

MJHS STUDENT PLANNER

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ATTENDANCE:



DRESS CODE:

TARDY PROCEDURES

Please make sure your student attends school on time. Students arriving tardy to first period need to come to the attendance office for a tardy slip. Students will only be excused with a note from the parent with a valid excuse (medical appointment, illness, and the like). Oversleeping, car problems, or missing the bus are considered **unexcused tardies**. Tardies during subsequent class periods will be assigned if your child is not seated in his or her assigned seat before the tardy bell rings.

Disciplinary consequences will be as follows: Three tardies = 1 detention; up to six tardies can be cleared by detention. After six tardies students will be assigned Saturday School for every three tardies.

ABSENCES - 895-4115

If a student is absent from school for any reason, a note or call from the parent or guardian is required for every day the student is absent. Parents will receive phone calls from our auto-dialer for unverified absences. Parents can leave an explanation with this caller. When a student returns to school without a note or call to the school, the absence will be considered unexcused. After three school days, unverified absences are considered truant. State law stipulates that absences due to illness, quarantine, for purposes of medical, dental, or optometry services, or to attend the funeral of an immediate family member are the only valid reasons for school absences. All other absences will be unexcused. Excessive absences can have a detrimental effect on students' grades. Please see the section "Promotional Standards" for more information on attendance requirements. "Cutting" classes will result in a Saturday School.

STUDENT DRESS CODE (Cal. Educ. Code §35183)

Student dress has been shown to influence behavior and the learning environment. It is expected that all students shall wear clothes that are clean, appropriate, safe and not disruptive to the teaching and learning process.

1. There should be adequate coverage of the body, which means that short-shorts, bathing suits, spaghetti straps, single-strap tops, low-cut tops, halter tops, tube tops, undershirts, bare midriffs, sheer/lacy garments, pajamas, sagging pants, etc., are NOT considered adequate coverage. Undergarments of any kind should not be visible. Shoulder straps must be at least 2" wide.
2. Shorts, skirts, and dresses with slits may be worn but must be of reasonable length that shall be defined as no shorter than the end of the finger tips when the arm of the student is held straight down. On dresses with slits, the top of the slits must also conform to the length rule.
3. Students should not wear clothing that can be hazardous to them in their school activities, such as lab work, physical education, and art. Grooming and dress which prevent the student from doing their best work because of restricted movement are discouraged, as are dress styles that create a disruption of classroom order.
4. Footwear (shoes or sandals) must be worn at all times. Slippers are not appropriate footwear for school.
5. Hats and headwear on our campus are viewed as protection from the sun during P.E. only. Hats must be stored in P.E. lockers. Hats are **not** to be worn at any other time or place.
6. Crude or vulgar lettering or printing, pictures depicting or encouraging drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, racial/ethnic slurs, gang affiliation, or that are sexually suggestive on shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, jewelry, or other wearing apparel are not acceptable.

7. Attire associated with "gangs," such as the wearing of colors, gang insignias, folded bandannas, belts, buckles, etc., is not acceptable. A violation may result in the student receiving a "gang" letter, and could result in a suspension and/or expulsion.

8. Sunglasses are not to be worn in classrooms.

9. P.E. clothes are not to be worn in other classes.

Students and parents are expected to comply with dress standards as they have been established to promote safety and a positive educational environment. Noncompliance by students will result in a possible wardrobe change/conference/disciplinary action.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY:

STUDENT PLANNERS

It is expected that every student at Marsh Junior High School have a student planner to be filled out daily in every class, except for P.E. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and/or reduction of grade.



ACCELERATED READING BOOKS

Every student must have a silent/AR/reading book in his or her backpack every day. Failure to have a book will result in detention.

