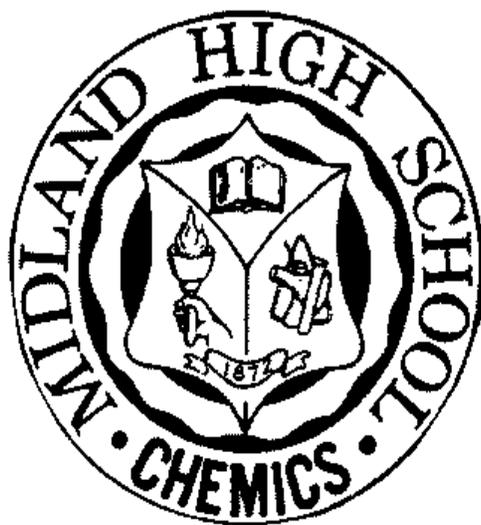


**MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETICS**  
**STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK**



**2012-2013**

**“CHEMIC PRIDE”**

**A VERY SPECIAL TRADITION**

**MHSAA EXEMPLARY ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

## Table Of Contents

Coaching Staff	3
Athletic Philosophy	4
Nondiscrimination Policy	4-5
Sexual Harassment Policy	5
MHSAA Athletic Eligibility	6-7
Tryouts & Team Cutting	7
General Team Guidelines	7-8
Issues in Athletics	8-9
Awards	9
Booster Club	10
Saginaw Valley League	11
Chemic Athletic History	12-13
Sport Starting Dates	13
MHSAA Informed Consent	14
Team Information	15-17
Ticket Prices	17
National Testing Dates	18
Directions to Other Schools	19-20
NCAA Initial Eligibility	21
Activity Fee Policy	22

## Midland High School Athletic Staff

Principal	Mrs. Janet Greif
Asst. Principals	Amy Hutchinson Kandis Pritchett Bob Scurfield
Athletic Director	Eric Albright
Office Professional	Sherry Mitchell
Faculty Manager	Casey Clark
Baseball	Varsity-Eric Albright JV-Matt Starling 9 <sup>th</sup> -Chris Corbat
Basketball {Boys}	Varsity-Eric Krause JV-Mark Dickerson 9 <sup>th</sup> -Kevin Dodick
Basketball {Girls}	Varsity-Elaine Mahabir JV-Caitlin Bradfield 9 <sup>th</sup> -Open
Cheerleading {Fall & Winter}	Varsity-Lindsey Dresch JV-Brittany Manifo
Cross Country {Boys/Girls}	Marty Hollenbeck
Football	Varsity- Eric Methner Matt Starling, Matt Rapanos, Pete Welter JV-Scott Albrecht, Tim Kipfmiller Freshman-Kendall Root, Kevin Larson
Golf {Boys}	Varsity-Jeff Babin JV-Tom Palmer
Golf {Girls}	Varsity-Jeff Babin JV-Meredith LeBaron
Hockey	Jeff Brown Jeff Richards
Pom Pon {Fall & Winter}	Varsity- Tracy Hall JV-Carissa Kelley
Soccer {Boys}	Varsity-Bill Ripke JV-Dick Campbell
Soccer {Girls}	Varsity-Dick Campbell JV-Erin Ireland
Softball	Varsity-Robin Allen JV-Michelle Ignatowski Pat Welter
Swimming {Boys}	Carol Boychuck
Swimming {Girls}	Varsity-Terry Hicks
Tennis {Boys}	JV-Nathan Schwarzbek Varsity-Keith Schulte
Tennis {Girls}	JV- Nathan Schwarzbek Open
Track {Boys}	Stephen Leibfritz
Track {Girls}	Diane Sugnet Kevin Lawson Kendall Root
Volleyball	Varsity-Tim Zerull JV- Erin Ireland 9 <sup>th</sup> -MaryAnne Wright
Wrestling	Carl Hoffman Scott Lafever

## Forward

This handbook was created to act as an informational guide on the Midland High School Athletic program. We are very proud of the “**Chemic Tradition**” and would encourage you to get involved and experience “**Chemic Pride**” for yourself. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call the Midland High Athletic Department at (989) 923-5216.

## Athletic Program Philosophy

The goal of education is to help young people to develop physically, emotionally, and intellectually. The athletic program at Midland High School is meant to contribute to this goal by providing our student athletes with opportunities to participate as team members in athletic competition with other schools. Desirable individual outcomes included the development not only of physical skill but of sportsmanship, teamwork, self-discipline, loyalty, tolerance and perseverance.

## Statement of Nondiscrimination

The United States Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX, and the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, Section 504, require every educational institution not to discriminate on the basis of sex or handicap in its educational programs and activities. The regulations also require each educational institution to conduct a self-study of its programs and activities, to report on its findings, and to institute any changes indicated by the self-study. Each educational institution is further required to publish a notice of its policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex or handicap and to establish grievance procedures to handle complaints of discrimination on the basis of sex or handicap from students, parents, and employees.

