

# Student/Parent Handbook

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# North Mountain Middle School



## Home of the Huskies 2018-2019

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# Huskies...Learning today, leading tomorrow!

## Important Dates to Remember

HOLIDAYS	
Labor Day	September 3, 2018
Veterans' Day	November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving Break	November 19 – 23, 2018
Winter Break	December 17, 2018 - January 7, 2019
Non-Student Day	August 6-8, 2018 October 15, 2018 January 7, 2019 June 7, 2019
Martin Luther King Day	January 21, 2019
Presidents' Week	February 18, 2019 – February 22, 2019
Spring Break	April 22, 2019 – April 26, 2019
Minimum Days	October 25, 2018, December 13-14, 2018, June 3-6, 2019
Memorial Day	May 27, 2019
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	June 6, 2019

## Regular Day Bell Schedule

First Lunch		Second Lunch	
Advisory	7:30-7:50	Advisory	7:30-7:50
1st Period	7:54-8:44	1st Period	7:54-8:44
2nd Period	8:48-9:38	2nd Period	8:48-9:38
<b>Nutrition</b>	<b>9:38-9:54</b>	3rd Period	9:42-10:32
3rd Period	9:58-10:48	<b>Nutrition</b>	<b>10:32-10:48</b>
4th Period	10:52-11:42	4th Period	10:52-11:42
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:42-12:12</b>	5th Period	11:46-12:36
5th Period	12:16-1:06	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:36-1:06</b>
6th Period	1:10-2:00	6th Period	1:10-2:00



## Minimum Day Bell Schedule (every Friday)

First Lunch		Second Lunch	
Advisory	7:30-7:48	Advisory	7:30-7:48
1st Period	7:52-8:25	1st Period	7:52-8:25
2nd Period	8:29-9:02	2nd Period	8:29-9:02
3rd Period	9:06-9:39	3rd Period	9:06-9:39
4th Period	9:43-10:16	4th Period	9:43-10:16
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>10:16-10:46</b>	5th Period	10:20-10:53
5th Period	10:50-11:23	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>10:53-11:23</b>
6th Period	11:27-12:00	6th Period	11:27-12:00

# North Mountain Middle School

## Vision Statement

**At North Mountain Middle School, we strive to produce caring and productive citizens who value the pursuit of learning and service to others.**

## Our Mission...

**to inspire students to learn daily, live respectfully, and lead responsibly.**

## Schedule of Classes

<b>Period</b>	<b>Room#</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Advisory			
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

**Lunch Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

# NORTH MOUNTAIN STUDENT SERVICES

## Associated Student Body (ASB)

The Associated Student Body is the student governing organization whose main function is to organize activities for the students.

Any student who meets the following criteria may run for office:

1. 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA)
2. No "F" grades
3. No "U"/"N" grades

Students who are suspended from school due to poor behavior will no longer be in ASB.

Students can only miss 2 days of school per quarter.



## Associated Student Body I.D. Cards

Students will receive a picture identification card if they have their pictures taken during Registration or make-up Picture Day. These ASB identification cards will be used when students are checking out library books, purchasing tickets for dances or other school activities. It is important to keep your I.D. card with you at all times.

## School Counseling

Every student has access to a comprehensive school counseling program that focuses on academic, personal/social and college and career readiness domains. School counselors deliver classroom lessons, facilitate small groups and offer short-term individual counseling services based on specific needs. They also refer families to local community resources and outside counseling.

The best way to reach your school counselor is to come in to the office and fill out a counselor appointment form.

## Emergency Cards

Each student **MUST** have a signed emergency information card on file in the office. No student will be released, nor information provided, to any person not listed on the emergency card unless specific authorization has been given in writing by the parent or guardian. Authorized older siblings over 18 years of age who drive should be listed on the emergency card.



## Health Services

An LVN is available in our health office to assist students who are feeling ill. She cannot diagnose or make recommendations regarding health. There is a district nurse that can be reached at the district office if needed.

A student who has a fever and/or is vomiting should not come to school. A student who sustains an injury away from school will not be treated in the school health office.