LIBRARY/TEXTBOOKS

Each student will check out four textbooks for his or her core classes. These books, as well as any other reading books checked out from the school library, are the student's financial responsibility if not returned. Activities may be withheld for overdue books.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

You should assume sole responsibility for loss or damage to any property belonging to you. Large sums of money, jewelry, radios, iPods, cell phones, CD players, cameras, etc., should not be brought to school. Students should write their names on all books, and put identification marks on personal belongings. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY UNATTENDED!**

SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS/ROLLER BLADES, ETC.

These items must be **carried** or **walked** on campus - not ridden. A student should store his or her item in the lockers, located in the bike rack area first **thing** in the morning. There's no assumption of liability.

BICYCLES

The school provides a bicycle rack for student use. However, **the school assumes no responsibility for the bicycles.** Students must provide individual locks for their property. **Students are requested not to lock up their bikes with other students' bikes. Do not leave your bike in the rack overnight.** You are not to ride your bicycle on campus or the adjoining sidewalks at any time. You are to walk your bicycle to the bike racks from the time you reach the school grounds - walk it, lock it, leave it. **WEARING A HELMET IS THE LAW.**



CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students should not bring iPods, iTouch, MP3 players, laser pointers, electronic readers (Kindle/Nook/iPad), or similar devices to school. If students have cell phones, they may use them **BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL ONLY.** During the **ENTIRE** school day cell phones must remain "off" and out of sight. Staff will follow the concept of: "See it, hear it, take it." Students in violation of this policy will have their phones confiscated and turned in to the assistant principal. A parent(s) may need to come and pick up the phone. **Text messaging during the school day is not allowed. Saturday School will be assigned.**

ENERGY DRINKS/SODA

The general rule in regards to energy drinks and soda is that if you cannot buy the item at school, you should not bring it to school. Students with energy drinks or soda will be asked to dispose of the remaining contents and recycle the can/bottle.

NO GUM

Gum chewing is not allowed on campus at any time. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action, i.e., detention or gum clean-up.

C.U.S.D. Tobacco Policy

Chico Unified School District prohibits the use of tobacco products at all times on district property (Board Policy #4379). This prohibition applies to all employees, students and visitors on any property owned, leased, or rented by or from the District.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that has the purpose or the effect of unreasonable interference with an individual's educational or work performance or which creates an intimidating, hostile or offending educational environment. Sexual harassment examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Making written, verbal, physical and/or visual contact with sexual overtones.
2. Making reprisals, threats of reprisal, or implied threats of reprisal following a rebuff or harassing behavior.
3. Retaliation for having reported or threatened to report sexual harassment.
4. Continued expressions of sexual interest after being informed that the interest is unwelcome.
5. Engaging in explicit or implicit coercive sexual behavior within the educational environment which is used to control, influence or affect the educational opportunities, grades, and/or learning environment of a student.
6. A pattern of conduct that would cause discomfort and/or humiliation to a reasonable person at whom the conduct was directed.

Sexual harassment is a violation of the law, and students are subject to disciplinary sanctions for this behavior. Complaints are filed with the principal at each school.

SAFE SCHOOL PLAN

MJHS is also committed to providing a safe educational environment for all of our students. A copy of the Safe School Plan is available at the main office.

PROMOTIONAL STANDARDS/ GRADES:

PROMOTIONAL STANDARDS

Promotion for 7th and 8th grade students enrolled at the junior highs will be based upon:

- a) **Credits:** A student will earn 50 out of 60 credits each year for promotion to the next grade, including credits earned in the remediation/intervention program. The same class may not be failed twice.
- b) **Semester Grades:** Credits will be calculated by semester, but reviewed at progress reporting time to identify students in need of participation in the remediation/intervention program.
- c) **Attendance:** A student must attend a minimum of 85% of total school days each year (i.e., 154 days out of 180 - cannot miss more than 26 days).
- d) **Review Committee:** A review committee comprised of the principal/designee, counselor, parent, student and any other person deemed relevant by the parent or school will be established at each site to consider special circumstances of students not meeting the promotional requirements.

HONOR ROLL

A student may be eligible for the Honor Roll by being enrolled in six classes and achieving a grade point average of 3.50 at the semester. The point values for grades earned are:

A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 F=0 Inc=0 NG=0.

