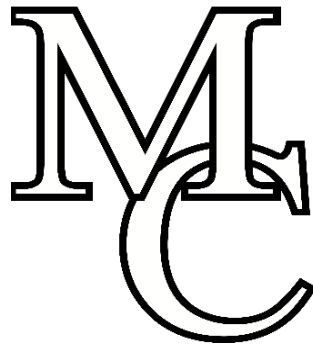


**Middle Country Central  
School District**

**Alternative Learning Center**

**Parent-Student Handbook  
2020-2021**



***“Creating futures through RIGOR,  
RELEVANCE and RESULTS”***

*Newfield High School  
145 Marshall Drive  
Selden, NY 11784  
ALC Telephone #: 285-8346*

### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Alternative Learning Center Career Academy is to provide a supportive educational environment for students who are focused on academic and career oriented goals. We are committed to providing a positive learning environment that:*

- Empowers students to take ownership of their education
  - Encourages students' intellectual growth
- Is student-centered and educationally challenging
  - Is sensitive to varied learning styles
- Is emotionally and socially nurturing to all participants
  - Is conducive to safe and supportive learning
    - Promotes community
- Promotes connections to careers and future goals

### **STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **Directors:**

Steven Mercorella (CHS)  
Danielle Rapisarda (CHS)

#### **Guidance Counselors:**

Renee Davis  
Michael Zodda

#### **Psychologist:**

Christina Chiarulli

#### **Social Worker:**

Tracey Lohmann

#### **Clericals:**

Colleen Moore  
Celia St. John

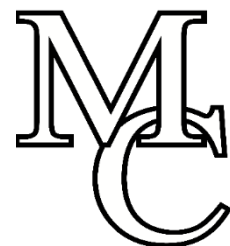
### **DAILY SCHEDULE (Monday through Thursday)**

**Period 0** 3:00-3:45pm (GEWEP)

**Period 1** 3:45-4:40pm

**Period 2** 4:45-5:40pm

**Period 3** 5:45-6:40pm



## COURSE OFFERINGS

*The Alternative Learning Center Career Academy follows the same Regents level curriculum that all public high schools in NYS follow. We offer a wide range of courses to prepare students for college and for careers . . .*

### **Core Academic Areas:**

- **Math** – Algebra I, Intermediate Algebra, Math Applications 1 & 2, Topics in Math, Logic
- **English** – English/LangArts 9, English/LangArts 10, English/LangArts 11, Contemporary Issues in Literature, Literacy in The Digital Age
- **Science** – Living Environment, Earth Science, Oceanography, Environmental Studies
- **Social Studies** – Global I and II, U.S. History, Law and Gov't, Economics
  
- **Physical Education and Health**
- **World Languages** – Spanish 1
- **Elective Credits** – Art, Business, FCS, Technology, General Work Experience Program
- **AIS Services**

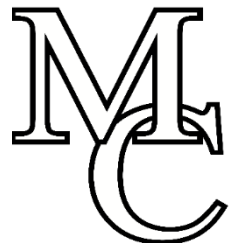
## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is a key component of academic success. The Alternative Learning Center follows the MCCSD Policy for School Attendance. Our guidelines are as follows:

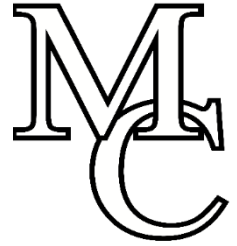
- Semester Course – 5 absences will result in loss of course credit
- Full Year Course – 10 absences will result in loss of course credit
- Denial of Credit appeals must be submitted within 10 days of notification.

## CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones, iPods and any electronic devices not part of the academic process are not permitted to be utilized during ALC hours. These devices should be turned off upon arrival at ALC. Use of devices can result in the device being confiscated by ALC administration. Devices will be returned at conference with parents.



Name \_\_\_\_\_



**ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER  
COMMUNITY CONTRACT**

*Middle Country School District Student Code of Conduct applies to this program and can be found on the Middle Country Central School District website at [www.mccsd.net](http://www.mccsd.net)*

- ✓ **ATTENDANCE**
  - Attendance policy will be enforced.
  - Early dismissals will not be granted without prior knowledge/approval from an administrator.
  
- ✓ **RESPECT**
  - Respect yourself, staff, students and your surroundings.
  - Disrespect will not be tolerated within the ALC community.
  
- ✓ **PARTICIPATION**
  - Arrive prepared (pens, pencils, notebook).
  - Engage in the learning process.
  
- ✓ **ZERO TOLERANCE**
  - Drugs, alcohol, and weapons are not permitted on school grounds.
  - Smoking during school hours is not permitted.
  - You are expected to follow the Middle Country CSD Code of Conduct at all times.
  
- ✓ **ADDITIONAL RULES**
  - You are only permitted on school grounds during ALC hours unless granted prior permission approval from an ALC, CHS or NHS administrator.
  - Once signed in, you must report to class.
  - You must have a Class D license in order to obtain a parking permit to park on campus.

**Remember that attending ALC is a privilege! There are many students waiting to get in. Your failure to follow the contract will give them a spot!**

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email