lunch. Students will be allowed to pick up their lunch during their assigned lunch period.

Deliveries of flowers, balloons and or candy for students will not be accepted at the school.

Classroom Visitation During School Hours

Parents/Guardians are allowed to visit classrooms by appointment only. An Administrator will accompany the parent or guardian to the classroom. During the visitation, it is strictly observation only. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled through the teacher or guidance department.

**BELL SCHEDULES
2014-2015**

Monday-Wednesday Bell Schedule

<u>Block</u>	<u>Times</u>
1 st Period	7:15 – 8:40
Flex/Homeroom	8:46 – 9:10
2 nd Period	9:16 – 10:41
3 rd Period	

100, 200, 300 Halls 616 & 618 801, 807, ROTC & M282	A Lunch Period 3 rd Period	<u>Lunch 10:41-11:11</u> Class 11:17-12:42
600 Hall (Except 616 and 618) 401 thru 414	3 rd Period (Split) B Lunch Period 3 rd Period (Split)	Class 10:47-11:30 <u>Lunch 11:30-11:55</u> Class 12:01-12:42
700 Hall, 700A, Gym 415 thru 418 Mobile Units – 61, 171, 191, 212, 280, 281, 283, 443, 444, 549, 550, 554, 555, 556, 671, 1193	3 rd Period C Lunch Period	Class 10:47-12:13 <u>Lunch 12:13-12:42</u>

4th Block 12:48 – 2:15

Thursday-Friday Schedule

<u>Block</u>	<u>Times</u>
1 st Period	7:15 – 8:40
2 nd Period	8:46-10:11
3 rd Period	

100, 200, 300 Halls 616 & 618 801, 807, ROTC & M282	A Lunch Period 3 rd Period	<u>Lunch 10:11-10:40</u> Class 10:46 – 12:13 Flex 12:13-12:42
600 Hall (Except 616 and 618) 401 thru 414	3 rd Period (Split) B Lunch Period 3 rd Period (Split)	Class 10:17-11:00 <u>Lunch 11:00-11:25</u> Class 11:31-12:13 Flex 12:13-12:42
700 Hall, 700A, Gym 415 thru 418 Mobile Units – 61, 171, 191, 212, 280, 281, 283, 443, 444, 549, 550, 554, 555, 556, 671, 1193	3 rd Period C Lunch Period	Class 10:17-11:42 <u>Lunch 11:42-12:07</u> Flex 12:13-12:42

4th Block 12:48-2:15



In compliance with federal law, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools administers all education programs, employment activities and admissions without discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability

2014-2015 School Calendar

First day of school August 25, 2014

Labor Day Holiday September 1, 2014

Teacher Workday October 31, 2014

Veterans Day Holiday November 11, 2014

Thanksgiving Break November 26-28, 2014

Winter Break Dec. 22, 2014 -Jan. 2, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday January 19, 2015

Teacher Workday January 23, 2015

Teacher Workdays February 13-16, 2015

Teacher Workdays March 12-13, 2015

Spring Break April 3-10, 2015

Memorial Day Holiday May 25, 2015

Last day of school June 11, 2015

School will not be in session for students on the holidays, breaks and teacher workdays listed above unless a make-up day is scheduled.

Make-up Days Report Card Dates

1. Oct. 31 6. March 13 Nov. 7

2. Jan. 23 7. May 25 Feb. 3

3. Feb. 13 8. June 12 April 22

4. Feb. 16 June 11 (Elementary and Middle)

5. March 12 June 25 (High)

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CMS A/B Day Schedule 2014-15

AUGUST 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25A	26B	27A	28B	29A

SEPTEMBER 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 ^{Holiday}	2B	3A	4B	5A
8B	9A	10B	11A	12B
15A	16B	17A	18B	19A
22B	23A	24B	25A	26B
29A	30B			

OCTOBER 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1A	2B	3A
6B	7A	8B	9A	10B
13A	14B	15A	16B	17A
20B	21A	22B	23A	24B
27A <i>End of Quarter</i>	28B	29A	30B	31 <i>Teacher Workday</i>

NOVEMBER 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3A	4B	5A	6B	7A
10B	11 <i>Holiday</i>	12A	13B	14A
17B	18A	19B	20A	21B
24A	25B	26 <i>Annual Leave Day</i>	27 <i>Holiday</i>	28 <i>Holiday</i>

DECEMBER 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1A	2B	3A	4B	5A
8B	9A	10B	11A	12B
15A	16B	17A	18B	19A
22 <i>Teacher Workday</i>	23 <i>Annual Leave Day</i>	24 <i>Winter Break</i>	25 <i>Winter Break</i>	26 <i>Winter Break</i>
29 <i>Winter Break</i>	30 <i>Winter Break</i>	31 <i>Winter Break</i>		

JANUARY 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 <i>Winter Break</i>	2 <i>Winter Break</i>
5B	6A	7B	8A	9B
12A	13B	14A	15B	16A
19 <i>Holiday</i>	20B <i>End of Quarter</i>	21A	22B	23 <i>Teacher Workday</i>
26A	27B	28A	29B	30A

FEBRUARY 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2B	3A	4B	5A	6B
9A	10B	11A	12B	13 <i>Teacher Workday</i>
16 <i>Teacher Workday</i>	17A	18B	19A	20B
23A	24B	25A	26B	27A

MARCH 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2B	3A	4B	5A	6B
9A	10B	11A	12 <i>Teacher Workday</i>	13 <i>Teacher Workday</i>
16B	17A	18B	19A	20B
23A	24B	25A	26B	27A
30B	31A <i>End of Quarter</i>			

APRIL 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1B	2A	3 <i>Teacher Workday</i>
6 <i>Spring Break</i>	7 <i>Spring Break</i>	8 <i>Spring Break</i>	9 <i>Spring Break</i>	10 <i>Spring Break</i>
13B	14A	15B	16A	17B
20A	21B	22A	23B	24A
27B	28A	29B	30A	

MAY 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1B
4A	5B	6A	7B	8A
11B	12A	13B	14A	15B
18A	19B	20A	21B	22A
25 <i>Holiday</i>	26B	27A	28B	29A

JUNE 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1B	2A	3B	4A	5B
8A	9B	10A	11B <i>End of Quarter</i>	

Any school day missed due to severe weather will be added to the next "make-up day" on the CMS academic calendar. As a result, the entire calendar will not be affected. For example, if school is closed on February 3, an "A" day, the make-up day February 13 would be an "A" day to replace it.