The Midland Public Schools conducted its self-study on nondiscrimination on the basis of sex during the 1975-76 school year. The report and recommendations for change indicated by the study were presented to the Midland Board of Education on June 14, 1976. The recommendations for the changes indicated and this statement of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex were approved by the Board of Education on June 28, 1976.

The self-study on nondiscrimination on the basis on handicap was conducted during the 1977-78 school year.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program.

The Midland Public Schools conducted it self-study on Titles I and II of the Americans With Disabilities Act in 1991 and 1992. The report of this self-study was accepted by the Board of Education on February 8, 1993.

It is the policy of the Midland Board of Education that Midland Public Schools will not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, disability, or any additional criteria identified by any applicable state or federal statute.

The school system's compliance with Title VI, Title IX, and section 504 will be coordinated by:

Midland Public Schools Administration  
600 East Carpenter St.  
Midland, MI 48640 {989} 923-5001

The school system's compliance with the American with Disabilities Act {ADA} will be coordinated by:

Director of Human Resources  
Midland Public Schools, 600 East Carpenter St.  
Midland, MI 48640 {989} 923-5020

Complaints of noncompliance with Title VI, Title IX, Sections 504, or the ADA from students, parents, employees, or applicants for employment should be directed for investigation and resolution as follows:

From students, or parents on  
Student-related complaints:

To: The Principal of the  
school the student attends

From parents on educational  
programs:

To: Director of Curriculum  
600 E. Carpenter St.

From employees or applicants  
For employment:

To: The Principal or  
immediate supervisor of  
the employee for employment:  
and, if unresolved, to the  
Director of Human Resources

Complaints not resolved by the staff members listed above will be referred for investigation and decision next, to the superintendent of schools, and then to the Board of Education.

## **Policy on Sexual Harassment**

Midland Public Schools is committed to providing an educational environment which is free of discriminating intimidation and sexual harassment. Abuse of the dignity of anyone through sexist slurs or through other derogatory or objectionable conduct is offensive behavior which will not be tolerated.

Sexual harassment is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Michigan Elliot-Larson Civil Right Act. It is also contrary to the policy of the school district for any staff or student member, male or female, to sexually harass a student or staff member.

Individuals who believe that their rights in this area have been violated should report their concerns to the building administrators or to the Director of Human Resources of the Midland Public Schools.

## **MHSAA – Athletic Eligibility**

The Midland Public Schools are a volunteer member of the **Michigan High School Athletic Association**. The MHSAA rules listed in this brochure are only a summary of some of the regulations affecting student eligibility. Most rules are found in the MHSAA Handbook, which can be located in the school administrative offices or online, MHSAA.com. Review these rules and ask questions of your principal, athletic director and coaches. **Your role in following the rules will assure eligibility to participate in interscholastic sports or prevent your participation as an ineligible athlete, which would result in forfeiture of contests.**

**AGE:** A student becomes ineligible if they are 19 before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:** Athletes must have on file in the athletic office a physician's statement for the current school year {after April 15<sup>th</sup>} certifying that he/she is physically able to compete in athletic practices and contests. The Midland Public Schools also requires that each athlete has their insurance company's name on file or a waiver of insurance form on file in the athletic office.

**ENROLLMENT:** Students must be enrolled in school prior to the fourth Friday after Labor Day {1<sup>st</sup> semester} or the fourth Friday of February {2<sup>nd</sup> semester}. A student must be enrolled in the school for which he/she competes.

**SEMESTERS OF ENROLLMENT:** Students cannot be eligible in high school athletics for more than eight semesters and the seventh and eighth semesters must be consecutive. Students are allowed four first semesters and four second semesters of competition and cannot compete if they have graduated from high school.

**SEMESTER RECORDS:** Students must be passing 66% of their classes in order to participate in athletics. That means a student must be passing at least 4 of 6 classes or 5 of 7 classes.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS:** A student in grades 9 through 12 who transfers to another high school is not eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest for one full semester unless the student qualifies for immediate eligibility under one or more of the fifteen published exceptions. Contact the Midland High Athletic Office for the published list.

**UNDUE INFLUENCE:** The use of undue influence by any person directly or indirectly associated with a school to secure or encourage the attendance of a student for athletic purposes shall cause the student to become ineligible for a minimum of one semester.

**LIMITED TEAM MEMBERSHIP:** After practicing with or participating with high school teams, students cannot participate in any athletic competition not sponsored by his/her school in the same sport during the same season. Exceptions include Ice Hockey and all individual sports, which apply the rule from the point of a student's first participation in a contest or scrimmage rather than practice. Students in individual sports may participate in a

maximum of two {2} non-school individual meets or contests during the school season while not representing their school.

**ALL STAR COMPETITION:** Students shall not compete at any sport under MHSAA jurisdiction in All-Star contests or national championships regardless of the method of selection. Participation in such a contest shall cause that student to become ineligible for a maximum period of one year of school enrollment.

**AWARDS AND AMATEURISM:** Students cannot receive money or other valuable consideration for participating in MHSAA sponsored sports or officiating in interscholastic athletic contests, except as allowed by the MHSAA Handbook. Students may accept, for participation in MHSAA sponsored sports, a symbolic or merchandise award which does not have a value over \$25.00. Banquets, luncheons, dinners, trips and admissions to camps or events are permitted if accepted "kind." Awards in the form of cash, merchandise, certificates, or any other negotiable document are never allowed.

