

Dear Highlander Families,

Learning is a priority at McLean High School as classroom success will ensure opportunities in future endeavors. To support all students, McLean High School offers Highlander Time as an additional instructional tool to assist students in achieving their full potential.

What is Highlander Time?

Highlander Time is a remediation, intervention and enrichment period built into the school's master schedule to support students and achievement. It is designed to provide students with an additional time during the school day rather than before or after classes. Students can review lessons and get extra help from teachers during this time. Depending on their grades, some students are assigned a specific teacher during two 30-minute periods that will occur every Wednesday.

Students not assigned remediation or intervention time with a teacher can work independently with a teacher of choice or work in the library. This time is also used for enrichment, such as, lesson reviews with advanced placement teachers, test reviews, and class meetings.

How does Highlander Time Work?

At the beginning of each quarter and at progress report time, student grades are monitored by the Highlander Time coordinator and administrator. Any student with at least one printed "D or F" is mandated to meet with his/her teacher during Highlander Time. The student must attend the remediation session for the class in which he/she has a "D or F" until the end of that grading cycle. If the student raises his/her grade above "D or F" before the end of the grading cycle, his/her teacher can release them prior to the end of the grading cycle. If a teacher feels a student who does not have a "D" or an "F" needs extra help or has work to complete (i.e., make-up work), the teacher can mandate that the student attend Highlander Time. Parents will be notified of assigned Highlander Time.

Can I leave school grounds during Highlander Time?

NO! Since Highlander Time is a part of the school's instructional day, students not attending a required remediation or intervention session with a teacher can be disciplined. Also, once students arrive on school grounds, they cannot leave without permission for any reason.

Thank you in advance for working together with school staff to maximize your child's educational experience at McLean. It is always our mission to do whatever it takes to insure the success of your students. If you have any questions regarding the Highlander Time program please contact Mrs. Lane at jslane@fcps.edu or 703-714-5909.