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2023-2024 **CENTER FOR** **INNOVATION**

Family Orientation Meeting

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – August 8, 2023



MEET THE STAFF



Christen Cruse
CFI Teacher
Science/ELAR



Linda Varner
CFI Teacher
Math/Social St.



Melody Roper
CFI Liaison



Jeff Brokovich
AISD CFI Coordinator



Tina Jones
Bowie Elem./CFI Principal

Professors
(Math, Science,
PE, Art, Music)

**Education
Students**

WHAT IS THE CFI?

- A strong, innovative, educational collaboration between Abilene ISD and McMurry University – 2023-2024 will be our 16th year!
- Grade 5 Math & Science Magnet Program offering enriched/enhanced opportunities in mathematics and science
- 50 participating students attend school full-time on the McMurry University campus
- Taught by two full-time Abilene ISD teachers, a cadre of professors from McMurry University, a variety of McMurry students, and the assistance of an instructional aide
- Math and science is emphasized throughout—including language arts and social studies
- Students participate in curriculum-related field trips and have special math and science projects

SELECTION PROCESS

- Very competitive! (124 applicants) Being selected is quite an honor!
- All selected students are...
 - An enrolled Abilene ISD student
 - Strong academically in the four core subject areas (Math, Science, ELAR, Social Studies) – 90% avg.
 - Strong with their attendance habits (All show up consistently and are on time!)
 - Self-disciplined with good conduct and work habits
 - Strong performers on the STAAR assessment

CONGRATULATIONS!
Welcome to college!

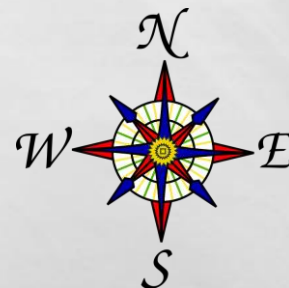


SCHOOL HOURS: 7:25 AM – 3:05 PM

- Arrive no earlier than 7:25 AM
- A student is considered tardy at 7:40 AM
- Dismissal is at 3:05 PM
- No AISD busing; families must provide their own transportation