## Team Tryouts and Cutting

All eligible students will be offered the opportunity to try out for an athletic team. Each sport has a starting date and there will be a minimum of three days of tryouts/practice before cuts are made. Junior Varsity and freshman athletes are invited to try out for a higher level team.

## General Team Guidelines

Each team and coach will have various guidelines that are relative to the particular sport. However, listed below are a few guidelines that are the same regardless of the sport.

**GENERAL COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM:** Each athlete that is on a team must have a strong commitment to the team and athletic program in general. Being on a team will require teamwork, self-discipline, loyalty, tolerance, sportsmanship and perseverance. If an athlete has a concern or conflict, first, begin by talking with the Head Coach of the team {see Issues in Athletics}.

**PRACTICES AND CONTESTS:** Practices, in general, begin around 3:30pm and end around 5:30pm-6:00pm. During the winter and early spring the practice times may vary from day to day as a result of the demand for gymnasium use. Athletic contests are usually scheduled a year in advance or more. Each sport usually has its own pattern on which days in the week they play their contests.

**EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS:** The athlete is responsible for all uniforms and equipment that the school provides. All equipment must be turned in immediately following the end of the season.

**TRANSPORTATION:** All athletes are expected to be transported by the school provided or approved means of transportation. This includes going to the scheduled contest and the return trip to Midland. Any change in this procedure must be reported to the head coach and the athletic office well in advance of the change. When parent drivers are used, a completed volunteer driver form must be on file in the Athletic Office prior to transporting students.

**ATHLETIC TRAINING RULES:** All athletes in the Midland Public Schools fall under the Board of Education's policy on athletic training rules. The athletic training rules specifically prohibit drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages, abuse or possession of harmful narcotics and/or drugs, the use of tobacco in any form, or any socially unacceptable behavior such as failure to obey the civil laws of our society or the serious or habitual violation of the Board of Education's Code of Student Conduct. These training rules are to be observed throughout the entire calendar year and throughout the athlete's career at Midland High.

## **Issues in Athletics**

The Midland Public Schools are very proud of our sound educational and athletic programs. We have committed ourselves to continue to have a program that all student athletes can be proud to be a part of while they are in school. We perceive ourselves as having one of the best educational athletic programs in Michigan. As a result of our commitment, we will also invite comments or criticism from our public. We enthusiastically participate in discussion of ways to address and resolve the issues and challenges that lie ahead.

When anyone has a question, concern, or complaint regarding an athletic situation, we have found the following line of communication very effective in resolving issues.

**START WITH THE SOURCE:** Talk directly with the coach, in private, face to face, away from the practice site or game arena. A telephone call may be necessary to arrange an appointment.

**IF NECESSARY:** Talk next with the head coach of the sport.

**IF NECESSARY:** Talk next with the Athletic Director.

**IF NECESSARY:** Talk next with the Principal.

**IF NECESSARY:** Talk with the Director of Human Resources.

All complaints **MUST** be heard at the lowest possible level **BEFORE** intervention by the higher authority can occur. This system has worked very well in the past. However, the next level arbitrator will always be willing to meet with a complainant if sub-level discussions do not accomplish their intended purpose.

Help the child learn to resolve his/her own differences. When a student successfully deals with difficult situations, he/she learns and grows. Of course, a parent always has the right to intervene on behalf of a child.

When stating your concern, be prepared with the facts in so far as you understand, or can ascertain them. Think through your expectations for the outcome resulting from voicing your concern. That is, be clear about what you hope will happen as a result of your meeting.

As you converse with the coach, or other authority, repeat back what you hear him/her say to be sure that you understand the important points. Stay calm and friendly as you talk and listen.

We always assume that all parties have the best interest of the students in mind when concerns are discussed. We will make every effort to assure that the student is not penalized or placed in an awkward position as a result of voicing a concern.

## **Athletic Awards**

Varsity "letters" are awarded in each sport to athletes who have completed the sport season as determined by the head coach. See Team Information for more details.

**CHENILLE LETTER:** Awarded only once in an athlete's career at Midland High. It will be his/her first varsity award.

**VARSITY CERTIFICATE:** Awarded to letter winners who have already received a chenille letter previously.

**SENIOR PLAQUES:** Awarded to seniors who have lettered in that sport for two years.

**PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES:** Presented to each athlete not receiving a varsity letter but who has successfully completed a sport season either on a Varsity, JV, or Freshman team.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:** Generally there are 3 special trophy awards and one Midland Daily News Award per sport. Some have more because they have been donated by someone outside the program. Examples of special awards: Most Valuable Player, Most Improved Player, Coaches' Award, Defensive Player, Offensive Player, etc. The Midland Daily News Award is whatever the head coach wishes it to be labeled. Some coaches and/or teams have special awards relative to their sport. The Midland Daily News also recognizes a Sportsmanship Award for each sport.

