



November 17th– November 21st
Family Newsletter

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Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

This week marks another exciting achievement for MIT High School — we have been named a State Finalist for the Arizona Distinguished School Award. This prestigious honor recognizes schools that demonstrate exceptional academic performance and a commitment to student success.

This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, staff, families, and community partners. Your support and collaboration have made MIT High School a place where innovation and excellence thrive.

As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to share this news with your networks and help us highlight the incredible work happening at MIT High School. Together, we can continue to build momentum and showcase the opportunities that prepare our students for college, careers, and a future of achievement.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Your commitment ensures that MIT High School remains a leader in rigorous STEM education and student success.

I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving in advance and hope you enjoy a relaxing one-week break.

Take care, Iron Eagles! See you in December 2025!

Mr. Gandhi

Headmaster, MIT



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MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- November 24th – 28th Thanksgiving Recess No School
- December 12th End of Semester 1 Grading
- December 19th Early Release at 12:10 PM
- December 22nd – January 2nd Winter Break



UNIFORM INFORMATION

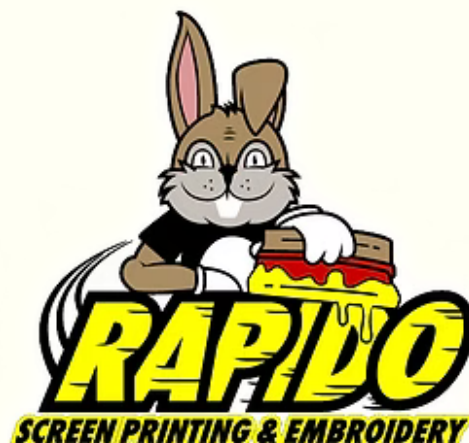
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- a solid white button-up shirt with the MIT coat of arms and a tie/bow tie.
- Purple polos with the MIT coat of arms are only permitted on Fridays.
- Pants must be either black or khaki. No jeans!
- Students may only wear jackets or sweaters with the MIT coat of arms.



If you have any questions, please review our dress code policy in our [student handbook](#) found on our website.

You may purchase your student's uniform over the phone at Rapido AZ (602)689-9592 or visit 3334 W Wilshire Dr. Phoenix AZ 85009 STE# 42.



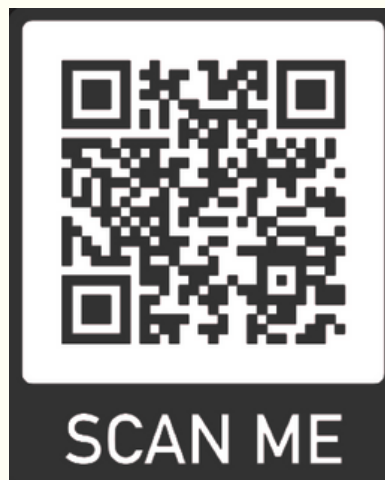


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New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026

Scan this qr code to submit the
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Awards and Recognition



Maricopa Institute of Technology is proud to be recognized as a State Finalist for the Arizona Distinguished Schools recognition for the 2025-2026 School Year.



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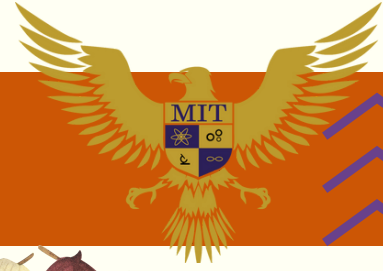
WISHES YOU A

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING DAY
AND A SAFE
BREAK!**

GRATITUDE TURNS WHAT WE HAVE
INTO ENOUGH

NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 24TH TO NOVEMBER 28TH

MIT 1ST FALL FESTIVAL

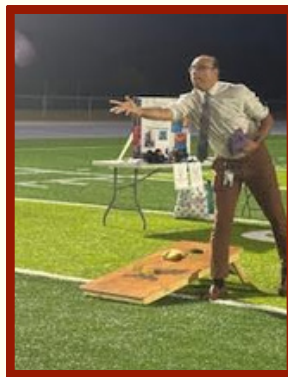


This week, MIT High School proudly celebrated its first ever Fall Festival, and it was an unforgettable success! The campus was filled with excitement as students, families, and staff enjoyed games, music, and a vibrant community atmosphere, all under perfectly crisp, cool fall weather that made the evening feel extra special.

