



## Student/Parent Handbook 2024-2025

*This handbook is available in both English and Spanish on our school website:  
<http://www.psusd.us/dhshs>*

*Este manual está disponible en español en el sitio web de nuestra escuela:  
<http://www.psusd.us/dhshs>*

### VISION

We are Advancing DHS

### Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

We are Advancing, Determined, Honorable Scholars

- Advancing: Civically Engaged and Community-Minded
- Determined: Motivated, Persistent, and Resourceful
- Honorable: Empathetic, Growth-Minded, and Personally Responsible
- Scholars: Academically Well-Rounded, Career-Prepared, and College-Prepared

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We work together to inspire confident, compassionate, independent learners who are contributing members of the global community. Staff, students, families, supporting adults, and community partners take collective responsibility in motivating and mentoring students to challenge themselves and respond to setbacks in order to achieve their individual post-secondary education and career goals.

### **Mascot**

Golden Eagle

### **School Colors**

Navy and Cal Gold



## 25 Bell Schedule Desert Hot Springs High School

Schedule: Traditional

2.1.2 Schedule Day: Wednesday

\*Note: Please indicate schedule type: Regular (142 days); Late Start Wednesday (33 days); Minimum Day Finals (6 day)

### \*Schedule: REGULAR (136 DAYS)

Period	Time	Minutes
0	7:50 - 8:40	50
1	8:45 - 9:45	60
2	9:51 - 10:54	63
3	11:00 - 11:58	58
LUNCH	11:58 - 12:28	30
4	12:34 - 1:32	58
5	1:38 - 2:36	58
6	2:42 - 3:40	58

### \*Schedule: WEDNESDAY/COLLAB (36 DAYS)

Period	Time	Minutes
0	9:25 - 10:15	50
1	10:20 - 11:03	43
2	11:09 - 11:54	45
3	12:00 - 12:43	43
LUNCH	12:43 - 1:13	30
4	1:19 - 2:02	43
5	2:08 - 2:51	43
6	2:57 - 3:40	43

### \*Schedule: MINIMUM DAY/FINAL EXAM DAYS (6 DAYS 12/18, 12/19, 12/20,

Period	Time	Minutes
P1, P3, P5	8:45 - 10:45	120
LUNCH	10:45 - 11:15	30
P2, P4, P6	11:21 - 1:21	120

### \*Schedule: RALLY (3 DAYS 10/11, 12/6, 5/16)

Period	Time	Minutes
0	7:50 - 8:40	50
1	8:45 - 9:35	50
2	9:41 - 10:31	50
3	10:37 - 11:27	50
LUNCH	11:27 - 11:57	30
4	12:03 - 12:53	50
5	12:59 - 1:49	50
6	1:55 - 2:45	50
RALLY	2:45 - 3:40	55

### **Administrators**

Omar Tinoco _____	Principal
Sean Pendergraph _____	Assistant Principal (12th)
Michael Grein _____	Assistant Principal (10th)
Kai Lyles _____	Assistant Principal (9th)
Vera Johnson _____	Assistant Principal (11th)

### **Guidance Counselors**

The mission of the Desert Hot Springs High School Counseling Department is to provide support for student achievement as part of a comprehensive guidance program for all students. Counselors work together with parents, teachers, administration, and community to help facilitate student development in education, social, personal, and career domains. Counseling services shall be provided in a safe and positive environment with a focus on promoting responsible, productive citizenship and academic achievement to support college and career readiness for all students.

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### **Student Attendance & Tardy Policy**

We believe strongly in rewarding students for being on time to class each period and attending school on a regular basis. Positive incentives for regular attendance will be given periodically to students that meet this criteria.

**Students need to be in school every day. Full time attendance is mandated by the State of California. Excused and Unexcused absences negatively affect academic achievement of a student. Parents are encouraged to monitor their students' attendance through ParentVue.**

#### **Report an Absence**

1. To report an absence, parents/guardians should call the Attendance Office before 8:30 am or send a note with the name of their child, the reason for the absence, the date(s) of absence, and parent/doctor signature.