**SAGINAW VALLEY CONFERENCE AWARDS:** These awards are selected by the head coaches of the various sports. These awards are MVP, 1<sup>st</sup> Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Honorable Mention.

**SAGINAW VALLEY ALL-ACADEMIC AWARD:** This award is issued to any Midland High athlete who has met the following requirements:

Been involved in the sport for a minimum of two years at Midland High. At least one year on the varsity team at Midland High.

Has maintained a 3.3 GPA or higher.

**SAGINAW VALLEY SCHOLAR ATHLETE:** Awarded to one senior male and one senior female athlete who has a least a 3.2 GPA and has been an exceptional athlete.

**BOOSTER CLUB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to two graduating seniors who have demonstrated a dedication and positive attitude to their sport, their team, and their school.

If for any reason you do not want your son/daughter to be considered for any award that involves their GPA, ACT, SAT and/or class ranking as a criteria for receiving an award you must submit in writing at the beginning of the sport season, notification to exclude your son/daughter from this award process.

## **Midland Chemic Booster Club**

The Chemic Booster Club is dedicated to the support of the Midland High School athletic program. The Booster Club has been involved in the fundraising of many projects over the past several years by complimenting and supplementing the school program. Uniforms, conditioning equipment, training aids, video equipment, financial assistance for clinics, student scholarships, field improvements and many others are examples of Booster Club projects.

The Booster Club has included all sports, and involved parents act as representatives for each individual sport. These representatives attend Booster Club meetings and are the principle contact between the Booster Club and the sport they represent.

Parents and others are urged to join the Chemic Booster Club and become active. Annual contributions are tax deductible. All members are recognized by a listing in our Fall, Winter and Spring sports programs.

Regular Booster Club meetings are held once a month during the school year. Anyone is welcome.

## Saginaw Valley Conference

Midland High School is a member of the Saginaw Valley Conference. This is the oldest and still active athletic conference in Michigan. It is a highly competitive and respected high school conference. Members of the Saginaw Valley include:

Bay City Central	"Wolves"	{1904}
Bay City Western	"Warriors"	{1972}
Carman-Ainsworth	"Crusaders"	{2012}
Davison	"Cardinals"	{2012}
Flint Northern	"Vikings"	{1927}
Flint Southwestern	"Knights"	{1960}
Flint Northwestern	"Wildcats"	{2012}
Flint Powers Catholic	"Chargers"	{2012}
Flushing	"Raiders"	{2012}
Midland H. H. Dow	"Chargers"	{1971, 1980}
Midland High	"Chemics"	{1960}
Mt. Pleasant	"Oilers"	{2005}
Saginaw Arthur Hill	"Lumberjacks"	{1904}
Saginaw Heritage	"Hawks"	{1994}
Saginaw High	"Trojans"	{1904}

## Statement of Belief

The Saginaw Valley Athletic Association believes that a quality co-curricular program plays an integral role in the educational process by enhancing the mental, emotional and physical well being of each participating individual.



# Midland High School – Athletic History

## MHSAA State Championships

Baseball	1973, 1982, 1998
Boys Golf	1948, 1949, 1950, 1954
Football	1957, 1968
Pompon	2000

## MHSAA State Championship Runner-Ups

Football	1990, 1993, 2007
Boys' Golf	1947
Hockey	1994, 2007, 2009
Boys' Tennis	1970
Boys' Cross Country	1954

## Saginaw Valley League Championships

### Boys' Sports

Baseball	1962, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1980, 1982, 1991, 1995, 1997, 2005, 2010, 2012
Basketball	1976
Cross Country	1961, 1962, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005
Football	1962, 1968, 1971, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007
Golf	1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2004
Hockey	1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Soccer	1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2011
Swimming	1979
Tennis	1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1992, 2005
Track	1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2007, 2008
Wrestling	2005, 2007, 2008

## Girls' Sports

Basketball	2010, 2012
Cross Country	1983, 1987, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2009
Golf	1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2010 2011
Soccer	1986, 1987, 1991, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008
Softball	1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1998
Swimming	1975, 1976, 1977, 1979
Tennis	1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1996
Track	1976, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2011
Volleyball	1986, 1987, 1991, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011

## STARTING DATES FOR ATHLETICS

The Michigan High School Athletic Association establishes the official starting dates for all high school athletics. Listed below are the starting dates for 2007-2008 sport seasons.

FALL SPORTS: Football – Aug. 6, 2012  
All other Fall Sports – Aug. 8, 2012

WINTER SPORTS: Hockey – October 29, 2012  
Competitive Cheer – November 5, 2012  
Girls Basketball – November 5, 2012  
Wrestling – November 12, 2012  
Boys Basketball – November 12, 2012  
Swimming – November 19, 2012

SPRING SPORTS: All Teams – March 11, 2013

**ALL SCHEDULES CAN BE FOUND AT:**

**[www.chemics.net](http://www.chemics.net)**

## MHSAA INFORMED CONSENT

By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury which may range in severity. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate the risk.

Participants have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. Players must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily.

It is encouraged that all parents have medical insurance in the event that an injury occurs while participating in school sports.