Several of our student clubs hosted fundraisers, offering fun activities and creative booths to support their programs. Guests also enjoyed a variety of delicious options from the food trucks on campus, adding to the festive experience.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our amazing staff for their teamwork and dedication. Your willingness to step in, support one another, and create a welcoming environment truly made this event shine. A special shout-out to Mrs. Valdez for her creativity, vision, and leadership. Her hard work brought this celebration to life and set the foundation for a new MIT tradition.

Events like these remind us of the power of community and collaboration. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making MIT's first Fall Festival a memorable and meaningful experience. We can't wait to see this tradition grow in the years ahead!





COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK

**MON
1st**


- 🍎 College Fun Facts
- 🍎 Teachers decorate their classroom doors with a college/university theme

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- 🍎 College Fun Facts
 - 🍎 Classroom Doors Contest (Custodians will be the judges)

**TUE
2nd**

**WED
3rd**

- 🍎 College Fun Facts
- 🍎 Guest Speaker, Micah Alexander from GCU (discuss their STEM and entrepreneurship program)

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- 🍎 College Fun Facts
 - 🍎 Tabling Events (invited different schools, like trade school and community college)

**THU
4th**

**FRI
5th**

- 🍎 College Fun Facts
- 🍎 College T-shirts (students, teachers, and admin)

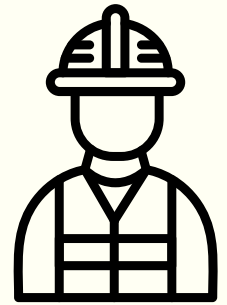


7TH GRADE SCHOOL BUILDING TOUR



A few weeks ago, our Magnet Jr High students had the opportunity to tour the construction site for our new upcoming building. Ms. Sarkar has our student write a few words of their experience.

In the new school building, many things stood out to me. One of these few things was the way they structured the building. From the lecture hall to the bathrooms, they were all built with a plan and safety in mind. I saw the beams and steel boning they used to make sure that it was secure. The construction workers also kept in mind how the students would learn in this new building. They made big windows in each classroom, since it's proven that students work better under natural lighting. However, one improvement I would suggest would be how claustrophobic it is; the halls are quite tiny, and I would recommend they not overfurnish it since that would make it even smaller.



-Allison H.

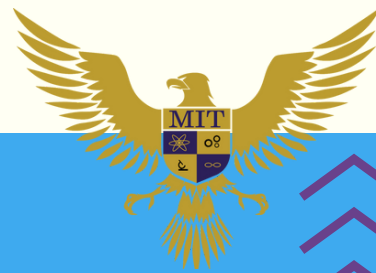


The Lecture Hall is what stood out to me because everything was planned thoroughly and thoughtfully. An impressive feature I found pretty nice was that it was 4ft underground. That means they had to dig out hundreds of pounds of dirt. They also have marks to indicate that there will be rails, which could help people climb up and balance well, preventing fall injuries. One improvement I would suggest is to probably add a few windows to let sunlight in, which will create a calming mood in the room, or improve the lighting in the room.

-Lizandro M.

During the tour, we visited the large gym that is still being built. The space already shows its size, with high ceilings, a large open floor, and minimal windows. There are small windows near the top where some light shines through. However, it lacks lighting and more building materials, such as drywall and similar materials. Even though the building is still under the state of being built, it hints at how safety is a concern and learning is a priority. The open Space is crucial to have multiple sports games going on at once. The open space is also good for having the best school events, such as prom, homecoming, and any other school dance. The only thing I could see as an improvement is having more natural lighting and more windows towards the bottom. Other than that, I think that the building will turn out so great and everyone will love it.