Jordan Driving School (704) 566-9900

Jostens (class rings, graduation) 704-248-0609

East Transportation (bus issues) (980)-343-6439

Cafeteria Manager @ EMHS (980)-343-3762

East Mecklenburg Guidance/Student Services 980-343-1991

Student Support

Administrators

Richard Parker, Principal

Billie Little, Assistant Principal of Instruction

Ron Bailey, Assistant Principal P - Z

William Deiss, Dean of Students A - G

TBA, Assistant Principal H - O

Student Services

Dwight Miller

A – C

Susan Ross

D – Hi

Betsy McGraw

Hn – McK

Barry Shuford

McL – R

Candice Farrington

S – Z

Registrar

Melissa Ross

WHO WOULD I SEE?	
To get a locker	Homeroom Teacher
Locker problem	TBD – ask your administrator
Bus Schedule	Dean of Students – Mr. Deiss
Parking Stickers	Student Congress / Room 637
Parking Problems	Student Congress / Room 637
Other Fees or Fines	Financial Secretary
Early Dismissals or Admittance when tardy	Attendance in Main Office
Pay for a lost book or a fine	Individual teacher owed
Other fees and fines	Financial Secretary
When you are ill	Attendance in Main Office
Lost Items	Lost/Found in Main Office
Enrollment or Withdrawal	Registrar in Guidance Office
Change of Address	Registrar in Guidance Office
College Entrance Information	Guidance Counselors in Guidance Office 980.343.1991
Changes on Report Cards	Guidance Counselors Guidance Office 980.343.1991
Set-up Parent Conferences	Guidance Counselors Guidance Office 980.343.1991
Student Congress	Martha Deiss
Counseling Services	Guidance Counselors Guidance Office
Schedule Counselor Appointments	Guidance Secretary Guidance Office
Order a Transcript	Guidance Secretary Guidance Office
For Scholarship Applications	Guidance Counselors Guidance Office

Student Services/Guidance
980-343-1991

The Student Services Department is staffed with school counselors, a school social worker, and a school psychologist who assist students in developing the academic, social, and career planning skills necessary for success in school and throughout their lives. The Student Services Team provides direct services to students via individual and group counseling, group guidance and assessment. School counselors assist students in selecting appropriate graduation courses and provide counseling to help students be successful in the classroom, they also provided counseling for crisis intervention. Counselors meet with students annually to discuss planning, college and workforce skill development. School Counselors use this information to assist students in exploring and selecting education and training opportunities after high school. Transcripts maybe obtained for a fee of \$5.00.

Workforce Development

The Workforce Development Division is staffed with Career Development Coordinators and Special Populations Coordinators at high schools and alternative schools. These positions provide workforce development activities for students such as career development, career assessment, classroom modifications, job placement, employability skills, shadowing opportunities, and transition services through school and community based collaboration.

Athletics

Every member of the student body at East Mecklenburg is encouraged to become a part of our athletic program. Each year East's teams challenge for conference titles and state play-off appearances. However, athletic talent is only one of the requirements needed in order to participate. Student athletes must adhere to several local and state guidelines.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System requires each student athlete to have had a physical exam within the previous 365 days. If an athlete misses five days or more of practice due to illness or injury, another examination is necessary before resuming participation. A student must live with his or her parents, or a legal guardian with whom he or she has resided continuously for a full year. Athletes must be under 19 years of age on October 16.

A student athlete must be in attendance for at least 85% of the previous semester at an approved school. Attendance is required of athletes on the day of a contest and is expected the day following a contest also. Athletes are expected to attend daily practices.

State and local authorities have established minimum requirements for athletic participation. The state requires that students pass at least 6 of 8 A/B courses or 3 of 4 block courses during the previous semester. Charlotte-Mecklenburg requires that student athletes maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average for the preceding quarter. Students have four years of continuing eligibility since first entering the ninth grade.

East Mecklenburg athletes are expected to behave at school and at athletic contests. They should be role models and set an example for their classmates. An athlete suspended from school cannot practice or play for the duration of the suspension. Fighting will not be tolerated. Any athlete involved in a fight will be removed from that contest plus the next contest, and be subject to removal from the team. Verbally taunting opposing players is also prohibited. Athletes are to treat game officials with due respect.

EAST MECKLENBURG FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



2014 -2015

Date	Opponent	Location
Aug 22	Berry	Berry
Aug 29	Providence	East Meck
Sept 5	North Meck	North Meck
Sept 12	Harding	East Meck
Sept 19	Olympic	East Meck
Sept 26	Independence	East Meck
Oct 2	Butler	Butler
Oct 10	Rocky River	Rocky River
Oct 17	OPEN	
Oct 24	Garinger	East Meck Homecoming
Oct 3	Porter Ridge	Porter Ridge
Nov 7	Myers Park	East Meck Senior Night

All Games Start at 7:00 p.m.