The Midland Public Schools **does not** provide insurance covering injuries to an athlete while participating or practicing with a school team. The school does provide information for parents to purchase insurance or additional coverage that will provide some coverage for injuries sustained during school athletics. Parents wishing additional information on this insurance plan should contact the Athletic Office.

# TEAM INFORMATION

## Boys' Sports

<b>Baseball</b>	{Spring} – Varsity, JV & Freshman teams. Baseball is a cut sport. Each team usually carries from 16-20 players. Most games are played on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, however, the spring weather often forces us to reschedule games on other days. Most games are doubleheaders and on weekends we are involved in tournaments. Participating members of the varsity team will earn a varsity letter.
<b>Basketball</b>	{Winter} – Varsity, JV & Freshman teams. Basketball is a cut sport. Each team usually carries from 12-15 players. We play 15-20 games in the regular season. Game dates vary from week to week. All members of the varsity team earn a varsity letter.
<b>Cross Country</b>	{Fall} – Varsity and JV teams. The girls and boys practice together but they compete as separate teams. There is no limit on team members, however, usually the top 7 runners on each team count in the team scoring. The competition is a 3-mile course run over a variable terrain. We have 12-15 meets per season including some invitationals. Meets are usually run on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Varsity letter winners are determined by a point system.
<b>Football</b>	{Fall} – Varsity, JV & Freshman teams. Football is a non-cut sport. There are 9 games per season. The Freshman games are on Wednesdays, JV games are on Thursdays and the varsity plays on Fridays. In order to win a varsity letter, you must be a participating member on the varsity team.
<b>Golf</b>	{Spring} – Varsity and JV teams. Golf can be a cut sport depending on the number of athletes in tryouts. There are 15-16 varsity matches in the regular season. If we have additional golfers, we will attempt to schedule JV matches. We carry around 15 team members, however, we are limited to the number players in each match to 4-7. Varsity letter winners are determined by a player's participation in varsity matches.
<b>Hockey</b>	{Winter} – Varsity team only. Hockey is a cut sport. There are normally 20-22 players on the team. We practice and play our home games at the Midland Civic Arena. We play 22 games during the regular season. Players will have to provide their own skates and sticks. Varsity letters are determined by a player's amount of playing time and practice dedication.
<b>Lacrosse</b>	{Spring} – Varsity and JV teams. Lacrosse is offered as a cooperative sport with HH Dow High School. The team is self-funded by the Midland Lacrosse Club with MPS offering administrative and facility support.
<b>Soccer</b>	{Fall} – Varsity, & JV teams. Soccer is usually a cut sport. Each team will carry 18-20 players. The varsity team plays 18 games in the regular season and the JV's play 10-12 games. Practices are at Midland High and Parkdale. Home games are played at Midland Stadium. Members of the varsity team will earn a varsity letter.
<b>Swimming</b>	{Winter} – Varsity and JV teams. There is no limit on the number of team members. We normally have 16 meets in the season. The 16 meets are split up among dual meets and larger invitationals. Meets are normally on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We practice and compete at the Dow High pool. Varsity letters are determined by a persons contributions in practice and meets.
<b>Tennis</b>	{Fall} – Varsity & JV teams. Tennis is not normally a cut sport, however, if the number that tries out is too large, cuts may be necessary. We play 14-16 matches including some invitationals. Game dates vary. A varsity letter is determined by the number of varsity matches played.

**Track** {Spring} – Varsity and JV teams. Track is not a cut sport. Track has 12-16 meets in the season. The meets are divided among dual meets, relays and invitationals. Meets are usually run on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Home meets are run at Midland Stadium on an all-weather metric track. Earning a varsity letter is based on a point system and contributions in meets and practice.

**Wrestling** {Winter} – Varsity & JV teams. There is no limit on the number of athletes trying out. Many of the matches are Varsity only, however, we attempt to wrestle as many JVs as possible. There are 13 weight classes. The matches are divided among duals, triangulars, quadrangles, and invitationals. Most matches are on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Receiving a varsity letter is based on your contributions to the team and the number of varsity matches wrestled.

## Girls Sports

**Basketball** {Winter} – Varsity, JV & Freshman teams. This can be a cut sport depending on the number of girls that tryout. Each team usually carries 12-15 girls. There are 15-20 games in the regular season. Game dates vary from week to week. All members of the varsity team will receive a varsity letter.

**Cheerleading** {Fall & Winter} – Varsity & JV teams. Tryouts for the fall teams are in June and the winter team tryouts are in November. There are up to 18 people on each squad. The winter squad is a competitive team and will participate in 4 or 5 competitions.

**Cross Country** {Fall} – Varsity and JV teams. The girls and boys practice together but they compete as separate teams. There is no limit on the team members, however, usually the top 7 runners on each team count in the team scoring. The competition is a 3-mile course run over a variable terrain. We have 8-12 meets per season including some invitationals. Meets are usually run on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Varsity letter winners are determined by a point system.

**Golf** {Fall} – Varsity & JV teams. There is no limit on the number of team members, however, 4-6 golfers constitute a team for scoring in a match. If we have additional golfers, we will attempt to schedule JV matches. There are no set days for matches. A varsity letter is based on the number of varsity matches in which a girl participates.

