McCulloch Junior High presents:

Marion Prep Academy

We’re Giant by choice!

ABOUT US
McCulloch Junior High houses grades 7 and 8 within Marion Community Schools. We offer early high school credits, one of the best music programs in the state, robust STEM and arts options, and a focus on college, careers, and community!

YOU BELONG HERE!
We’d love to welcome you to the Giant Family!

Contact us for more info:
765-674-6917

LEARN MORE
We’d love to talk to you about how McCulloch Junior High can set YOUR student on the path to lifelong success!

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

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

School Day:
8:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. Monday through Wednesday
8:55 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. Thursday and Friday

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

(NOTE: During school breaks, including summer, please call the District Office for information.)

MORE INFORMATION
Visit us online at www.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!

HOW TO ENROLL
Enrollment at Marion Community Schools is open year-round. If you’re ready to enroll, call us for more information, or check out the Enrollment section of the Marion Community Schools website, www.marion.k12.in.us.
Class options filled with more opportunities!

>> INTRODUCING: Humanities
The interdisciplinary humanities model focuses on meaningful and important issues. It helps students make connections between traditional subjects (including language arts, history, and geography). Humanities will challenge students to examine how they see and engage with the world around them.

Questions raised in a Humanities-focused curriculum promote active listening, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving—affect all skills that will serve students well in school, in their future careers, and in life!

At McCulloch, 7th- and 8th-graders have humanities as part of their schedule year-round. (Honors-level humanities also available.)

>> INTRODUCING: STEM
The interdisciplinary STEM model (science, technology, engineering, and math) fosters curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving. It encourages students to engage with real-world challenges. STEM education helps build students’ aptitude for innovation and collaboration.

In fact, STEM is the foundation for much of our world—from health care, to manufacturing, to food production, and much, much more. STEM prepares students to make an impact on our world!

At McCulloch, 7th-graders will have a new STEM class (Project Lead the Way).

Other science offerings in 7th and 8th grades will include environmental science, integrated chemistry/physics (ICP), and biology.

Science is coming alive at McCulloch!

>> INTRODUCING: Life-Ready Learning & College / Career Prep
7th-graders will take our new computer science course, building a foundation to make the most of modern technology. 8th-graders will get an intro to personal finance, along with career and college exploration and other life-ready learning.

While college or other post-secondary training may seem like a distant goal, the junior high years are actually the perfect time to explore career interests and start making a detailed plan for your path to high school graduation and beyond.

>> INTRODUCING: A focus on community service
Learning doesn’t happen just in the classroom. McCulloch Junior High values our connection with the Marion community, and we put a high priority on involvement and service to others. Our students will have new opportunities, helping them become more involved and engaged with our community and letting them put their skills and talents to use in new ways!

We can build a better future together.

We’re building on our strengths!

>> BEST IN STATE: Choir and band
McCulloch Junior High was the first school in the state to earn the Indiana State School Music Association’s highest honor for junior highs and middle schools, the JME Total Department All-Music Award, and it is the only school in the state that has earned it for five years straight!

This 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 (both band and choir) must earn gold ratings in all of those categories. Our 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.

We believe the arts are an important part of life, and an asset in our community. Music education is an essential opportunity that all students should have available. At McCulloch, about half of our students already participate in our award-winning music programs. Now, we’re making room for even MORE students to participate! With more flexible schedules, students will have more choices in their class selections. If you’re looking for the best opportunity for students interested in vocal or instrumental music, McCulloch should be at the top of your list!

>> A STEP AHEAD: Early high school credits
Students at McCulloch now have the opportunity to earn up to a dozen high school credits BEFORE high school!

From math, to music, to language arts, science, social studies, and more, students can earn credits to carry with them to Marion High School. That means they’ll have more flexibility in their schedule in high school, where options abound for career exploration, athletics excellence, art and music, and the most early college credits in the region.

If you want to make the most of your Marion High School experience, McCulloch Junior High can help you do that! (Those who wait until high school to join the Giant Family are already behind. The Marion Prep Academy is where your high school journey starts!) McCulloch truly does prepare our students for high school, and sets them on the path to success in college, careers, and life!

>> A FIRM FOUNDATION: Literacy and numeracy
Success in high school and beyond requires a firm grasp of the building blocks for all learning: reading, writing, and math.

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