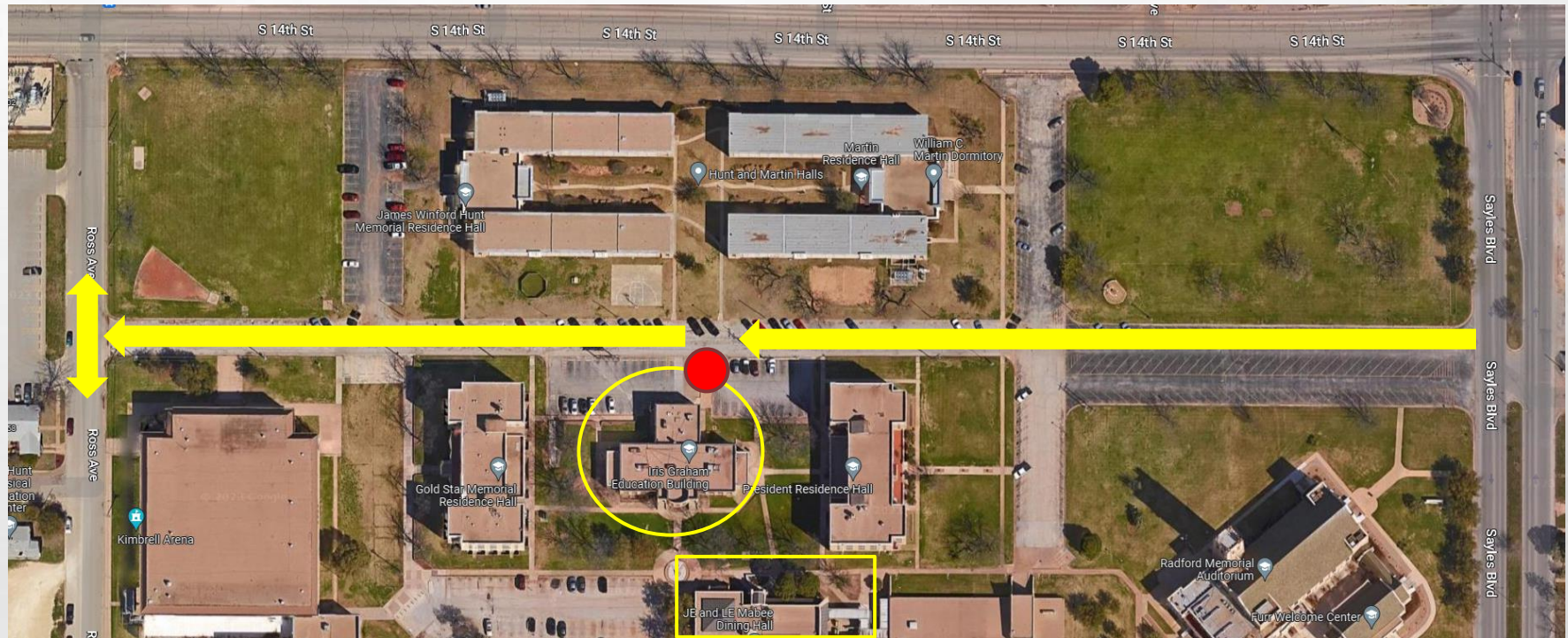


CAMPUS MAP



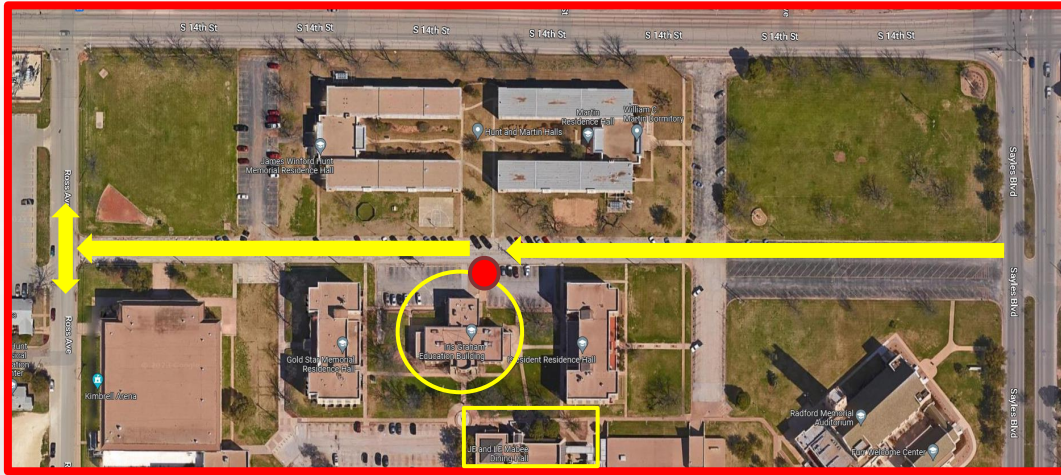
<https://mcm.edu/admissions-overview/campus-tours/interactive-map/>

MORNING DROP OFF (BEGINNING AT 7:25 AM)



- S. 15th Street - McMurry Education Building parking lot no earlier than 7:25 AM
- A teacher or McMurry student worker will be there to greet students at 7:25 AM
- Students will go straight to the McMurry cafeteria for breakfast
- Students will walk with their homeroom teachers to the classrooms by 7:45 AM
- A student is considered tardy at 7:40 AM