**Lacrosse** {Spring} – Varsity only. Lacrosse is offered as a cooperative sport with HH Dow High School. The team is self-funded by the Midland Lacrosse Club with MPS offering administrative and facility support.

**Pompon** {Fall & Winter} – Varsity & JV teams. Tryouts for the fall teams are in June and the winter team tryouts are in November. The fall squad will perform at home football games. The winter squad will perform at boys' and girls' basketball games and compete in regional competition. All members of the varsity team will receive a varsity letter.

**Soccer** {Spring} – Varsity & JV teams. This is a cut sport. Generally, each team has 18-20 team members. The home games are played at Midland Stadium. The game days are usually Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The varsity plays 18 games and the JV plays 10-12 games. To receive a varsity letter, you must be a member of the varsity team.

**Softball** {Spring} – Varsity & JV teams. This is a cut sport. Each team carries 13-18 players. The home games are played at Midland High. The varsity will play over 30 games. The game days are Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The spring weather is a major factor on rescheduled games. Members of the varsity team will receive a varsity letter.

- Swimming** {Fall} – Varsity and JV teams. There is no limit on the number of team members. There are usually 12-15 swim meets. They are divided among dual meets and larger invitationals. Meet days are usually Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Earning a varsity letter is on a point system.
- Tennis** {Spring} – Varsity & JV Teams. Tennis can be a cut sport. Only 12 girls will compete in a regulation match. Game dates vary. A varsity letter is determined by the number of varsity matches played.
- Track** {Spring} – Varsity and JV teams. Track is not a cut sport. Track has 12-14 meets in the season. The meets are divided among dual meets, relays and invitationals. Meets are usually run on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Home meets are run at Midland Stadium on an all-weather metric track. Earning a varsity letter is based on a point system and contributions in meets and practice.
- Volleyball** {Fall} – Varsity, JV & Freshman teams. Volleyball is a cut sport. Each team carries 10-12 team members. We play in 18 days of competition. Games scheduled during the weekdays are usually dual matches. The Saturday matches are usually tournaments. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays are the normal scheduled days for volleyball matches. All members of the varsity team will receive a varsity letter.

## **MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES-HIGH SCHOOL**

### VARSITY GAMES

STUDENT {K-12 GRADES}	\$5.00
ADULTS	\$6.00
RESERVED (FOOTBALL)	\$7.00

### FRESHMAN AND JV GAMES

(Unless JV game is played before varsity game)

ADULTS	\$5.00
STUDENT {K-12 GRADES}	\$5.00

### PASSES

STUDENT 5 PUNCH PASS	\$20.00
STUDENT ALL YEAR PASS {MHS STUDENTS ONLY}	\$50.00
ADULT 10 PUNCH PASS	\$55.00
SENIOR CITIZEN PASS 65+ YEARS	FREE

Punch passes are good at any regular season Midland High or Dow High home athletic contests

MHS student all year passes are good for only MHS home events excluding playoff games

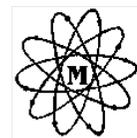
Admission to MHSAA tournaments are controlled by the MHSAA and the price of admission varies as teams advance to higher levels

## 2012-2013 NATIONAL TESTING DATES And Conflicts With MHSAA Tournaments

ACT	September 8, 2012	No Conflict
SAT	October 6, 2012	No Conflict
ACT	October 27, 2012	Soccer Regionals Football Districts
SAT	November 3, 2012	XC, Soc Finals FB, VB Districts
SAT	December 1, 2012	No Conflict
ACT	December 8, 2012	No Conflict
SAT	January 26, 2013	No Conflict
ACT	February 9, 2013	Wrestling Districts (Indiv)
SAT	March 9, 2013	HOC, SW Finals
ACT	April 13, 2013	No Conflict
SAT	May 4, 2013	No Conflict
SAT	June 1, 2013	BB, SB, SOC, Golf Districts TEN, TRK Finals
ACT	June 8, 2013	BB, SB, SOC, Golf Regionals Lacrosse Finals



# HOW TO FOLLOW THE "CHEMICS"



**Bay City Central** – 1624 Columbus, 989.893.9541-Take US-10 east into Bay City. Cross over the Saginaw River via the Veteran's Memorial Bridge. Go to the third light which is Madison and turn right. Go to Columbus Avenue and turn left. Take Columbus about ½ mile east and Bay City Central will be on the right hand side of the road.

**Bay City Handy** – 601 Blend St. 989.893.9541-Take US-10 east into Bay City and at Euclid Ave. turn left. Go north on Euclid Ave. to North Union and turn right. Go to Blend St. and turn right.

**Bay City Western** – 500 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, 989.662.4481-Take US-10 east to the Garfield Road exit. Turn left onto Garfield Road. Take Garfield to Midland Road. Turn right onto Midland Road and go about ½ mile. Bay City Western will be on the left hand side of the road.