A student who becomes ill or is injured during the school day needs to get a pass to the health office from his/her teacher, except for major illness or injury. The health clerk will call the parents to make a determination if the student should remain in school unless the injury or illness requires immediate medical attention. In this case school personnel will call 9-1-1, then the parent. Parents who are picking up ill or injured students are asked to come into the office to sign the student out. If no one can be reached for an ill student, the student will remain at school in the health office.

**In the event of a serious illness or injury where the student is taken to the emergency room for care, the student will not be treated without permission from parents/guardian UNLESS it is life threatening or a delay will cause further harm. Relatives, friends, or babysitters cannot authorize treatment.**

**FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE OFFICE HAVE CURRENT CONTACT NUMBERS. PLEASE PROVIDE THE OFFICE WITH A WORK PHONE NUMBER, A HOME PHONE NUMBER, A CELL NUMBER, AND TWO EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS. EMAIL ADDRESSES ALSO HELP.**

## Medical Problems

If your student has an ongoing medical problem restricting him/her in any way, the office must be notified on a yearly basis. Students with medical problems which occur during the year and which require restriction for more than two days in any school activity will need verification by a physician.

## Medications at School

All medications needed by the student during the school day must be kept in the health office, including aspirin, Tylenol, and asthma inhalers. Medications will be administered to the student by office personnel as needed. These medications must be brought to school in the original container. Medications in "baggies" or other containers will not be accepted. Parents must sign a school form for the administration of some temporary medication. This medication will have to stay at school during the duration that it is to be given. A physician must sign the school form for any ongoing or prescription medication administered through the health office. These forms are available in the health office. Students may **NOT** carry medications, including aspirin, Tylenol, inhalers or cold remedies, at school. Any exception to this must be authorized in writing by a physician and approved by the principal. Please understand that these regulations are state law and are for the protection of all students.



### Immunizations

The following immunizations are required before a child may enter school in the San Jacinto Unified School District.

**\*\*TDAP.** All students grade 7-12 **MUST** have the TDAP immunization to enter school.

**Polio.** At least three immunizations are required, with the last one occurring after the child's second birthday.

**D.P.T.** At least four immunizations are required, with the last one occurring after the child's second birthday.

**Measles, Mumps & Rubella.** Immunization required on or after the child's first birthday. **A 2<sup>nd</sup> MMR is also required for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, effective July, 1999.**

**Hepatitis B.** A series of 3 immunizations are required before entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade, **effective July, 1999.**

**Chicken Pox (Varicella):** All students, including out-of-state, must have proof of vaccination or proof that they have had disease.

Free immunizations are available in the community. Please check with the Health Office.

### Scoliosis, Vision, and Hearing Screening

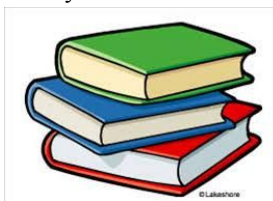
As a part of the state mandated health screening program, scoliosis screening (curvature of the spine) will be done for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. Hearing and vision screening will be done for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. If you do not wish to have your child screened, please notify the health office in writing.

### Cafeteria

Breakfast and lunch are available daily. Breakfast is served from 6:45 AM to 7:15 AM. There is also a nutrition break where Second Chance Breakfast is served. We are excited to inform you that our schools will be implementing a new provision available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). All enrolled students in our district, regardless of income level, are eligible to receive a nutritious school breakfast and lunch at no charge each day. All children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. However, a simple district form will still be requested on an annual basis for funding purposes.

\*Please keep in mind that we do not allow cupcakes or other treats for classroom parties.

\*No one is allowed to bring food to campus for anyone but their own student.



### Library

The library is open from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Students may also use the library during lunch and nutrition with a signed pass from the librarian or adult.

### Lost and Found

**North Mountain Middle School and the San Jacinto Unified School District are NOT responsible for lost, stolen, or missing items and assume no liability for the loss/theft of these items and will not investigate their loss or possible theft.** Please do not bring large sums of money, phones, toys, iPods, or anything else of value to school.