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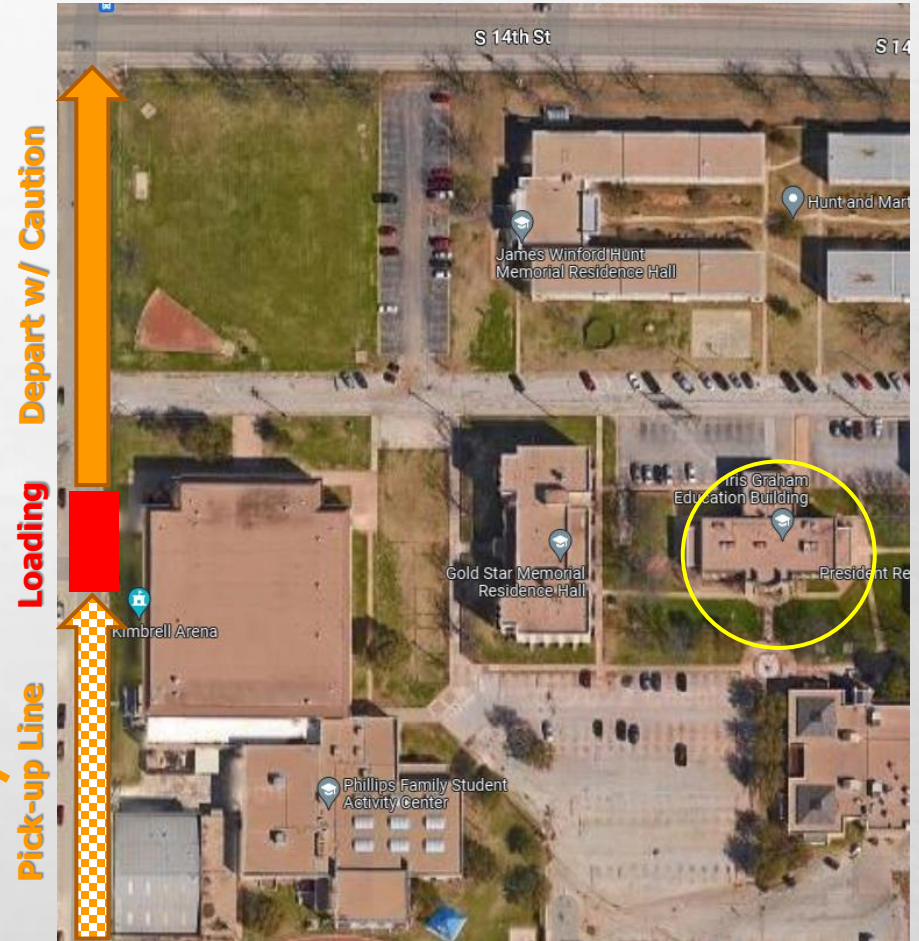


AFTERNOON PICK-UP (DISMISSAL AT 3:05 PM)

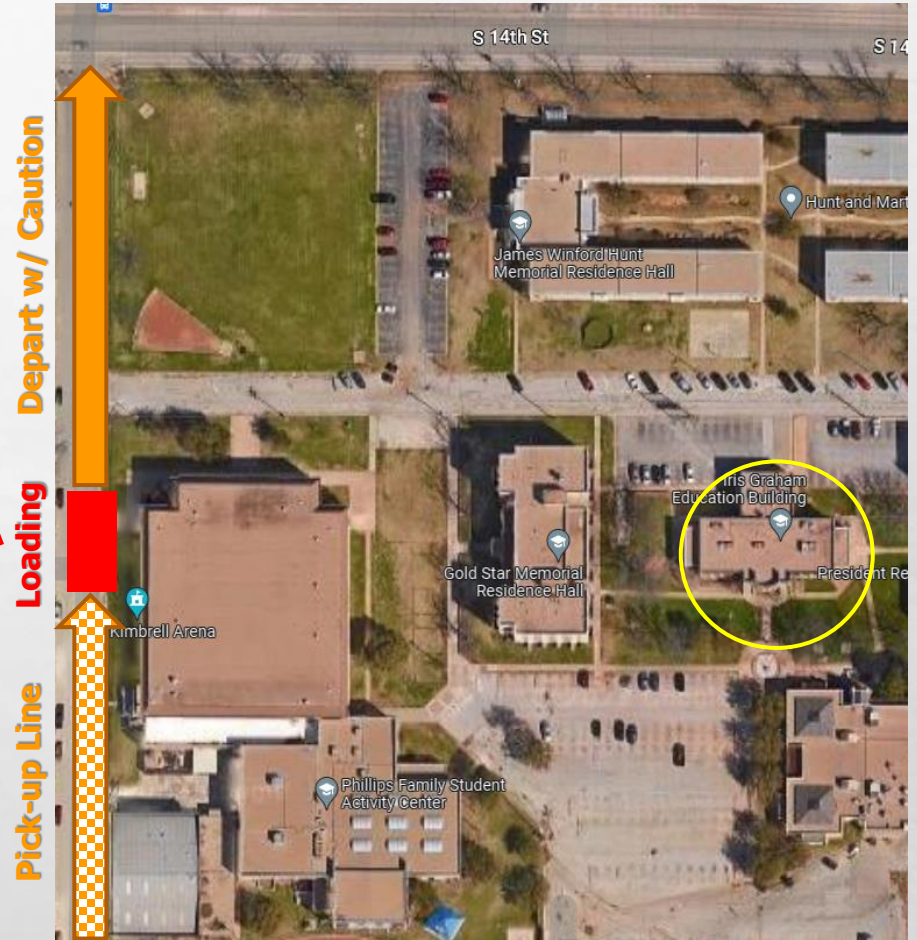
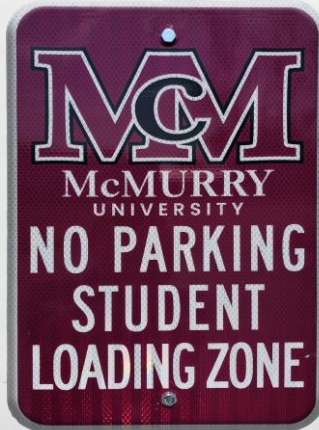
- Pick-up is at west entrance of the J.W. Hunt Physical Education Center
- Pick-up line forms on the east side of Ross Street heading north
- Families stay in their cars in the pick-up line to the right, hazard lights on
- Place McMurry car tag on dashboard
- When signaled by teacher, pull car up to loading zone (between utility poles)
- Student gets in on passenger side only
- Fasten seat belt, hazards off, signal, use caution, and depart
- No early pick-ups after 2:30 PM