**Bullock Creek High School** - 1420 S. Badour Rd., 989.631.2418-Take Poseyville Rd. to Gordonville Rd. (stop light, Chemical Bank & Messiah Church on the corner). Turn right on Gordonville. Go approx. 2-3 miles to the school on your right at the corner of Gordonville and Badour.

**Cadillac** – 400 Linden St., 231.876.5805-Take US-10 west north of Clare and toward Ludington to M-115. Take M-115 to US-131 North. Go approx. 2 miles and take Exit 177. Turn left onto Business Route 131. Take BR-131 to W. Pine Street and turn left. Follow W. Pine St., which turns into Chestnut, along Lake Cadillac. Take a right on Linden St. School will be on the right hand side.

**East Lansing** – 509 Burcham Dr., 517.333.7539-There are two ways to approach the city of East Lansing from Midland. Going through St. Johns on US-27 to I-69 east to US-127 south and take the Lake Lansing exit. Go east on Lake Lansing to Abbott Road and turn right. Take Abbott Road to Burcham Drive and turn left. Arriving to East Lansing from the east on I-69 take the first East Lansing exit to Abbott Road and turn left. Take Abbott Road to Burcham Drive and turn left.

**Essexville Garber** – 213 Pine St., 989.894.9710-Take US-10 east into Bay City. Turn left onto MI-25/N. Madison Ave. Continue on N. Madison to M-25/Center Ave. Turn right onto Center Ave. and continue to N. Pine Street, turn left.

**Flint Central** – 601 Crapo St., 810.760.1042-Take US-10 east to I-75. Take I-75 south to I-475 on the north end of Flint. Take I-475 to the Court Street exit and turn left onto Court. Take Court to Crapo St. and turn left onto Crapo St. Flint Central will be on the right side of the road.

**Flint Northern** – G-3284 Mackin Rd., 810.760.1740-Take US-10 east to I-75 south. Take I-75 south to the Pierson Road exit. Turn left onto Pierson Road and go to Clio Road. Turn right onto Clio road and go to Dayton Road. Turn right onto Dayton and make a quick left turn into the Flint Northern driveway. Flint Northern will be on the right.

**Flint Southwestern** – 1420 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., 810.760.1048-Take US-10 to I-75 south. Take I-75 south to I-69 east. Take I-69 east towards Lapeer to the Hammerberg Road exit. Turn right onto Hammerberg Road and proceed to 12<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left onto 12<sup>th</sup> St. and Flint Southwestern will be on the left.

**Flushing** – 5039 Deland Rd., 810.591.0632-Take US-10 east to I-75 south. Take I-75 south to the Pierson Road exit. Turn right onto Pierson Road and proceed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> stoplight which is Elms Road. Turn right onto Elms Road and proceed to Carpenter. Turn left onto Carpenter and proceed to Deland Rd. Turn left onto Deland Rd.

**Grand Blanc** – 12500 Holly Rd., 810.591.6634-Take US-10 east to I-75 south. Take I-75 south past Flint to the Holly Road exit. Turn left onto Holly Road. Take Holly Road approximately 2 miles and Grand Blanc High School will be on the left side of the road before Saginaw Street

**Mount Pleasant** – 1155 S. Elizabeth, 989.775.2200-Take M-20 west into Mt. Pleasant. Turn left onto Mission. Take Mission south to Bellows and turn left onto Bellows. Go about 3 blocks and Mt. Pleasant High School will be on the right. **For soccer see Horizon Park.**

**Saginaw Arthur Hill** – 3115 Mackinaw, 989.797.4815-Take US-10 east to M-47 toward Freeland. Take M-47 through Freeland into Saginaw where it turns into State Street. Stay on State Street and proceed to Mackinaw Street. Turn right onto Mackinaw and go ¼ mile. Saginaw Arthur Hill will be on the right.

**Saginaw Heritage** – 3465 N. Center Rd., 989.797.5790-Take US-10 east to M-47 toward Freeland. Take M-47 through Freeland to Tittabawassee Road. Turn left onto Tittabawassee Road and proceed to Center Road. Turn right onto Center Road and go ½ mile and Saginaw Heritage will be on the right.  
**For soccer see White Pine Middle School.**

**Saginaw High** – 3100 Webber St., 989.759.3577-Take US-10 to I-75 south. Take I-75 south to the M-46 west exit. Turn right onto M-46. Go to the first light which is Outer Drive and turn left. Take Outer Drive to Webber Street and turn right onto Webber Street. Take Webber Street past the fairgrounds and Saginaw High will be 2 blocks down on the left.

**Saginaw Nouvel** – 2555 Wieneke Road, 989.791.4330-Take M-47 to M-58 (State Road). Turn east on M-58 and continue for ½ mile to Wieneke Road. Turn north on Wieneke Road for ½ mile. School complex is just past Weiss Road on the left.

**Atwood Stadium** – Flint Football Games-Take US-10 east to I-75 south. Take I-75 south to I-69 east. Take I-69 east to the Saginaw St. exit. Turn left onto Church Street (before Saginaw St.). Take Church Street to Kearsley Street and turn left onto Kearsley. Take Kearsley to Grand Traverse and turn right onto Grand Traverse. Take Grand Traverse to Water Street and turn left onto Water Street.