Lost and Found is kept in room 8. Small items such as keys and jewelry are placed in the office. Students may check for lost items before and after school. Unclaimed items in the Lost and Found box will be given to charity periodically.

### Honors Classes

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are placed in Honors classes based on subject matter proficiency as determined by multiple measures, including benchmark scores and classroom grades.



### Homework Help

North Mountain Middle School provides homework help for students in the area of Math and Language Arts Monday through Thursday for one hour after school.

### Conferences

Parent conferences provide an avenue of communication between the school and the home. Our Parent Conference Evening will be held in October.



# Husky Pride!

# GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



## Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco-Free Schools

Because the use of alcohol and other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has other serious social and legal consequences, the Board of Trustees intends to keep district schools free of alcohol and other drugs.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the health hazards associated with the use of tobacco products, including the breathing of second-hand smoke, and desires to provide a healthy environment for students and staff. In accordance with state and federal law, smoking is prohibited at all times on all district grounds and in all district vehicles.



## Athletics

Athletics is an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extracurricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social, and moral development of its students. In accordance with this philosophy, the following Code of Ethics must be followed by those participating in the sports program.

As an athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Maintain a minimum 2.0 (C) overall G.P.A.
2. Show good citizenship with no "U"/"N" grades during any grading period
3. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials, parents, and coaches
4. Display appropriate behavior by having no suspensions and have no more than 2 missing assignments
5. Adhere to all school rules regarding proper conduct and fair play
6. Refrain from using profanity, vulgarity, and other offensive language
7. Respect equipment and use it safely.
8. Maintain an acceptable level of performance and attitude in Physical Education classes
9. Adhere to all school rules regarding drugs and alcohol on and off campus

\*Breaking any part of the code of conduct could result in suspension from game play or dismissal from the team.

\*Any unlawful act on or off campus may result in dismissal from any athletic or extracurricular activity for the remainder of the school year.



## Bicycles

Bicycle riding is not permitted on school grounds. All bikes should be walked on campus. Students riding bikes to school should wear a helmet in accordance with state law.

Bicycle racks are provided in an area behind the Husky ball wall. Students should bring locks to secure bikes during the day. Any bikes parked in areas other than the bike racks will be confiscated.

North Mountain Middle School is not responsible for any theft or vandalism of bicycles on campus.



## Skateboards and Scooters

Skateboards and scooters may be used by students for transportation. Students should carry scooters or skateboards on campus and lock them in the bike area behind the Husky ball wall. **However, we are not responsible for lost or stolen items.**



## Classroom Interruptions

Classes will not be interrupted for any non-emergency reason. If parents bring forgotten items to school, the office will try to contact student when it is least disruptive to the learning period. Similarly, any items delivered to the school for a student, such as flowers, balloons or telegrams, will be kept in the office until the end of the school day. There will be **NO** exceptions to this rule items are seen by any adult on campus, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. If the items are confiscated a second time, a parent or guardian must

pick them up from the Assistant Principal's office.

These items are considered attractive nuisances on school campus and we discourage students from bringing them to school. Inappropriate use of the picture phones will be treated according to progressive discipline policies at the school. **The taping or videoing of any person without his/her expressed permission is not permitted at any time on campus.** Any student who videos any fight or near fight is considered to be aiding and abetting and may be assigned SSR or receive a school suspension for his/her behavior. **Students are not to use their phones on campus to make threats, harass other North Mountain students, for cheating on exams of any kind, or display inappropriate pictures.** Students may receive a school suspension for these actions. **SJUSD assumes no liability for loss/theft of these items. Students bring these items at their own risk.**



### Phone Use

There is no pay phone for student use on campus. However, there is a phone in the front office for students to use in **case of emergency**. **Parents please do not call your student during class to relay messages; please call the school and the message will be related to the student as soon as possible.** When a student gets a call during class, he/she will feel the need to take out the phone and this creates disruptions in the class. If a student feels sick, he/she must go to the nurse's office before calling home.