#### **Attendance Office:**

Celina Toscano \_\_\_\_\_ (760) 288-7012  
Adriana Trujillo \_\_\_\_\_ (760) 288-7033

2. Absences can also be reported using the **ParentVue** app at [pvue.psusd.us](http://pvue.psusd.us). Please contact our office if you have not yet signed up for a ParentVue account. State law requires schools to have communication from the home for each absence. Reasons for absences must be reported and verified within two weeks of the date of absence.
3. If a student is ill for more than five (5) consecutive days, a doctor's verification will be required to clear the absence and may be required for subsequent absences.
4. Parents may request homework for their student for extended absences (usually an absence of five days or more) by contacting their student's counselor. Prior to making the homework request in the office please check ParentVUE on the website to see if the teacher has homework posted. If there is nothing on the website you can contact the Attendance Office to request homework. Please allow 48 hours for the teachers to prepare the homework and forward it to the Attendance Office. A parent or guardian may call the Attendance Office at **(760) 288-7011 (760) 288-7012**
5. Students who must leave campus any time after their arrival must receive an "Off Campus Passport" from the Attendance Office. Parent permission may be given either in writing or by telephone but must be received prior to the student's dismissal. Any student leaving without the required passport cannot clear his/her attendance and the absence will be noted as truancy, with the student being subject to a citation.
6. A student who is 18 years old or older may sign himself/herself out or excuse his/her

absences with parent authorization. They may not return that same day once they sign themselves out. Students acting on their own behalf will be held to the strictest attendance standards. When signing out a student early, allow yourselves at least 20 minutes to pick up the student.

7. Excessive absences and tardies can prevent a student from participating in school activities.

The State of California determines whether or not an absence may be excused. The only reasons for absences to be excused are:

1. Illness (doctor's note is required for absences of more than three days)
2. Quarantine by health officer
3. Medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services for the student
4. Funeral for a member of the immediate family

If absences, tardy notations, and truancy become excessive, a family will need to attend a School Attendance Review Team (SART) meeting with site administration or designee. Should attendance not improve following the SART meeting, a SART meeting is missed by a family, or the attendance issues are considered egregious, the case will be referred to the Palm Springs Unified School District School Attendance Review Board (SARB) for further action. Parents of students who have habitual absences, regardless of reason, may be referred to the Riverside County District Attorney by the Child Welfare and Attendance Office.

Please remember that when you arrive late or pick up your child early it disrupts the entire class. **Making every effort to have your child in school on time, every day, all day is one of the greatest contributions a parent can make to their child's education. Also, if the request is during PE or lunch time, the waiting time to summon your child may be extended.**

### **Tardiness**

Tardy is any student who is not in his/her assigned class room or station when the bell rings. Students are expected to be on time for all classes in order to benefit from the instructional program. This also helps the student develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. Students who are habitually tardy or truant are subject to site defined consequences as well as consequences through SART, SARB, and truancy fines.

### **Arrival at School**

Students must not arrive at school prior to the opening of the school site gates. Supervision is not available at any school site until the designated opening time. Students should enter campus upon arrival and not linger outside the gates. We have a **CLOSED CAMPUS** and students must stay on the school grounds from the time of arrival, even if the first period has



not yet started, until dismissal. Any student that leaves campus without permission will be considered truant and possible disciplinary action may be taken.

Campus gates will open at 7:am for students attending a zero period or tutoring in the library. Students may not enter campus without a designated location.

Parents and/or guardians are responsible for getting children to school on time. When a student is tardy it will disturb the rest of the class and they will miss part of the instructional program. Students arriving after the designated start time will be considered tardy and must check-in at the office.