**Perani's Sports Arena** – Flint/Grand Blanc Hockey Games-Take US-10 east to I-75 south. Take I-75 south to I-69 east. Take I-69 east to the Center Road exit. Turn right onto Center Road. Take Center Road to Lapeer Road and turn right onto Lapeer Road. The IMA will be on the right.

**Flint Houston Stadium** – Take US-10 east to I-75 south to I-475 on the north end of Flint. Take I-475 to the Clio Road exit. Turn right onto Clio Road and take it to Carpenter Road. Turn left onto Carpenter Road and go about ½ mile. It will be on the left.

**Bay County Civic Arena** - 4231 Shrestha Dr., 989-671-1000-Take US-10/M25 east to Bay City. Turn left at the first light (Euclid Ave). Go 1.3 miles to Shrestha Dr., it will be on the right side of the road. Go east on Shrestha Dr.

**Saginaw-Bay Ice Arena** – Saginaw Hockey Games-Take US-10 east to M-47. Take M-47 through Freeland to Tittabawassee Road. Turn left onto Tittabawassee Road and proceed to Bay Road. Turn left onto Bay Road and go approximately one mile. The ice arena will be on the left.

**White Pine Middle School** – Heritage Soccer-505 N. Center, 989.797.1814-Take US-10 east to M-47. Take M-47 through Freeland to Tittabawassee Road. Turn left onto Tittabawassee Road and proceed to Center Road. Take Center Road past State Street approximately one mile and White Pine Middle School will be on the right.

**Horizon Park-Mt. Pleasant** – Take M20 west into Mt. Pleasant. Turn left on Isabella Rd. (by the Burger King). Continue south thru two lights and turn right on Preston St. Continue on Preston until Sweeney St. (about 1/4 mile). Turn left on Sweeney, soccer field is on you left side.

**Traverse City Central** – 1150 Milliken Drive, 231.933.8207-Take US-10 north to US-127. Continue on US-127, it will merge with I-75. Continue north on I-75 and take the M-72 west exit. Continue west on M72 until it ends at Acme. Turn left onto US-31 and continue, will turn into Munson Ave. Merge onto Front Street. Take a right on Milliken. For the **football** stadium continue on Front Street to US-31 south. Continue south on US-31 to 14<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left. For **soccer**, Coast Guard Fields, take US-31 east to Airport Access Rd. The fields are located at the end of the road.

## NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

Many college athletic programs are regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association {NCAA}. This organization was founded in 1906 and has established rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. The NCAA has three membership divisions; Division I, Division II

and Division III. Institutions are members of one or another division according to the size and scope of their athletic programs and whether they provide athletic scholarships.

If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman and you wish to participate in Division I or Division II athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse was established as a separate organization by the NCAA member institutions in January 1993. The Clearinghouse ensures consistent interpretations of NCAA initial-eligibility requirements for all prospective student athletes at all member institutions.

## THE STUDENT/ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITY WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Complete the following forms:

- a. Complete and sign Student Release Form and fee.
- b. Foreign Student Application – See your counselor
- c. Official transcript mailed by Midland High School
- d. Your ACT or SAT scores – See your counselor

### STARTING THE PROCESS

We advise that you begin the process at the end of your junior year in high school.

NCAA Website: <http://www.eligibilitycenter.org/>

**Midland Public Schools**  
*Activity Fees*

Beginning in the fall of 2009, the Midland Public Schools started collecting activity fees to help fund the expenditures related to operating its athletic and extra-curricular programs. During 2010-11, Pom Pon will be the only extra-curricular fee charged. Additional activities will be added in following years.

#### Activity Fee Policy

1. The middle school fee is \$75 per activity with an annual cap of \$150 per student.
2. The high school fee is \$150 per MHSAA sport with an annual cap of \$300 per student. The fee for fall Pom Pon, winter Pom Pon and fall cheerleading is \$75.
3. There is no annual family cap.
4. Scholarships are available to students. To apply for a scholarship, please fill out the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and check the box allowing the food service department to share your application with the athletic department.

Additional scholarships may be available. Please contact a counselor for more information.

5. The Activity Fee must be paid before the first scheduled contest of a sport.
6. For athletic teams that have cuts, the Activity Fee will be assessed once the team has been selected. No fees will be assessed during tryouts.
7. The Activity Fee does not guarantee playing time nor does it imply influence on any matters related to the function of the MPS athletic departments. This fee does not in any way alter MPS policies, individual team rules, or Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations.
8. There will be no refunds of the Activity Fee unless the athlete suffers a season-ending injury prior to the mid-point of the season for which the Activity Fee has been paid. The injury must preclude the athlete from participating in one-half or more of the regularly scheduled contests. A medical authorization letter must accompany all such requests. Requests for refunds must be made to the athletic department before the season's midpoint.
9. Activity fees may be paid online by check or credit card at the Midland Public Schools web site. Paying online is convenient and preferred.

Fees may also be paid by cash or check in the athletic and main offices. Due to the number of payments expected, online payments are encouraged for faster service.

Approved by the Board of Education on August 10, 2009