Music @ McCulloch
Among the best in the state!

McCulloch Junior High has qualified for the Indiana State School Music Association’s highest honor, the Total Department All Music Award, four years in a row!

The All Music Award reflects excellent performance in all of the ISSMA competitions throughout the year, encompassing soloists, small ensembles, jazz groups, and full concert bands or choirs. It requires a school’s students to earn gold ratings in all of those categories.

To earn the Total Department award, students in every facet of the school’s music program must earn gold ratings in all of those categories. McCulloch’s choir and band programs have both accomplished that for four years straight.

McCulloch was the first school in the state to earn this honor. And it is the only school in the state to have fulfilled these requirements four years in a row!

In addition, McCulloch students have earned spots on the Junior High All-State Honor Choir, have regularly participated in the Circle the State with Song festival, and have been featured performers at various community events. If you’re looking for the best opportunity for students interested in vocal or instrumental music, McCulloch Junior High School should be at the top of your list!

CONTACT US:
McCulloch Junior High School
3528 S. Washington St.
765-674-6917

School day:
M-W: 8:55 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
Th-F: 9:10 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

DISTRICT OFFICE:
at Marion High School
750 W. 26th Street
765-662-2546

(NOTE: During school breaks, including summer, please call district office for information.)

VISIT US:
If you are considering enrolling your child at McCulloch Junior High, we’d love to share more with you! Call us at the numbers above to arrange for a VIP tour.

HOW TO ENROLL:
Enrollment at Marion Community Schools is open year-round. Call us at the numbers above for more information, or check out the Enrollment section of the Marion Community Schools website, www.marion.k12.in.us.

MORE INFORMATION:
Visit us online at http://mcculloch.marion.k12.in.us. There you will find the latest happenings highlighted in our News Blog, an events calendar, a school year calendar, and lots of other resources and information. If you don’t find what you are looking for there, or if you would like to discuss specific questions, call us at the numbers above!
McCulloch Junior High School offers many opportunities for students to get a head start on required high school credits, which gives them more flexibility in later years to take advantage of Marion High School’s advanced college credits and other opportunities.

Advanced high school credit opportunities at McCulloch Junior High include:

- **English 9**: fulfills ELA requirement for all Indiana diplomas
- **Algebra I**: required for Indiana Core 40, Academic Honors, and Technical Honors diplomas
- **Geometry**: fulfills math requirement for Indiana Core 40, Academic Honors, and Technical Honors diplomas
- **Biology I**: fulfills science requirement for all Indiana diplomas
- **Preparing for College & Careers**: recommended prerequisite for several career ed courses at high school level; required prerequisite for work-based learning (internships, etc.)

**Student leadership opportunities:**
From athletic teams, to academic competitions, to music, student government, and more, there are many opportunities for students to get involved, have a say, and make their mark at McCulloch and in our community.

**Beyond the basics:**
At McCulloch, students can branch out far beyond the foundations of English/language arts and mathematics. In addition to our outstanding music program, we offer STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) experiences, CSA Arts Academy options and more.

**Parent Involvement @ McCulloch**
The junior high years are a time of transition for students AND for families. Staying involved as a parent at this level may take extra flexibility as you navigate this time of change. Don’t be surprised if your teenager seems to be embarrassed or even resent having you visit our school. We want to work with you to help you stay connected and balance that with your teen’s growing desire for independence and their own identity!

Here are some suggestions:

- Keep in touch with the guidance counselor and/or social worker! They generally know all of the students and can help keep you informed about your students’ progress.
- Familiarize yourself with the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Look for areas where your student may be struggling, or sudden changes in grades or attendance. Also watch for messages from teachers.
- Read all information and watch for phone calls from the school. Review school policies and classroom information carefully.
- Don’t wait until there is a problem to reach out to a teacher or the school. You can email teachers or team leaders, or call our office for information as needed!

**Athletics @ McCulloch**
McCulloch Junior High School students have the opportunity to participate in many different athletic programs. These are feeder programs into Marion High School athletic programs, which consistently produce high-caliber student-athletes, many of whom go on to athletic success at the college level.

Here’s a look at the current athletic programs at McCulloch Junior High:

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

**Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports**
Marion Community Schools utilizes the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) processes and systems, which solidifies our efforts to communicate expectations effectively to our students and families, to teach and reinforce good behavior whenever possible. This way, we proactively promote good behavior, in hopes that bad behavior, and the disciplinary consequences that come along with it, can be stopped before it starts or mitigated before it worsens.

PBIS is tailored to each school’s and students’ needs, and it works best when families are involved and engaged.