

East Mills Learning Center Handbook



WELCOME!

Welcome to the East Mills Community School District! We are pleased that you have chosen to be part of our educational family at the East Mills Learning Center. Our goal is not only to meet your educational goals, but to help you become successful in achieving self-respect, responsibility, personal/social growth, career development, and the necessary skills to be a productive member of society.

The East Mills Learning Center is a general education setting, that provides a structural environment for students who are unable to achieve at their full potential within a typical high school setting. The East Mills Community School Learning Center is provided by the East Mills Community School District. The major emphasis of the program is to provide an educational setting where students can earn a high school diploma. It is designed for students to have a realization of the value of education as a lifelong pursuit.

The focus of the East Mills Learning Center is to meet student's educational goals, to help students become successful in achieving self-respect, responsibility, personal/social growth, career development, self-discipline, and obtain the necessary skills to be a productive member of society. In addition, students will be responsible for designing their own education plan, Thus, students understand their educational needs, expectations, and goals.

This handbook is for you, as a student, in the East Mills Learning Center. The information given is basic and does not include all the regulations and policies that might become necessary. The situations and circumstances not covered in this handbook are left to the discretion of the East Mills Learning Center staff and East Mills School Administrators.

COVID-19

Any student who has had direct contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19 should contact Community Schools before returning to school or school events.

Any student who develops symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, chills, extreme fatigue, or shortness of breath should remain home from school. If symptoms begin

emergency contact can pick up the student from school. Please contact East Mills Schools with any questions or concerns regarding COVID-19. East Mills Schools will work directly with Mills County Public Health and Iowa Department of Public Health on a case-by-case basis.

No Child Left Behind

Parents or Guardians in the East Mills School District have the right to learn about the following regarding their child's teacher's qualifications: state licensure status, special endorsements for grade level/subject area taught, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree.

Parents/Guardians may request this information from the East Mills Jr/Sr High School Principal at (712) 624-8645 or by mail at 58962 380th Street, Hastings, IA, 51540.

Discrimination Clause

It is the policy of the East Mills Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (Employment only), marital status,

Leave of Absence

Grading Procedures

The grading system will consist of credits given at the completion of each term or semester. A student can carry work completed into the next term (up to two terms). Students are encouraged to complete all classes each term. Letter grades are determined by the following percentages:

A	97-100%	4.00
A-	93-96%	3.67
B+	90-92%	3.33
B	88-89%	3.00
B-	86-87%	2.67
C+	83-85%	2.33
C	80-82%	2.00
C-		

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Student/District Contractual Agreement

If circumstances exist that a student from East Mills High School or participating district needs an alternative setting, and the administration feels the student will be successful, the East Mills Learning Center can be an option. There are various circumstances in which a student may be a candidate for the East Mills Learning Center; however, the administration will make the final determination whether a student qualifies for the East Mills Alternative setting.

School districts make a financial investment in the student when a placement is made into the Learning Center. For each six-week session, the participating district pays over \$600 in tuition for a student. Therefore, it is important that each student understand the expectations of the district before entering the Learning Center.

In order for a student to be successful at the Learning Center, the following criteria must be met:

1. A student must complete coursework for two credits per six-week session. If coursework for two credits is not completed the student will have one more opportunity to enroll in a six-week session. If at any time a student again fails to receive two credits in a six-week session, the district will no longer pay a student's tuition at the Learning Center.
2. A student gets one 'Slay-off" while enrolled at the Learning Center. The one "lay-off" will hopefully be a learning situation for the student. If a student experiences a second "lay-off" the district will reconsider its commitment to pay a student's tuition at the Learning Center.
3. If a student chooses to continue enrollment in the Learning Center at his/her own cost, then a separate contract will be written between the administration and the Learning Center. The administration will not allow a student to continue at the Learning Center if the student is not serious about earning credits and progressing toward graduation.

East Mills Learning Center Internet Policy

A. Educational Purpose

1. *Edgenuity* has been established for an educational purpose. The term "educational purpose" includes classroom activities, career development, and limited high-quality personal research.

B. Student Internet Access

1. Students may obtain an individual account with the approval of their parent and the school.

2. You and your parent must sign an account agreement to be granted an individual account on *Edgenuity*. This Agreement must be renewed on an annual basis. Your parent can withdraw their approval at any time.

C. Unacceptable Uses

1. Personal Safety

a. You will not post personal contact information about yourself or other people. Personal contact information includes your address, telephone, school address, work address, etc.

b. You will not post any information that is defamatory, obscene, or otherwise illegal. You will not post any information that is a violation of applicable laws, regulations, or policies. You will not post any information that is a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) of the district.

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Student Section

I have read the East Mills Learning Center's Internet Policy. I agree to follow the rules