-Celeste H.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

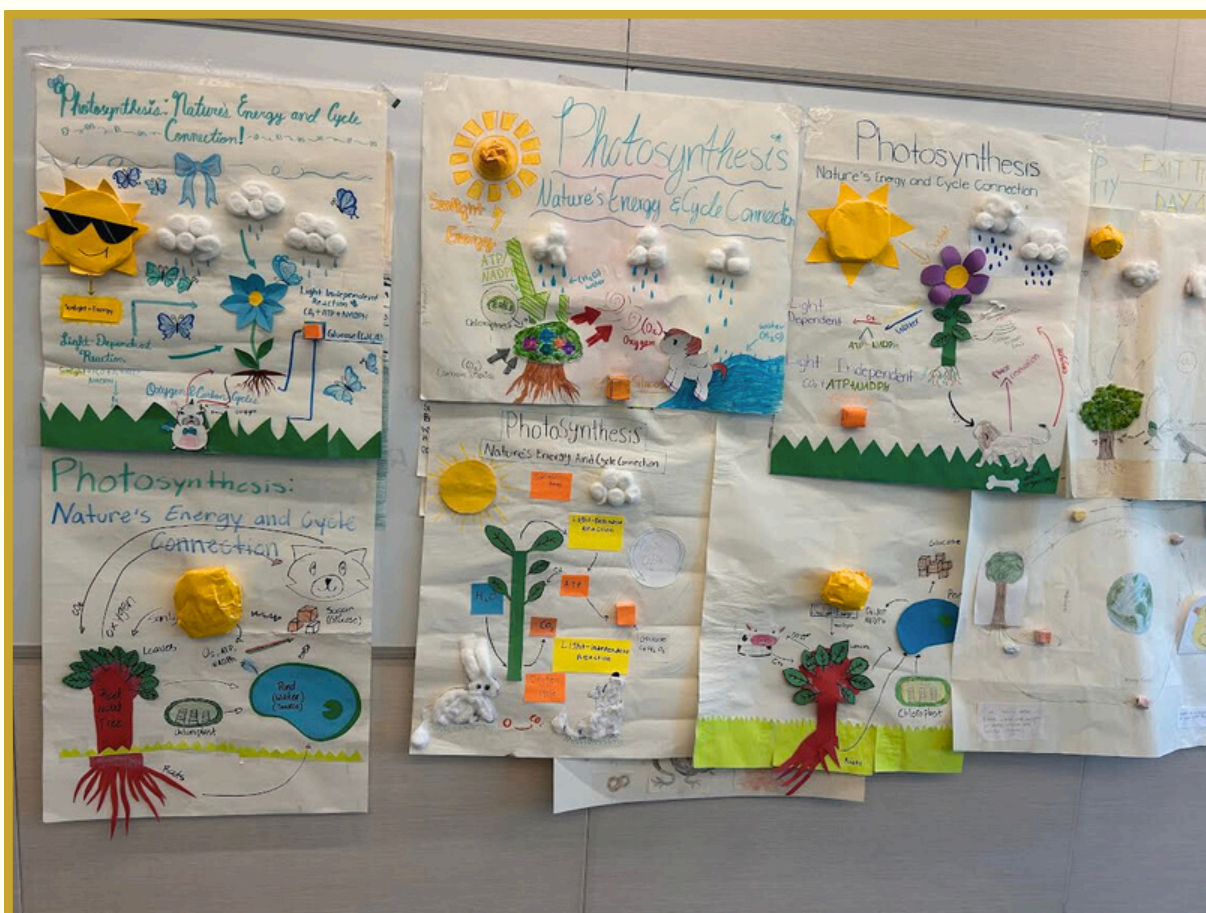
8TH GRADE SCIENCE

This week, our Grade 8 students explored the fascinating process of photosynthesis by creating 3D posters that visually demonstrate how plants convert sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide into glucose and oxygen.

Under the guidance of **Mrs. Ishani Sarkar**, Science /Engineering Teacher, students designed interactive, colorful posters featuring sunlight, leaves, roots, and molecules involved in photosynthesis. The 3D elements made it easy to understand the process in a hands on and engaging way.

These creative projects not only reinforced scientific concepts but also encouraged teamwork, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for the wonders of plant life.

Great job, Grade 8 scientists!



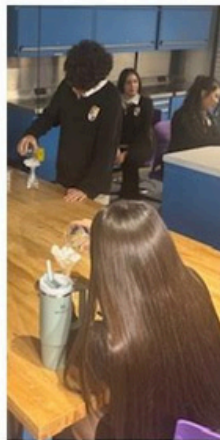


STEM ROBOTICS

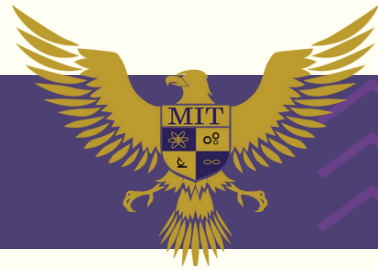
This week's STEM classes and STEM Robotics teams were busy diving into real-world problem-solving! The attached collage highlights students' collaborative work on water quality testing, the development of mitigation solutions, and the propagation of biofuel-producing algal strains. Our Robotics students also explored prototype engine parameters, giving them valuable insight into engineering design and experimentation.