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BREAKFAST: 7:25 AM – 7:40 AM

LUNCH: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- Students have the option to order their breakfast/lunch through the AISD Student Nutrition Department or they may bring their lunch.
- Students will eat in the McMurry dining hall in a designated area separate from college students and supervised by the teachers.
- Breakfast is a quiet time and has a voice level 0.
- Students are allowed to visit at lunch with a voice level 2.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- 24 pencils
- 1 sharpener
- 1 multi-pack highlighters
- 2 large glue sticks
- 2 bottles of glue
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 poly/plastic folder w/ pockets and brads
- 3 composition notebooks
(no glitter, plastic, or textured covers)
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 1 set of colored pencils
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 set of fine tip markers
- 1 set of broad line markers
- 1 zippered supply bag or 1 supply box

- 1 ruler
- 1 box of quart size zip lock bags
- Umbrella or rain jacket for rainy days
- Tote/drawstring bag
(used to carry supplies from class to class)

NOTE: Due to the construction on and around McMurry's campus and the amount of walking we do on campus, appropriate shoes (sneakers) are required to be worn daily. This will allow our students to maximize their PE time as well as keep them safe!

- Due to lack of space in classrooms, backpacks will be stored in lockers during the day.

LET'S MEET THE CFI TEACHERS!

**Mrs. Christen
Cruse**

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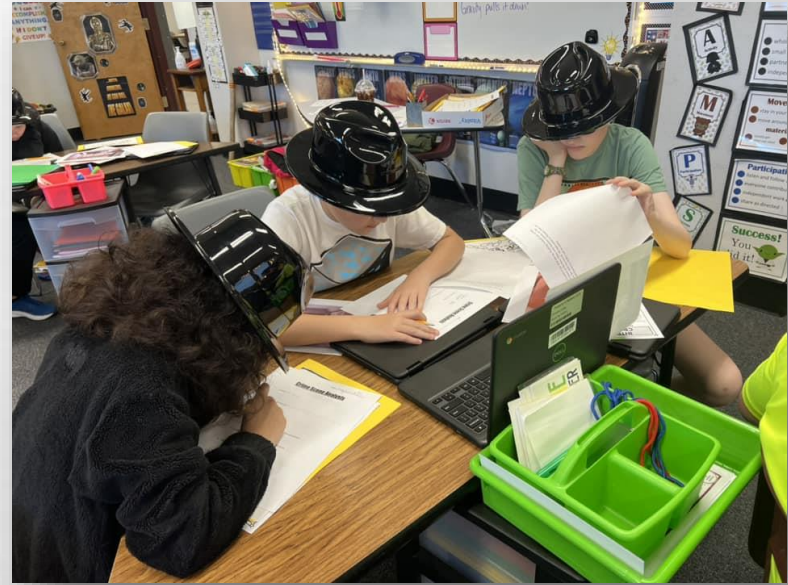
VARIETY OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES



PROJECT-BASED AND TEAMING

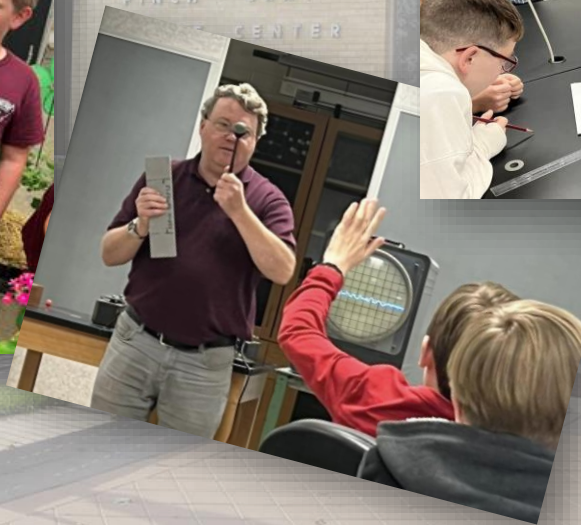


1:1 INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY



SCIENCE LABS

- Science professors lead indoor and outdoor scientific investigations (Dr. Wayne Keith)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Taught by McMurry faculty and students in McMurry facilities (Dr. Michael Morris; and coaches for sport sections!)
- Please wear tennis shoes daily
- Tuesday, Thursday – PE
- Monday, Friday – Running Days



MUSIC

- Wednesdays – Music (Dr. Kendall Prinz)



THEATRE

- Wednesdays – Theatre (Ms. Neena McLain)
- Both taught by McMurry faculty and students in McMurry facilities

ART

- Wednesdays – Art (Dr. Kathie Walker-Millar)
- McMurry art students provide lessons in both the art classrooms and pottery studio!



FIELD TRIPS/GUEST SPEAKERS

- Virtual and on-site field trips!
- Virtual and in-person guest speakers!



LIBRARY CLASS

- An AISD Librarian Supervisor will teach library lessons at least twice a month.
- Students can check out AISD library books through Destiny Quest.
- Students also have access to the Abilene Public Library.
- Ms. Young, Director of McMurry's Jay-Rollins Library, will teach lessons throughout the year as well.

ACCELERATED READER (AR)

- Students are encouraged to set reading goals each grading period.
- CFI students will be included with Bowie Elementary and will receive AR prizes for designated point levels.
- Million Word Readers will be recognized and celebrated.

NURSE / MEDICINE

- All medications will be given to students by the classroom teachers.
- Minor and non-emergency issues will be addressed by the classroom teachers.
- The Bowie Elementary and/or McMurry University nurse will address more pressing medical issues.
- The Bowie Elementary nurse will conduct district screenings.
- Major Emergencies
 - 911
 - McMurry Security
 - AISD Administration



SAFETY & SECURITY



- McMurry University Security
- AISD Student Resource Officer on call
- McMurry students vetted / background checked
- Students always supervised
- Limited, supervised interaction with college students

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Just like the home campus, the CFI program provides Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Our goal is to be proactive, rather than reactive, and maintain a safe and orderly learning environment for every student.

- Leader in Me
- Safe & Civil Schools – CHAMPS
- AISD Student Code of Conduct
- McMurry University Rules (We are guests on campus.)
- Consistent, Three-way Communication (Student-Teacher-Parent)

STUDENT & PARENT AGREEMENT



- Attending classes at the Center for Innovation requires special effort from families and students. All applicants and their parents must agree to these conditions:
 - Students must abide by all Abilene ISD policies including discipline, regular and punctual attendance, good conduct, and passing grades.
 - Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from school each day.
 - The school day may begin earlier and end later than the neighborhood school, and families are responsible for ensuring the prompt arrival and pick-up each school day.
 - Due to the enhanced nature of the math/science curriculum, students may occasionally be involved in out-of-town field trips.
 - We agree to follow Abilene ISD policies regarding computer and internet use.
 - We agree to follow applicable McMurry University policies.
- We understand that failure to abide by rules and procedures could result in the student being moved back to the home campus.