### Cell Phone/Camera Policy

If your child has a cell phone it must be kept in his or her backpack and **off** during the school day. If staff members sees students using their phone during the day they will be confiscated. The consequences are as follows:

**1st OFFENSE** *Warning* - Teacher holds phone at desk until the end of class. Parent contacted by teacher.

**2nd OFFENSE** *Lunch Detention* - Pick up phone from front office after school.

**3rd OFFENSE** *After School Detention* - Parent must pick up the phone from front office.

**4th OFFENSE** *Friday School* - Phone held in the office until the end of the week. (If parent requests phone release, student will serve an additional FRIDAY SCHOOL)

**5th OFFENSE** *Phone check in/out at front office* for the remainder of the school year. Additional consequences given for continued defiance.

**The District does not assume liability if such devices are damaged, lost or stolen.**

Students are not to bring cameras, Bluetooth devices, or other electronic devices to school. Headphones and iPods are not to be visible or shared at any time.



### PDA (Public Displays of Affection)

Being overly affectionate in school is not in good taste and will not be tolerated. Students should refrain from inappropriate, intimate behaviors on campus or at school events. Students are expected to show good taste and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times.



### Personal Belongings

Students are discouraged from bringing valuable items and large sums of money to school. Students should keep their belongings with them at all times. **School personnel assume no liability for lost, damaged, or stolen items.** Students may only bring necessary school supplies to school. Any items deemed disruptive to the learning environment will be confiscated by school personnel.

Below is a PARTIAL list of items that are not allowed at school:

- Hookah or Vape Products
- Chains
- Cigarettes
- Balloons / Water balloons
- Squirt Guns
- Pocket Knives or mirrors
- Rubber bands
- Matches or lighters
- Stink Bombs or fireworks
- iPods / tablets
- Gum or energy drinks
- Laser Pointers
- Permanent Markers / Sharpies
- Aerosol cans



### Lunch

Students must sit while eating at nutrition or lunch for safety reasons.



Students are expected to respect their environment and other students by keeping the eating area clean.

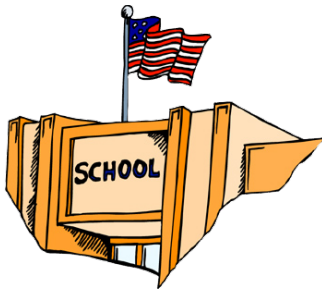


### **Clean Campus**

It is important that students take care to pick up their trash and respect the school facility.

During nutrition and lunch, students are limited to the lunch area, blacktop, and field. Students should not be in or near any classroom unless accompanied by an adult.

Students must follow the direction of all campus supervisors. Failure to do so will result in a referral to the office.



### **Closed Campus**

North Mountain is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave the campus during school hours unless authorized to do so. Students who will need to leave campus during the day should bring a signed note from the parent to inform the office. The student must be signed out in the office by the parent or guardian.

Office personnel will ask for identification in order to assure safety for our students. Students who return to school must sign in at the front office. If a student must leave school by other means (walking or bike), the parent must send a signed note that will be verified with a call from office personnel. The student must check out through the front office and sign out.



### **Communication/Email**

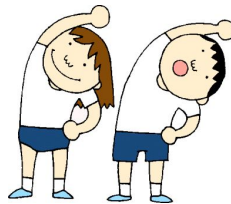
Faculty and staff members can be reached by leaving a phone message at (951) 487-7797. Staff email addresses can be found on our school website: [www.nmms.sanjacinto.k12.ca.us](http://www.nmms.sanjacinto.k12.ca.us).



### **Physical Education**

The North Mountain Physical Education program emphasizes physical conditioning for all students. Students will be running at least once a week all year. P.E. activities will include basketball, football, volleyball, capture the flag, soccer, Greek dodgeball, ultimate Frisbee, track and field, softball, court hockey, and golf.

The program is built on a point system. Students can earn 10 points per day. Points are given for attendance, proper P.E. clothes, participation, and effort.



