

## Connection Credits – Mid-West School District

In response to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Mid-West School District wants to be proactive in ensuring that no student's academic record or progress is hurt by the loss of instructional opportunities. To maintain our students' growth and exploration, the school district will continue to provide online instruction (and packets where service is not available) through May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Although the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period Connection and Extension activities will be ungraded, we are strongly encouraging the completion of these activities. To further encourage participation, each building will offer Connection Credits for students completing activities on a daily or weekly basis.

For Middleburg Elementary and West Snyder Elementary Schools the focus of the Connection Credits will be providing reward opportunities through their School Wide System of Positive Behavior Supports. By completing 70% of the trackable activities assigned during a week, a student will be eligible to receive incentives generated at the building level. Some of these incentives will be done weekly in a virtual format while others will be saved as group experiences upon our return to school in the fall. See your elementary child's website for the specifics about these Connection Credits and the opportunities they afford your child.

Midd-West High School and Midd-West Middle School are offering Connection Credits as a way to bolster grades from our interrupted 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period by completing the online activities or packets during our ungraded 4<sup>th</sup> marking period. Connection Credits at the middle and high school are earned as follows:

- Students earn **1 credit** per day for **logging into the system** and earn **1 credit** per day for making an **authentic effort** to complete the activities assigned.
- These credits will turn into percentage points used to supplement a student's grade. A student can earn a maximum of 20% points that will be applied to their 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period grades.
- The maximum score a student can earn during the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period would be 100%.

As parents and students placed in a very difficult situation, we greatly appreciate the support and completion of the activities being provided. The efforts of the faculty and staff to provide such opportunities has been remarkable, and we are truly blessed to have a community that supports our educational endeavors. As evidence, during the week of March 30<sup>th</sup> over 90% of our families logged into our Sapphire program to check on assignments being posted. With such great participation, we wanted to recognize and honor our students and families for doing the right thing during this COVID – 19 Pandemic. We hope that our Connection Credits help to honor and recognize those efforts!

Again, thank you for your support! Please, continue to stay safe and healthy as we work through this public health crisis together.