

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I am pleased to begin my third year as principal of the Anderson School. Helping students find their path is my passion, and I look forward to collaborating with families for student success!

We are continuing the manifesto of “you matter” this year and will be focusing in on the phrase “you have a contribution to make”. We want families, students, and staff to understand their special place in the world and know that everyone can make a difference and a positive impact on others. Anderson has a tradition of high standards for academics which will be continued while also supporting students in finding their best coping strategies to manage the stresses and demands of life. Positive behavioral supports are in place to best reinforce good choices. At Anderson, we want to see students find their passion, understand their impact, and help them choose their positive outcomes.

Anderson staff has been developing new aspects to our program that will help students find their path, which I find inspiring! We will continue the successful new features of our program started in recent years: Morning Matters, new electives, and college/career readiness lessons. Field trips are back and we want to see our Anderson students getting out into the world and having new experiences together. Many of our students had work experiences last year, and we will continue to offer these when appropriate.

This handbook outlines everything a student and parent/guardian will need to know to function effectively at The Anderson School and to benefit from our program. We strongly urge family-teacher communication. I firmly believe that the best way to ensure student success is when parents, staff, and students work together. Parents and students should keep this accessible in a convenient place throughout the school year for quick reference when needed. Our handbook is available online on our website at www.andersoneducation.org . Once again, I look forward to meeting you and serving you and your child throughout the 2022-2023 school year!

You Matter!



Sincerely,
Christine B. Raber
Principal

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Mission Statement

The Anderson School empowers students to know they MATTER to the world and are ABLE to succeed in life through academic achievement, positive relationships, self-regulation, and self-advocacy.

At Anderson, we communicate to students:

- You are enough
- You have influence
- You have a contribution to make
- You have a gift that others need
- You are the change
- Your actions define your impact
- You matter

Our Belief Statements

- We believe that Anderson is a family where relationships are everything; where we foster acceptance, accountability, and emotional resilience.
- We believe in embracing compassion, empathy, and trust through fair process and our desires to restore relationships and repair harm.
- We believe that all students can learn and should be provided with an individualized, standards-aligned educational experience, teaching to multi-modalities regardless of individual challenges and obstacles.
- We believe that all students should graduate high school with viable transition plans, which emphasize their strength, promote self-advocacy, and prepare all students for life after graduation regardless of their path.
- We believe that all students deserve a safe place in which to learn.

Profile of a Graduate

An Anderson graduate will be a productive contributor to the community and will be able to achieve gainful employment. They will enter the community with respect, knowledge, and the confidence to achieve their goals. They will be our best representation of the values and beliefs we deem important to make a person whole and we will take pride in their success.

Brain:

- Problem Solving/ Critical Thinking
- Self-awareness
- Functional contributors to society

Tools:

- Communicate
- Innovate
- Collaborate

Heart:

- Compassionate
- Ethical
- Personal and Social Responsibility

Ability to move forward:

- Self-directed
- Productive

Staff Directory

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Communication with School

Communication is a priority at the Anderson School. Case managers will communicate regularly with families via email or phone. The purpose of this communication is to involve families in a positive manner to help students reach their goals. Students and parents/guardians may have live, phone, or zoom conferences with faculty upon request throughout the school year. Conferences must be scheduled through the individual teacher. Teachers are available Tuesday and Wednesday by phone during the 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm hour. Teachers are also available via email, listed above. You can call the main number 610-635-2400 to place a call to a teacher. If they are teaching, it may be directed to voicemail. Please know that teachers are teaching throughout the day and will need time to respond to your email or call. Teachers will also reach out when students are struggling in a class prior to interim reports and prior to the end of the quarter.

Other communication

The Anderson School is on the web at www.andersoneducation.org, on Instagram and Facebook @andersonschoolmciu and on Twitter @mciu_anderson. Social media features happenings at the school as well as inspirational messages. The website has links that will help you be an informed member of the school community. School events will be published on the website calendar. Links to resources and videos are included, as well as links to emails, zoom rooms and Google classrooms. A quarterly newsletter, published by students, will be sent to families, students and school districts featuring important events, resources and points of pride.