### **Physical Education Uniforms**

P.E. clothes cost \$20.00 and all students need P.E. clothes. Shirt: \$10.00, Shorts: \$10.00. The uniform consists of lightweight athletic shorts and a T-shirt. In addition, students must wear white socks and athletic shoes for class. During cold weather, students will be permitted to wear sweats over their P.E. uniform. Students may not wear P.E. clothes under regular school clothing or in lieu of regular school clothing. P.E. uniforms should be washed weekly

and labeled with the student's name. Students are required to wear the P.E. uniform to every class meeting. Failure to do so will impact the student's grade and could result in disciplinary action.

A P.E. locker will be assigned to each student and locks are provided. The department will provide locks for the lockers. A \$5.00 fee will be charged if the lock is lost. Students are NOT allowed to bring their own locks.



### **Physical Education Excuses**

If a student is to be excused from P.E., he/she must have a written note from a parent or guardian stating the reason. A parent can only excuse a student for no more than two consecutive P.E. classes. Any student who needs to be excused for more than three consecutive P.E. classes must have a written medical excuse from a doctor. The doctor's note should state clearly what the student can and cannot do. A student may be excused from class but the student is still required to dress out. A student not participating in class due to a note from home or a medical condition will be required to do a written report during class time. Refer to P.E. Handbook provided to each North Mountain Middle School student with specific rules, guidelines, requirements, and grades so your student will know what is expected in P.E.

### **Parent Involvement Plan and Compact**

The Parent Involvement Plan will be developed and agreed upon with parents of participating Title I students. A school-parent compact will also be developed between the school and parents as it is a requirement for all children who participate in Title I activities. The Compact is included in the Student/Parent handbook.



# **ATTENDANCE**

*We believe regular and punctual attendance at school is an absolute requirement for a successful education.*

Every student is expected to attend school regularly except for illness, doctor or dentist appointments, or funerals. If a student is absent due to a funeral, after the first day of absence, a copy of the obituary will be required when the student returns to school. **Parents are encouraged to make doctor and dental appointments after school hours.** Family vacations are unexcused absences. If a student is absent 3 or more days due to illness, a doctor's note is required. California state law requires that there is contact between the parent and school regarding a student's absence. A phone call from a parent or guardian on the day of an absence is the best way to contact the school (951) 487-7797 ext. 6995. However, if it is not possible to call, a signed note by parent/guardian is required on the first day that the student returns. Any absence not excused by a parent phone call or signed note constitutes truancy and the student may be assigned a school consequence. Parents/guardians have three days to clear the truancy.

## **Tardy Policy**

Each student will be issued a "Tardy Card" at the beginning of each quarter.

- If a student is tardy to class, the teacher will initial their tardy card along with the date and time. The consequences for tardies are as follows:
  - **6 tardies in any class = Lunch Detention**
  - **12 tardies in any class = After School Detention**
  - **18 tardies in any class = Friday School**
  - **24 tardies in any class = Saturday School**
- ***If a tardy card is lost, the student will receive a new one and be issued a referral for Friday School.***
- **Lunch time incentives** will be given for the following reasons:
  - **Not losing Tardy Card** the entire Quarter.
  - Having **5 or less total** tardies for the entire Quarter.
  - Having **NO TARDIES** for the entire Quarter.

## **Disciplinary Procedures**

All North Mountain teachers will utilize Assertive Discipline practices in the classroom. These procedures incorporate choices by notifying the students of the classroom rules and implementation of a series of incremental disciplinary steps before referral to the school administration. Each teacher will send home a copy of classroom rules and consequences for infractions. It is important for parents to review these rules with their children and discuss them with the teacher if questions arise. If there is an infraction of a school rule or a student behavior is not corrected after the application of the school wide progressive discipline policy, which may include a warning and detentions, the student will be referred to an administrator.

# **North Mountain Middle School Rules and Consequences - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Infractions of school rules will result in consistent and incremental consequences. This may include exclusion from End-of-Year activities. Below is listed the progressive discipline policy for infraction of rules in any classroom, although teachers may institute additional in-classroom disciplinary options. We believe that it is important to provide consequences for children when they have behaved inappropriately. Our intent is to teach students to make appropriate behavior choices. In most situations, students demonstrating consistently poor behavior will follow a progressive discipline policy, which will include the following:

**\*1 hour after school detention in office** - Call home by teacher or administrator/designee

**\*Referral to office** - This may result in assignment of detention, Friday School, Saturday School, the Student Success Room, or a Suspension. Parent contact will be made.

