



Parliamentary Procedures

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Parliamentary Procedure is a monthly newsletter for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology. It is designed to keep parents, guardians, patrons, past graduates, and others informed about events and happenings at the Academy on a monthly basis. If you have any questions about events, etc., at the Academy, please call or email one of the following:

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Upcoming Events

- September 4= Act 80 Day
- September 11= Juniata County In-service
- September 17= Operating Committee Meeting
- September 26= Community Day at the Academy 9:00 AM-Noon
- October 12= Act 80 Day

*Highlighted days are events specific to the Academy

From the Director's Office

As we welcome back our students for the 2026-2027 school year, let me take a moment to say thank you for all the efforts of our staff at the Academy who tirelessly worked throughout the summer to prepare our Academy for this school year. To the students, I hope you are as excited about the opportunities that are presented at the Academy as we are to provide them to you. To the parents and guardians, thank you for partnering with us and entrusting us with your young adults. We take this responsibility seriously, and promise that we will do everything possible to provide the credentials and the certifications that will put your child on the road to successful careers once they leave our programs. To our partners in the community, our stakeholders, sending high schools and district administration, thank you for partnering with us and entrusting us with your students. We will continue to partner with you to provide the high-quality education that each of your students deserve. We are excited to have students back in the building, and excited to see what they are able to accomplish this year!

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From the Principal's Office

We have hit the ground running for the 2026-2027 school year and staff and students are settling into their schedules. We have had an excellent opening here at the Academy, and we are looking forward to a great year. I would like to take this time to share some important housekeeping details with all of you:

1. Please make sure that you complete all of the beginning of the year paperwork that was given to the students on the first day of school. This would include biographical information, medication forms, etc. We must have this information on file in the office.
2. Please remember that when a student is absent, we need an excuse turned in to the office at the Academy in addition to the one sent to the sending school. You are welcome to email these to me at mac12@mcsdk12.org.
3. Please remember that if a student has medication that they need to carry with them (i.e. inhaler or EpiPen), you will need to have a new form filled out and on file in the nurse's office before they are permitted to carry it. These must be renewed every year.

Finally, I want to make you aware of our new MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Support) that we will using here at the Academy. We have been using a similar type of interventions for the past two years but are excited to improve upon those as well. I have listed the levels of supports below that are directly related to the supports in place to help all students.

Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology MTSS Program (Academic)

Tier 1

- Academic checks to be completed weekly as teachers communicate with the principal, counselor, and special education teacher about students failing and/or struggling in class.
- Attendance checks are done bi-weekly, and those students on the report are also checked for academic issues at the Academy and the sending school.
- The para professional will circulate to all programs on a rotating schedule, providing support as indicated by the instructor.

Tier 2

- Academic team reviews the reports generated from the weekly academic reviews (progress monitoring) and then decides on a course of action, which may include:
 - Parent conference
 - Small group or individual instruction with the special education teacher and/or para professional
 - If the cause of the low grades is classroom work, the student may have time in the shop limited until the grade improves.

Tier 3

- Academic team continues to monitor, and sessions may be changed to a one-on-one session with the special education teacher and/or paraprofessional.
- All information gathered is shared with the home school administration and guidance departments.



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Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology MTSS Program (Behavioral)

Tier 1

- All staff are trained in trauma-informed practices, which include awareness of signs of students dealing with trauma and how to respond to these situations.
- Welfare checks are done every Friday (these include both academic and behavioral checks), whereby teachers provide data to the principal about any behavioral, emotional, and/or other mental health concerns.
- Mental Health Matters posters with QR code are placed throughout the building. Students can fill out a short survey with relevant questions about mental health, stress, etc. Responses are sent via email to the Career Coach who then follows up with students.

Tier 2

- Data from weekly check-ins will be shared with the Career Coach and Special Education teacher. The career coach will check in with any student listed on the report as a concern and will report back to the principal.
- Special Education teacher has emotional support certification, and is certified facilitator in social and emotional learning, while the Career Coach has been trained in restorative practices, counseling theory, technique and assessment as well as grief counseling and life span development.
- A course of action will be determined, which may include:
 - One-on-one session with a counselor
 - Possible SAP referral
 - Parent Conference

Tier 3

- Request to modify an IEP (behavioral support plan) when necessary
- Referral to the school psychologist
- SAP intervention
- One-on-one session with the Career Coach.



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From the Career Coach's Office

We have hit the ground running with career-related activities:

- Your students will be bringing home our Annual Educational and Occupational Objectives form. The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires this form to be completed by career and technology students each year. This is an opportunity for students to reflect on their future profession based on their program area. Please sign this form in the "Parent Signature" area and return to Mrs. Dressler as soon as possible. Students are NOT permitted in their program shop until this form is completed.
- There will be a field trip to South Hills School of Business and Technology on 10/2/26 for students who are interested in post-secondary exploration.
- Students have until the end of the school day on Friday, September 4th, to make any changes to their schedule. This means they will be unable to add or drop their Academy program after that date and will remain in that class until the end of the year.
- Watch each month for our Academy Students of the Month and help us celebrate their accomplishments in and out of the classroom!
- The Career Coach is available every day for students. There is an open-door policy, and appointments are not needed. We are here to support your student with all of their academic, social, and emotional needs.

From the Co-op Coordinators Office

Cooperative Education: Connecting the Classroom to the Workplace

As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, the Cooperative Education Program at the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology is excited to welcome our students, families, and business partners back for another year of career-focused learning!

The Cooperative Education Program, coordinated by Mr. Bryan Boyd, provides eligible Academy students with the opportunity to apply the skills they learn in the classroom in a real-world work environment. Through these experiences, students gain valuable hands-on training while developing the professionalism, confidence, and workplace skills needed for success after graduation.

Preparing Students for Success

Cooperative Education is more than simply having a job. It is an extension of the student's Academy program and provides an opportunity to learn from experienced professionals in their chosen career field.



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Students must demonstrate that they are ready for the responsibilities of Co-op. Good grades at both their sending school and the Academy are an important requirement for participation. Students are also expected to maintain good attendance, demonstrate appropriate behavior, complete required assignments and journals, and meet the expectations of both the Academy and their employer.

Through their Co-op experiences, students develop important skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, time management, dependability, professionalism, and workplace safety. These skills will benefit students as they enter the workforce or continue their education after graduation.

Our Business Partners Make It Possible

The Cooperative Education Program would not be possible without the support of our local employers. Our business partners provide students with opportunities to experience the workplace firsthand and serve as mentors who help students understand what it takes to be successful in their chosen careers.

We appreciate the continued support of our returning business partners and look forward to building new partnerships throughout the school year. These relationships benefit both students and employers by helping develop the next generation of skilled workers.

Looking Ahead

We are looking forward to another successful year of Cooperative Education and to providing students with meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and prepare for their future careers.

Bryan Boyd

Cooperative Education Coordinator

Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology

From the Practical Nursing Program:

On Thursday, August 20, the Practical Nursing students had their biannual career fair and mock interviews at the school.

Seniors and juniors had the chance to meet with 14 different employers over multiple counties to explore career opportunities. The seniors also performed mock interviews as a way to gain experience in preparation for upcoming interviews as they prepare to graduate this September 10th.



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