

MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2017- 2018 school year has come to a close and I wish to thank you all for an excellent year! I am truly grateful to work with and for this community of learners. Enclosed in this mailing you will find two reports for your child, the standard MHS Academic Report Card and a **new 21st Century Learning Report** located on the reverse of this letter.

Both college admissions and professional recruiters cite 21st century skills as having the greatest impact on sustained success after graduation. In order to evaluate our impact and progress on teaching students these skills, we added 21st Century Learning Expectations as an additional area of evaluation this past school year. At multiple points during the year, subject area teachers assessed your child on their progress toward these expectations using common rubrics designed by our faculty.

- English teachers measured **Effective Communication**
- Social Studies teachers measured **Reading and Analyzing Information**
- Mathematics and Science teachers measured **Problem Solving**
- Special Education (Study Skills) and Business teachers measured **Technology**
- Visual and Performing Arts teachers measured **Creative Application**
- World Language and Wellness/PE teachers measured **Social and Civic Responsibility**

In reporting out both on academic achievement and 21st century learning, our goal is to equip students, parents, and educators with a more holistic view of our students' progress and capabilities. As a reminder, the MHS Academic Report Card provides data in the form of numeric course grades which are included on transcripts and are used for determining progress toward graduation. In contrast, the 21st Century Learning Report provides data in the form of competency attainment ratings which are not included on transcripts and are not used for determining progress toward graduation.

If you would like to review the 21st Century Learning Expectations and accompanying rubrics in their entirety, please see the Mansfield High School home page at <http://mansfieldhs.ss8.sharpschool.com/home>. Moving forward, we will report out annually on these learning expectations.

Have a wonderful summer and please reach out to me should you have any further questions!

Sincerely,

Mary Watkins
Principal

All students, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, limited English proficiency, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or housing status, have equal access to all programs including athletics and other extracurricular activities.