**\*Friday School** - 2-hour detention after school on Friday, assigned only by the administration/designee

**\*On Campus Opportunities (Community Service)** – Assigned only by administration/designee

**\*Student Success Room (Behavioral Intervention)** – Assigned only by administration/designee

**\*Suspension from school** – Assigned only by administration/designee

**\*It is at the discretion of Administration to determine which step of the aforementioned policy a student will be placed.**

We provide guidance and a call home for infractions that warrant a consequence. School administration reserves the right to respond immediately to any behavior that endangers the student body or staff.

## ***Severity Clause:***

Standard discipline procedures may be skipped if a student knowingly and willingly commits the following:

- ***Fighting which results in serious injury***
- ***Possession of any weapon, firearm, imitation firearm or other dangerous object on campus***
- ***Possession, possession with the intent to distribute, or under the influence of any controlled substance***
- ***Theft or knowingly receiving stolen property***
- ***Serious defiance, disrespect, and disruption of school activities***
- ***Sexual harassment, serious harassing, intimidating or threatening behavior, or bullying which is repetitive, disrupts the school environment, and/or results in injury***

***NOTE: North Mountain Middle School maintains a zero tolerance policy toward fighting between students. Fighting is defined as “any act of physical aggression with intent to cause injury or which results in injury.” It will be left to the discretion of the Principal or Assistant Principal to determine if these criteria have been met within individual situations. Students who are found to be guilty of fighting will be suspended from school immediately.***

## **Due Process**

Every student involved in a disciplinary proceeding is afforded their right under law to respond to any accusation or allegation made against them. Situations that may result in disciplinary action are thoroughly investigated and documented. Disciplinary consequences are assigned that are in compliance with district directives, Board policy, Education Code and state and federal law.

Under federal law, information involving students and families involved in disciplinary proceedings will be kept strictly confidential. At no time will information involving disciplinary proceedings or consequences be shared with non-district personnel or with anyone other than parents, guardians or caregivers.

**Severity Clause (Ed. Code 48900)**

*SJUSD is compelled to uphold a standard of behavior at its school sites that promotes fairness, accountability and safety. The following Sections are offenses under California State Education Code 48900 that may result in suspension or expulsion from school:*

- **a(1)** Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; or
- **a (2)** willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self defense. **\*CR**
- **(b)** Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive device, or any dangerous object. **\*CRS**
- **(c)** Possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind **\*CR**
- **(d)** Offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or any intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind. **\*CR**
- **(e)** Committed robbery or extortion. **\*CR**
- **(f)** Cause or attempted to cause damage to school property. **CR>\$100**
- **(g)** Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property. **\*CR>\$50**
- **(h)** Possessed or used tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine products.
- **(i)** Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity.

- **(j)** Had unlawful possession of, offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. **CRS** (as defined in H&SC 110145.5)
- **(k)** Disrupted school activities or willfully defied the authority of school personnel.
- **(l)** Knowingly received stolen property or private property.
- **(m)** Had possession of an imitation firearm.
- **(n)** Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault or sexual battery. **\*CR**
- **(o)** Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is witness in a school disciplinary proceeding.
- **(p)** Unlawfully offered, attempted to sell, arranged to sell or sold the prescription drug Soma
- **(q)** Engaged in or attempted to engage in hazing as defined in Section 32050.
- **(r)** Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act .
- **48900.2** Committed sexual harassment (Grades 4-12)
- **48900.3** Caused, attempted to cause or threatened to cause or participated in an act of hate violence.
- **48900.4** Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats or intimidation directed against a pupil or group of pupils.
- **48900.7** Made terrorist threats against school officials, school property or both
- (\*) indicates law enforcement will be notified pursuant to E. C. 48902 and P.C. 245, or 626.9 or 626.10
- (CR)** Indicates a crime report must be filed
- (CRS)** Indicates a crime report is filed under certain conditions