The point values of the six marks listed above are used in the computations of grade point averages.

SCHOOL DANCES:

MJHS Dance Information & Rules

1. The dances are a privilege for Marsh students only.
2. **Marsh dances are from 6:30-8:30.** We will not allow a student into the dance after 7:00pm unless preapproval has been given. Although walking to the dance is permitted, we encourage parents to drop their children off rather than allow them to walk. Some students in the past have been known to take detours between home and the dance, and not all of these detours are safe.
3. Students should have rides planned prior to the dance. Students should plan to leave at 8:30. A telephone is available in case of emergency.
4. When students arrive at the dance, they must enter the dance and stay inside until the dance is over or until their parents come to pick them up. If a student leaves early, the parent must come to the door and get him/her since we will not have supervision in the parking lot for students who might want to wait for their rides prior to the end of the dance.
5. Students are encouraged to dance (in socially appropriate ways), chat with friends, enjoy the music and enjoy snacks from the concession stand. Students should not run, rough house or dance inappropriately.
6. Students who have been assigned either in-school or out-of-school suspension since the last school dance **cannot** attend the next school dance. Students that receive a referral in the weeks leading up to the dance may not be able to attend.
7. Failing grades will prevent a student from participating in a school dance.
8. There will be no promiscuous or provocative dancing. All violators will be given one warning. Repeat offenders may be asked to call their parents for a ride home. They may be asked to not attend the next school dance or banned from attending any dances at Marsh for the rest of the school year. School dances are for students to

socialize with their peers. The expectation is for everyone to have fun and be safe.

9. Horseplay, running and wrestling are not permitted. Violators will be warned or asked to sit out. If behavior continues, they may be asked to leave the dance or be barred from the next dance, even if it's next year.
10. Concession items, including food and drink, will not be allowed in the gym.
11. Students are expected to comply with directions of teachers and parent chaperones.
12. Students are expected to adhere to school dress codes. Students who are not following school policy will be asked to call home and arrange a wardrobe change.
13. Students who do not adhere to the rules may be asked not to attend the next dance or banned from attending any dances at Marsh for the rest of the year.

DISCIPLINE:

MJHS DISCIPLINE POLICY

Students who violate school policy may be assigned consequences appropriate to the violation. Examples are:

- a) Community service
- b) Call home to parent and/or parent conference
- c) Detention (lunch or after school)
- d) Saturday School
- e) Loss of school-wide student activities (dances, field trips, etc.)
- f) In-School Suspension (on site or Academy For Change)
- g) Suspension for any offense of CA Ed. Code 48900 (a-r)
- h) Recommendation for Expulsion

Examples for which students may be assigned a specific consequence are:

Gum Chewing, Cheating, Class Misconduct, Littering, Out of Class without Permission, Excessive Show of Public Affection, Dress Code Violation, Vandalism, Texting, Cell Phone Use,

Inappropriate Language, Defiance, Missed Detention/Saturday School, Cutting Classes, Habitual Profanity, Vulgarity, Sexual Harassment, Bullying - including Cyber-Bullying (Texting/Facebook or other Social Media, Threatening Others, Fighting), Possession of Tobacco and/or Paraphernalia, Possession of, or Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs, Possession of and/or, Use of an Object as a Weapon.

A comprehensive listing of the CUSD Student Behavior Standard can be found in the Parents' Rights and Responsibilities handbook provided to all of our families on a yearly basis. When a student is suspended from class and/or or school, make-up work may be provided at the discretion of the individual teacher.



THE GATOR WAY

- 1. HONOR AND RESPECT MJHS**
- 2. ALWAYS BE HONEST AND TELL THE TRUTH**
- 3. USE STUDENT PLANNER EVERY DAY; BE ON TIME TO CLASS AND READY TO LEARN**
- 4. COMPLETE ALL WORK ON TIME**
- 5. NO BULLYING – EVER**

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