### **Leaving Campus During School Hours**

Once students arrive, they may not leave the campus until dismissal except for a legally excused reason. Parents and/or guardians are urged to make every effort to schedule doctor or dental appointments during non-school hours. When early dismissal is necessary, a parent or guardian must come into the office to sign the release for a student and document the reason for the early removal from school. Completion of the early excusal form is required for early release. Students will not be released within the 15 minutes prior to dismissal due to security reasons. *The person escorting the student from school grounds must be on the emergency form and must show valid identification.*

For any student that leaves campus after they have arrived at school without permission, and they decide to return to school that same day, they will be subject to a Health and Safety Check. Families will be notified via a letter provided to the student and parents will be contacted.

### **Student Dismissal**

During student dismissal, safety is of primary concern. Following all school staff directives and dismissal plans is vital to ensuring the safety of students, family members, and staff.

- Students will not be released from the school site 15 minutes prior to dismissal.
- Students must be picked up within 30 minutes of the dismissal bell.
- Students who have after school programs (such as interventions, clubs, or athletics) must report to their designated activity immediately following the school day.
- Children waiting at school 1 hour after dismissal may be placed in the custody of Desert Hot Springs Police. Late pickups are monitored by the main office. Excessive late pickups will lead to SART or Child Protective Services referrals.
- Parking in the loading zone or handicap parking spaces is prohibited and can result in a citation and fine. Handicap parking is designated for cars with displayed placards only.
- Avoid blocking any crossing area.

- Demonstrate courtesy and safe driving while on or near our school grounds. Any unsafe driving on campus, or unsafe behavior, will be reported to Desert Hot Springs Police Department.

### **Class Assignments for Absences and Short Term Independent Study (STIS)**

Palm Springs Unified School District mandates that if a child is absent for four or more days, the child's parents sign a Short-Term Independent Study Plan Contract to ensure the education process is continued during the extended absence. Please inform the office **one week prior** to the start of the proposed Short-Term Independent Study period. Parents and/or guardians of students absent due to illness for five or more consecutive days may request assignments through the office. Teachers will make every effort to respond to the request by the following day. Students and parents should contact their counselor for more information.

***Desert Hot Springs High School and the Palm Springs Unified School District assumes no responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal property including any electronic device.***

### **Cellphones and Tech Devices**

At Desert Hot Springs High School, cell phones can only be used with teacher and administrative approval. **Cell phones must be turned off and put away during class time, unless permitted by the classroom teacher.** All electronic devices are prohibited for use during class/ instructional time unless authorized by the teacher. All camera use, including cell phones cameras, is prohibited in locker rooms, classrooms, and restrooms. Students that damage or misuse school technology will serve a consequence which can include loss of technology use privileges.

**1<sup>st</sup> Violation** – Students will be given a warning.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Violation** – Teacher will notify parent/guardian.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Violation** – Referral to Dean. Parent/guardian and student will need to meet with either Dean or Administrator.

### **Student Dress Code**

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code [35183.5](#)) The administration has the right to prohibit clothing that may be seen as gang-related.

When applying the following guidelines for all regular school activities, administrators shall consider whether the clothing presents a health or safety hazard or causes a substantial disruption to the educational program:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which promote the use of drug, alcohol or tobacco or other illegal activity (such as gang affiliation), or which advocate racial, ethnic, gender or religious prejudice.
3. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments, except bra straps. All shirts must have at least one attached strap, worn across the shoulder or around the neck. If a crop top is worn, at least half of the midriff must be covered. Swimsuits are not allowed, outside of participating in athletics. No part of the chest or buttocks shall show.
4. Sunglasses may not be worn indoors, unless required by prescription.
5. **Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.**
6. Full face coverings are not allowed and must be removed when asked by staff, including costumes.

The dress code shall be modified as appropriate to accommodate a student's religious or cultural observance, health condition, or other circumstance deemed necessary by the principal or designee. In addition, the principal or designee may impose dress requirements to accommodate the needs of special school activities, physical education classes, athletic activities, and other extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code [49066](#))

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

### **Gang-Related Apparel**

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code [32282](#))

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel

shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.

### **Student Discipline Guidelines**

#### **Our Goal is:**

To provide a safe and orderly school environment through a firm and consistent intervention policy in the classroom and on campus in cooperation with home and community.