# **Guidelines for Participation in School Wide Activities and Field Trips**

## **Attendance**

- No more than 6 absences (unexcused or excused) per semester
- Absences can continue to be made up by attending Saturday School

## **Academic**

- 2.0 (C) or higher Grade Point Average and **no failing grades (F) in any class** by the end of each semester

## **Behavior**

- Students need to follow school and classroom rules and behave in an appropriate manner. Students who do not behave appropriately will receive demerits for breaking school or classroom rules. Students receive demerits for:
  - After School Detention =3 Demerits
  - Friday School =6 Demerits  
(2 hours 12:00 – 2:00pm)
  - Student Success Room =6 Demerits
  - On Campus Suspension =6 Demerits
  - **Any Suspension =10 Demerits**

## **Students who receive**

- 15 or more demerits may not participate in the End of the Activities for their grade level
- 15 or more demerits will not be able to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

Students **must** have paid any club, fundraisers, or library dues owed. All textbooks and library books must be returned.

\*The criteria above is subject to change according to type of activity.

## **Disciplinary Demerit List:**

**One Demerit:** gum, tardy, dress code, language, unprepared, electronic device,

**Three Demerits:** disruptive behavior, disrespect, horseplay, excessive non-suit in PE

**Five Demerits:** defiance, vulgarity, truant

**Ten Demerits:** any suspension

**\*Administration will track all demerits received by students. Students will not be allowed to participate in activities if they meet the following requirements:**

Every year we look forward to celebrating the successes of our students. We want to help keep students motivated to always try and to do their best and achieve. We recognize students with good attendance, good citizenship and good grades. Additionally, activities must be earned. Students will lose the privilege of attending activities if they fail to meet attendance, citizenship, and/or academic requirements.

\*All North Mountain Middle School Rules Apply.

\*Students are not allowed to purchase energy drinks

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE**

1. Shoes must be worn at all times and adequately protect the feet (no flip-flops, no slippers, no open toe shoes, and no backless shoes/sandals). Roller shoes are not allowed in school.
2. Hats are permitted to be worn outside of buildings to protect students from the sun. Hats are to be worn properly with the bill facing forward. Hats may not depict any gang related symbols as listed by San Jacinto Police Department. (No beanies, hoodies or hats are to be worn inside).
3. No bandanas, hair nets, 'do-rags', or sweatbands are to be worn at any time.
4. No clothing may be worn with any derogatory racial slogan/symbol.
5. No clothing may be worn that promotes weapons, violence, alcohol, drugs, sex, or tobacco. No clothing may be worn with unacceptable messages, including belt buckles. This includes foul language, sexually suggestive language or graphics. No clothing may be worn that is gang related as determined by the San Jacinto Police Department.
6. Clothing must cover the stomach, back, and chest. No tank tops with straps less than 2 inches (no spaghetti straps), no tube tops, no low cut tops, no bathing suits, no see-through clothing, and no boys' undershirt tank tops or cut off sleeves are allowed. None of these are allowed even if worn under a jacket or sweatshirt.
7. Pants must fit at the waist, must be hemmed, and must be able to stay up without the use of a belt. Pant cuffs may not drag on the ground. No sagging. Underwear may not show.
8. Shorts, skirts, dresses, and skirts must be an appropriate length as determined by the site administrator (as a guide, ending below finger tips of the extended arm).
9. Clothing must be appropriate size for students -no oversized shirts, jackets, etc.
10. No pajamas or slippers (unless specified by a school event) and no blankets.
11. No excessive make-up or artificial nails that interfere with school activities are permitted.
12. For safety reasons, jewelry that is oversized, as in earrings that dangle or hoops, necklaces, bracelets, etc. should not be worn. No chains hanging from belt loops.
13. Clothing/jewelry cannot be worn that is disruptive to school activities as determined by site administrators
14. Writing and marking on hands, arms, or body is not permitted. Students will be required to wash off the marks. No body paint.
15. Shredded jeans that are considered too revealing as determined by administration are not allowed.
16. PE clothing will only be worn during PE.
17. The above dress code also applies to backpacks, binders, and book covers, which are to be free of writing.

