



McKinney North High School (MNHS) is committed to our motto “Our best is the least we will do with integrity, passion and purpose.” Our campus culture is built upon a strong foundation of collaboration among students, teachers and parents. This foundation has created an environment where all students are provided with multiple opportunities to engage in successful learning experiences. The MNHS staff has established a family environment, thus allowing us to create a culture of excellence in all we do. To support our culture of excellence as well as a family environment the staff of MNHS has showcased a specific focus on the character traits of all MNHS Bulldogs – Perseverance, Honesty, Kindness, Respect, and Accountability. MNHS reported an overall graduation rate of 99.8% for the 2018 school year, but we stay committed to achieving a 100% graduation rate by instilling accountability for personal growth, establishing meaningful relationships and designing engaging lessons that are challenging, relevant and purposeful for all students. Currently, MNHS has approximately 2150 students with an ethnicity of 0.61% Pacific Islander, 11.5% American Indian, 5.36% Asian, 19.83% African American, 24.93% Hispanic, and 47.41% White. In addition, MNHS has 3.7% ESL, 10.61% Special Education, and 29.51 % Economically Disadvantaged.

McKinney North High School has a history of providing an excellent education and achieving overall success in our student performance. MNHS received the “Met Standard” rating for the 2018 TEA Accountability rating and earned 6 of 7 Distinction Designations. MNHS continues to achieve overall passing standards well above the state and the region. MNHS has been named an AVID Demonstration School for 12 consecutive years, an AVID Site of Distinction campus for 2 consecutive years, and a US News and World Report Best High School in 2015. Additionally, MNHS has achieved both Level 1 and Level 2 HRS certification by the Marzano Research Network, and in the Fall of 2017, we were awarded the Most Spirited School in North Texas by WFAA and Verizon.

MNHS is very proud of all accomplishments and awards, however, the most coveted achievements are campus events developed and supported by our own students. MacTown Miracles, Jolly Jive, and the MNHS Food Pantry are all events that are organized and carried out by our student leaders. MacTown Miracles is a district-wide event that is organized and lead by the MNHS Student Council. Each year, at the direction of the MNHS Student Council, students collect food items to provide needy families with a full Thanksgiving dinner. This past Fall our students’ efforts fed over 700 families in the McKinney area. The Jolly Jive is an annual Winter Dance for students with special needs. Many times special needs students are unable to attend other dances like Winter Formal and Prom due to the level of noise, strobing lights, and excessively large crowds. The Jolly Jive was the brainchild of just a few general education students, but has now become an annual event that is supported by the entire MNHS Student Council and other student groups. Finally, a group of students saw a need to help their peers and created our MNHS Food Pantry. The students raised money, organized a space, and created a fully functioning food pantry where students in need can access food, school supplies, and clothing.

While we have much to be proud of at McKinney North, we know that our road to success is never ending. MNHS continues to work toward our academic goals of improvements for ELL and SPED student performance, increasing level 3 performance on state assessments, and increasing both student participation and student performance on the SAT and ACT. The MNHS Leadership Cadre has worked collaboratively to determine best strategies to support all students and ensure achievement of campus goals. Through the work and guidance of the Leadership Cadre, teachers have become more effective in their use of instructional strategies and the development of engaging and relevant lessons. Professional Learning Communities work together to promote meaningful learning opportunities for students in all classrooms. MNHS Instructional Coaches and Administrators attend PLC meetings with teachers as an additional layer of support for teachers. The work done in PLCs ensures that all students have access to high quality lessons as well as the supports needed to ensure individual student success. The MISD 1: World and Canvas Initiative continues to be very positive for our students and has been embraced as an effective instructional tool by teachers. The online learning platform of Canvas combined with 1:1 technology provides multiple pathways for student learning both in and out of the classroom. MNHS teachers and students have benefited from the campus wide use of our MNHS Data Room and integration of Positive Behavior Intervention Systems. The focus of the MNHS Data Room is the utilization of a holistic approach to student success. Campus wide data room meetings have increased our ability to meet the needs of all students and have improved our efforts in decreasing the performance gap between specific student groups. MNHS Data Room discussions target strategies to ensure high levels of student engagement, improved communication between all content areas, and extended professional growth opportunities for staff to support continuous improvement in student learning needs.

MNHS will continue to focus on supporting student learning through a variety of instructional strategies and always giving our best to ensure student success. We are committed to working collaboratively to ensure all students are receiving exemplary instruction in a safe and supportive environment. In the Visioning Document, *The Statement of Principle from Article II: The New Learning Standard* reminds us of the responsibility to equip students with the necessary skills to be successful in our global world. At McKinney North High School, our efforts in supporting high levels of student achievement are done to ensure success after high school, not just on the day of a test.

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