STANDARDS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

- Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
- Behave in a responsible manner.
- Exercise self-discipline.
- Attend all classes, regularly and on time.
- Prepare for each class; take appropriate materials and assignments to class.
- Meet district and campus standards of grooming and dress.
- Obey all campus and classroom rules.
- Respect the rights and privileges of students, teachers, and other district staff and volunteers.
- Respect the property of others, including district property and facilities.
- Cooperate with and assist the school staff in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.
- Adhere to the requirements of the Student Code of Conduct.

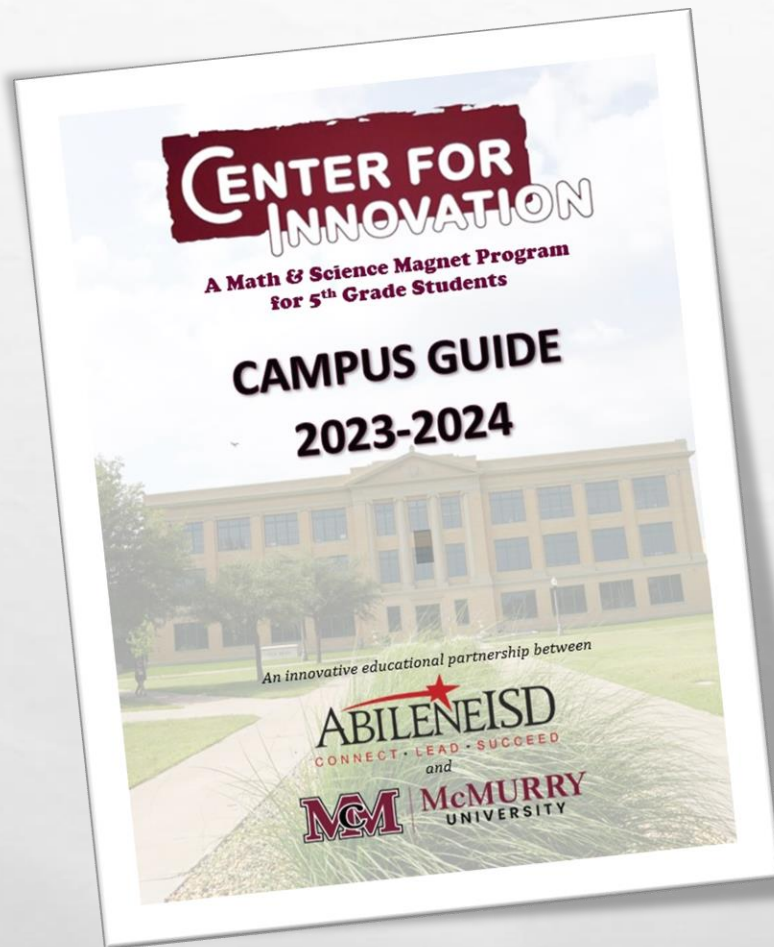
(Page 5, Student Code of Conduct)

COMMUNICATION

- The CFI program is a partnership and requires good three-way communication. (Student-Teacher-Parent)
- Regular communication between teachers and families:
 - Helps develop a deeper understanding of expectations and student needs
 - Establishes the basis of cooperation and enables both the teachers and families to effectively assist the student
 - Helps prevent misinformation and misunderstandings
- The CFI teachers use the Remind app and they are also available by phone and email.



CAMPUS GUIDE & INFORMATION



www.abileneisd.org

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<https://mcm.edu/admissions-overview/campus-tours/interactive-map/>

QUESTIONS

- If you have questions after you have had a chance to process this information, including the campus guide, we have set up a Google form at: <https://forms.gle/SNS6jBBqnVvRNXP7>

CHAIN OF SUPPORT

- During the year, if students or parents have questions or need clarification regarding instruction, grading, or class operations, they should contact the Center for Innovation teachers.
- If after contacting the teacher(s), questions still exist, please contact the CFI program's principal, Ms. Tina Jones at Bowie Elementary at (325) 671-4770.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT



- Tina Jones
Bowie Elementary Principal
(325) 671-4770
- Jeff Brokovich
Director of Instructional Planning
(325) 677-1444 x5933
- Melody Roper
McMurry CFI Liaison
325-793-4893

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<https://www.facebook.com/aisdmcm/>





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