\*\* The school staff has the discretion to determine whether clothing is or is not appropriate. The dress code is subject to change as needed.

**Consequences:** Loaners will be provided by school personnel for students who do not abide by dress code and a call will be made to parents. Repeated violations will result in further consequences/demerits.

Dress Code applies to all school events including:  
**Picture Day and Any After School Events!!**



## **BULLYING/SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

**Bullying is defined as a pattern of repeated aggressive behavior with negative intent directed from one child to another, where there is a power imbalance. (SJUSD Definition of Bullying)**

North Mountain Middle School is a positive and safe school environment that supports good clean fun and high academic standards. Children who engage in bullying behavior will face serious consequences. We at North Mountain Middle School make it our business to keep our campus safe for all students. We treat everyone with respect regardless of race, color, sexual orientation, religious affiliation or those who are physically or mentally challenged. Examples of bullying behaviors that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited to:

1. Physically fighting or aggressive behavior. This may result in school suspension or possible school expulsion.
2. Socially isolating another student or starting false rumors.
3. Verbal aggressive behavior that involves racial or ethnic slurs as well as insults and put –downs.
4. Public challenges that are threats against family or friends.
5. Excluding individuals due to ethnic difference.
6. Spreading sexual rumors, sexual harassment, pressure for sexual activity, using sexual or rude language, or unwanted touching.
7. Ill-treatment toward those who are physically or mentally challenged.
8. Using texting, Facebook, or any other social sites to spread rumors, harass, intimidate, or threaten students.

Parents and guardians, we ask for your support to help us make this a safe campus for everyone. If you think your student is being harassed, bullied, or discriminated against, please contact a school counselor, administrator, or teacher, so that the proper actions can be taken to make your student feel safe. North Mountain Middle School has a strict no tolerance policy when dealing with bullying or sexual harassment. The contact number for related concerns is (951) 487-7797. Ask to speak with one of our counselors.

**\*For more detailed policies and regulations then described in this handbook, please see our Annual Notification.**

**It is important that families and schools work together to help students achieve high academic standards. Through a process that included teachers, families, students and community representatives, the following are agreed upon roles and responsibilities that we as partners will carry out to support student success in school and in life.**

### **Staff Pledge:**

I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- Endeavor to motivate my students to learn.
- Have high expectations and help every child to develop a love of learning.
- Communicate regularly with families about student progress.
- Provide a warm, safe, and caring learning environment.
- Provide meaningful, daily homework assignments to reinforce and extend learning for grades 6-8.
- Participate in professional and development opportunities that improve teaching and learning and support the formation of partnerships with families and the community.
- Actively participate in collaborative decision making and consistently work with families and my school colleagues to make schools accessible and welcoming places for families which help each student achieve the school's high academic standards.
- Respect the school, students, staff and families.
- Build assets in students.

### **Student Pledge:**

I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Come to school ready to learn and work hard.
- Bring necessary material, completed assignments and homework.
- Know and follow school and class rules.
- Ask for help when I need it.
- Communicate regularly with my parents and teachers about school experiences so that they can help me to be successful in school.
- Limit my TV watching and instead study or read every day after school.
- Respect the school, classmates, staff and families.
- Follow all AVID student standards.

### **Family/Parent Pledge:**

I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Provide a quiet time and place for homework and monitor TV viewing.
- Communicate with the teacher or the school when I have a concern.
- Ensure that my child attends school every day on time, gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention and proper nutrition.
- Regularly monitor my child's progress in school. (Aeries Parent Portal, Back to School Night, Open House, Conferences)
- Participate at school in activities such as Coffee With the Principal, AVID Parent Night, PTO, School Site Council, volunteering and/or attending parent-teacher conferences.
- Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child.
- Respect the school, staff, students, families, policies and procedures.
- Update emergency contacts as needed.
- Students will be picked up no later than 15 minutes after school or following any school activity.



I have read and understand the rules and policies in the Student/Parent/Teacher Handbook for North Mountain Middle School. Please sign and return this portion to your Advisory Teacher.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