It's inspiring to see MIT students so deeply engaged in experiential learning; applying scientific concepts, testing ideas, and thinking like true innovators.

Adding to the excitement, students also spent time strategizing club games and organizing fundraisers, making the week both productive and fun. A special shout-out to Mr. Morganstern for his ongoing support and dedication to student learning—your guidance continues to elevate our STEM programs!



NJHS & NHS CLOTHING DRIVE



Sneaker & Clothing Drive: Now Through Christmas Break!

As we enjoy this week off, we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to clean out closets and gather clothing items you no longer need. Our clothing donation drive will resume collections when school returns on December 1st. We want to sincerely thank those students who have already made donations — your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

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MIT SNEAKER DRIVE



We are accepting **all** types of **athletic shoes** (running, casual, basketball, etc.) of **any sneaker brand** (Jordan, Vans, Adidas, etc.)!

- Must be: **Pairs & Wearable!**
- Can be **any** size.

DONATION DROP-OFF'S ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL!
(Please leave in lobby area under starway and attach a name tag)



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MIT DONATION CLOTHING DRIVE

CLOTHING, PURSES, LINENS, TOWELS, BELTS, BLANKETS, DRAPERIES, AND STUFFED ANIMALS.



Please drop off any donations **before school** or **after school** in front of the school lobby under the stairway. Make sure your name is labeled on each bag. Thank you!

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our NHS Study Buddy tutors and students for their dedicated participation in the program. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving break. We look forward to continuing our efforts and services upon our return.

The graphic is a colorful illustration of a study desk. At the top, a blue binder holds a white sheet of paper with the text 'NHS STUDY BUDDY' in large, yellow, outlined letters. Below this, in smaller blue text, is the phrase 'Together, we're smarter'. A blue pushpin is pinned to the top right of the paper. To the right of the paper are various school supplies: a yellow pencil, a blue pencil, a yellow pencil sharpener, a green ruler, and a green eraser. A blue stapler is on the left side of the paper. Below the main paper is a white sheet of lined paper with three punch holes on the left. It contains the following text: 'Tutoring for 7th & 8th & 9th & 10th by NHS members', '- Time: 2:45-3:45', '- Days: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays', and '- Location: Check in with your study buddy'. Below this, in a smaller font, it says 'Study locations may vary each day (lecture hall, cafeteria, reading room, or classroom)'. There are three stars to the left of this sentence. On the right side of the lined paper are two markers, one blue and one yellow.

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MIT ATHLETICS


MIT ATHLETICS UPDATE – FALL SPORTS BANQUET DATE CHANGE

Hello MIT Athletes, Coaches, and Families,


Please note an important date change for our Annual Fall Sports Banquet.

 Thursday, December 4th

 5:30 PM

 Location: To be determined (most likely the MIT Cafeteria)

This special evening is our opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our fall sports teams and student-athletes. All players and coaches are expected to attend.

 Dinner will be provided.

To help us prepare, please RSVP with the number of guests attending:

 <https://form.jotform.com/253165259773163>

UNIFORM PAYMENT REMINDER – ACTION NEEDED

All sports registration payments must be completed before athletes can receive their uniforms. Please make these payments before Fall Break ends to ensure students receive their uniforms in time for their first game.

You may pay using any of the following methods:

- ONLINE: Pay through Pound using a credit or debit card or,
- IN PERSON: Pay at the MIT Office via credit, debit, or cash

Athletes who do not complete their payments will not be issued a uniform and will be unable to participate in games.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as we prepare for another successful season.

GO IRON EAGLES!  



COSTA RICA TRAVEL INFO



Our EF tour, Discover Costa Rica, is on the horizon! These opportunities can help you forge a life-changing experience with the help of others. <https://www.eftours.com/parents-and-students/travel-scholarships-fundraisers>

Whether it's our students' first time out of the country or their fifth, understanding passport application requirements is super important. Let's walk through three things to keep in mind as our group prepares to travel:

1. Apply to fly

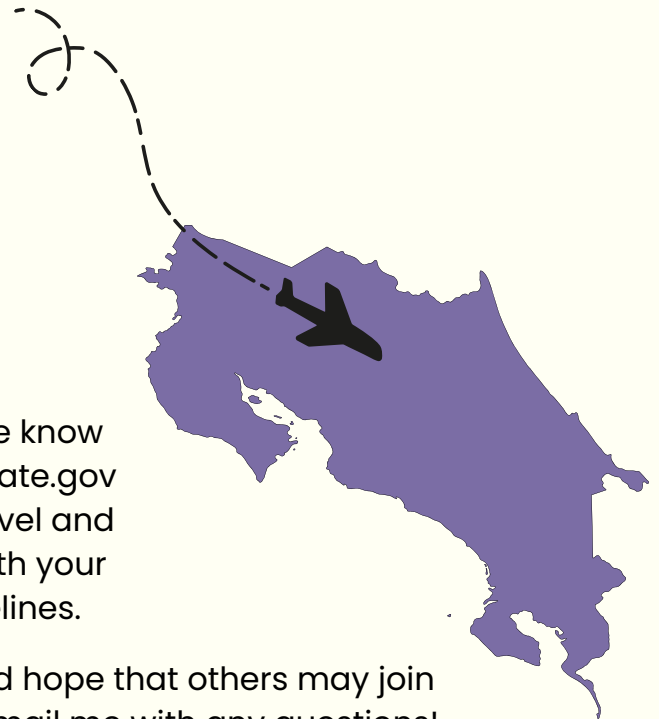
- a. If a student doesn't have a passport, let them know to apply for one and track their application status on travel.state.gov. The full process can take up to 14 weeks, so we recommend making this a top priority during tour prep.

2. Check those dates

- a. Passports ready? Great! Have each traveler check their passport's expiration date and confirm that it'll be valid for at least six months after your tour's return date; if not, they must apply to renew it. And remember, the application process can take up to 14 weeks.

3. Know before you go

- a. Travel can be unpredictable, so staying in the know before you head on tour is key. Keep travel.state.gov bookmarked for updates on international travel and your passport status, and share this video with your students for more info on EF's passport guidelines.



I am looking forward to our journey this summer and hope that others may join in our adventurous experience! Please feel free to email me with any questions!

Mr. Morganstern





Purchase the 2025-2026 Yearbook!

To purchase and customize your yearbook,
use the QR code below or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

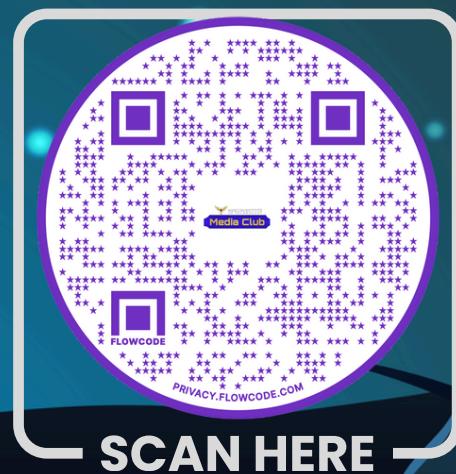
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Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.

Seniors



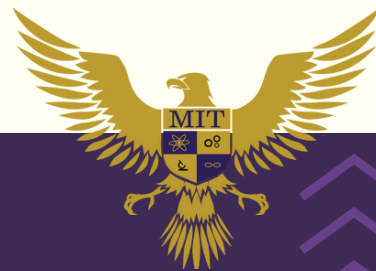
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Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.

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2025-2026 BEST US HIGH SCHOOLS – US NEWS Ranking

Thank you, everyone, for making MIT High School #11 in the Phoenix, AZ Metro Area High School and #16 in Arizona High Schools.

Maricopa Institute of Technology 2025-2026 Rankings

Maricopa Institute of Technology is ranked #720 in the [National Rankings](#). Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about [how we rank the Best High Schools](#).

All Rankings

- 🏆 #720 in National Rankings
- 🏆 #16 in Arizona High Schools
- 🏆 #11 in Phoenix, AZ Metro Area High Schools
- 🏆 #132 in Charter High Schools

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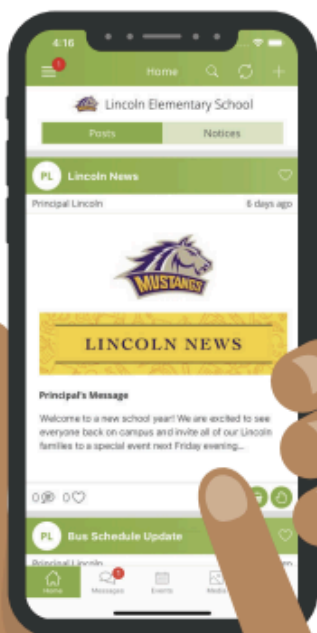
Took at Least One AP® Exam	97%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	63%
Mathematics Proficiency	33%
Graduation Rate	98%





