



# McLoughlin Middle School

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Dear McLoughlin Panther Families,

Our staff is excited to welcome your child(ren) back to the Panther campus for another great school year. Your endless support and dedication to Pasco School District continues to put smiles on the faces of everyone lucky enough to be part of the education of your child(ren). In an effort to sustain quality and lasting relationships, one of our intentions is to create a high-level of transparency with our parents concerning McLoughlin Middle School policies and procedures. The two policies listed below are part of the McLoughlin Student Handbook that all students will be reviewing during the first few weeks of school. Please review these policies and share them with your child(ren). Please call our main office at 547-4542 if you have any questions concerning these policies and one of our secretaries will be happy to direct your call to one of the school administrators.

## Highlighted School Policies

**CELL PHONES, HEADPHONES, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** In an effort to support the learning environment, promote the importance of academic classroom time, and to protect against cyber bullying and lost/damaged/stolen personal electronic equipment *cell phones, electronic devices, and headphones are allowed at school, but are to be stowed away in a student's backpack or locker from 7:30 a.m. until 2:22 p.m. unless a teacher specifically indicates that students can use their devices in support of a learning activity.* Further, the expectation is that students keep their cell phones, electronic devices, and headphones stowed away during hallway passing times between classes, but are allowed to access them during their assigned lunch period. Do not let another student use or borrow your device as the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Should a child be asked to surrender a device to a staff member and they refuse, the student is subject to school disciplinary consequences.

**FOOD AND DRINK:** To aid in providing a safe, secure, and pleasant learning environment for all our students, energy drinks, such as Monster, Red Bull, or other highly-caffeinated beverages, including energy-drink-based blended beverages from local coffee shops will not be allowed inside the building. We ask parents help us with this expectation by limiting the purchase of these types of drinks for their children on the way to school in the morning – Thank you. MAC staff has been trained to politely ask students to dispose of such beverages as they enter the building. Other food or beverages brought to school are subject to confiscation if any staff member feels they are creating a disruption or are found to be unsafe for, or distracting to, the school or classroom environment. Any MAC employee is empowered to enforce this policy. Individual teachers may allow other food and beverages in their classroom for specific, periodic classroom activities. It is recommended that your child drink water, fruit juice, or milk while on campus.

Thank you for your continued support of our entire McLoughlin Panther family.

Sincerely,

Vikki Fogelson  
Principal

Chrissy Beraza  
Asst. Principal

Bruce Davison  
Asst. Principal

Corey Heitschmidt  
Asst. Principal

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