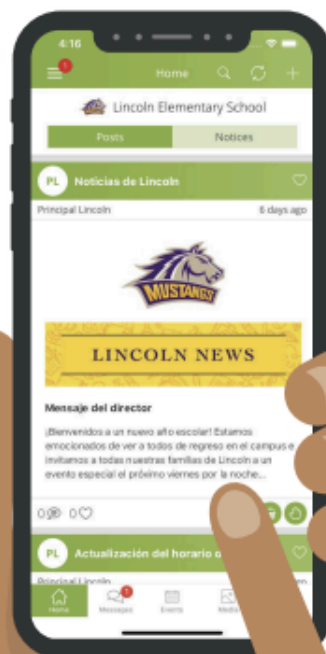
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MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



July 2025					August 2025					September 2025					October 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	29	30				27	28	29	30	31
4	Independence Day Observed				4-8	District-Wide Benchmark Testing				1	Labor Day - No School				3	End of Qtr. 1			
16-18	New Teacher Orientation				8	ADM 10th Day Student Count				3	Mid-QTR Reports Issued				6-10	Fall Break - No School			
21-25	PD - All Teachers Return				22	All Day STEM PD - No School				23	ADM 40th Day Student Count				15-17	Parent Teacher Conferences			
22 & 23	Meet the Teacher Night									26	All Day STEM PD - No School					and Qtr 1 Report Cards			
28	First Day of School					Early Dismissal: 6, 13, 20 and 27					Early Dismissal: 3, 10, 17 and 24					Early Dismissal: 1, 15, 16, 17, 22 and 29			
Days of Attendance = 4					Days of Attendance = 4 + 20 = 24					Days of Attendance = 24 + 20 = 44					Days of Attendance = 44 + 18 = 62				
November 2025					December 2025					January 2026					February 2026				
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11	Veterans Day - No School				10-12	Sem 1 Finals/End of Semester 1				1-2	Winter Break - No School				9-12	State Testing			
19	Mid Qtr Reports Issued				22-31	Winter Break - No School				7	Semester 1 Report Cards				13	All Day STEM PD - No School			
24-28	Thanksgiving Recess - No School					Early Dismissal: 3, 10, 17, and 19				12-16	Benchmark Testing				16	President's Day - No School			
	Early Dismissal: 5, 12 and 19					Days of Attendance = 76 + 15 = 91				15	ADM 100th Day Student Count				18	Mid Qtr Report Cards			
Days of Attendance = 62 + 14 = 76					Days of Attendance = 76 + 15 = 91					Days of Attendance = 91 + 18 = 109					Days of Attendance = 109 + 18 = 127				
March 2026					April 2026					May 2026					June 2026				
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4-6	Parent Teacher Conferences Early Release and Qtr 3 Ends				6-17	State Testing (No Early Dismissal)				13-15	Semester Finals				SUMMER BREAK Begins May 22, 2026 				
9-13	Spring Break - No School				27-30	Benchmark Testing				15	8th Grade Promotion								
18	Qtr 3 Report Cards					Early Dismissal: 1, 22 and 29				20	High School Graduation								
27	All Day STEM PD - No School					Days of Attendance = 143 + 22 = 165				21	Last Day of School Report Cards Issued								
	Early Dismissal: 4, 5, 6, 18 and 25					Days of Attendance = 127 + 16 = 143				22	Teacher Check-Out								
	Days of Attendance = 127 + 16 = 143					Days of Attendance = 143 + 22 = 165				25	Memorial Day								
						Days of Attendance = 165 + 15 = 180													



MIT MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Hello Iron Eagle Families, thank you for your continued support to achieve MIT's mission and vision. Our Mission and Vision are always available on our school website at <https://www.mitglobalonline.org/Our-School> and I would also like to take this opportunity to share them with you all here.

Vision:

MIT will provide a science, technology, engineering, and math program to students within a state-of-the-art research facility with the goal of preparing our students for collegiate success and successful STEM² careers.

Mission:

Maricopa Institute of Technology (MIT) is a college preparatory high school providing an advanced science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education while challenging students to pursue personal excellence in character in order to serve and lead others. MIT will provide a comprehensive and rigorous (STEM) curriculum through interdisciplinary work, independent learning, projects, internships, and college credits earned by graduation through Advanced Placement (AP) or dual enrollment classes.