Our interventions enable students to make appropriate choices in a climate of warmth and support by consistently applying incentives and consequences with clearly defined school-wide rules. We encourage communication between our staff, students and parents to promote and maintain positive relationships.

Students are held responsible for their actions. This includes any and all actions taking place from the time that the student leaves home until they return home in a timely manner following completion of the school day.

#### **Intervention Procedures**

One of the most important lessons education should teach is discipline. While it does not appear as a subject, it underlies the whole educational structure. It is the training that develops self-control, character, orderliness, and efficiency. It is the key to good conduct, character, and proper consideration for other people.

All students are expected to follow school rules and to demonstrate self-discipline and good citizenship at all times. Students who choose to break school rules will accept the consequences for their actions. School discipline rules and procedures and all district policies and regulations that deal with student discipline, suspension and expulsion are available to parents/guardians.

#### **Progressive Intervention**

In most cases, problems can and should be taken care of by classroom teachers through interaction with the student, contact with parents, detention, research into cumulative records, and discussions with support staff. When these avenues have been exhausted, or in special cases, it may be necessary for a teacher to write a referral to the office.

Teachers shall employ all means possible to correct students' behaviors prior to referral for administrative action except when the behavior is an infraction of Education Code 48900 (a-m). Interventions include, but are not limited to: conferring with the student, parents, teachers; modifying instructional and/or management techniques; developing a student contract; establishing and maintaining a home-school communication system; assigning detention or community service; referring to the counselor, assistant principal, student study team.

### **Grouping Policy**

Students in groups of 8 or more that are deemed to be exhibiting threatening and/or overly disruptive behaviors by Eagle Staff will be asked once to find a location to eat and enjoy their lunch. After the warning, if the group continues to exhibit threatening and/or overly disruptive behavior, every member of the group will be brought into 205 and suspended. This policy is intended for before school, during passing periods, lunch, and after school events. This is not intended for team sports and activities during PE.

- \* "threatening and/or overly disruptive behavior" consists of, but is not limited to:  
verbally attacking/ use of profanity towards another group of students or staff,  
flashing gang signs at another group of students or staff, circling the campus in a large group with the intent to seek an individual and/or group, excessive rough housing, etc.

### **Due Process Rights**

Administrators can suspend a student from school for up to four consecutive school days. Before suspending a student from class or school, an informal conference must be held between the student and teacher, or the student and administrator. The student must be told the reason for suspension and of any evidence that supports that decision. The student must be given an opportunity to present his or her side and any evidence in self-defense. Parents must be notified of the suspension within 24 hours. A parent conference must be scheduled as soon as possible, but no later than five days. Parents may waive their right to a personal conference and confer by telephone if they desire.

## **BULLYING & CYBER BULLYING**

Bullying means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communication made in writing by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils as defined in Section 48900.2, 48900.3 or 48900.4 of the CA education code.

### **PSUSD Bullying Definition:**

**Bullying:** When an individual or a group of people with perceived power, repeatedly and intentionally cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. **Bullying continues over time**, is often hidden from adults and will probably continue if no action is taken. Please note: A single egregious act might not be considered bullying but does require a disciplinary response.

Students are encouraged to report bullying to adults on campus. They can also access a bullying reporting website to report anonymously: [www.sprigeo.com](http://www.sprigeo.com) Students that repeatedly participate in bullying will be placed on a bullying contract and will face consequences as serious as suspension.

All students will be held accountable for inappropriate social media postings or cyber bullying. Students are prohibited from:

- Posting pictures taken on campus.
- Posting pictures of people that are uncomplimentary and are intended to embarrass and ridicule.
- Posting mean, inappropriate comments about others.
- Making threats towards someone else.

*If you engage in any kind of Cyber Bullying or Cyber Harassment you will serve consequences as covered in the California Education Code*

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining an educational environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Board prohibits sexual harassment of students by other students, employees or other persons, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against persons who complain, testify, assist or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and the administrative regulation.

The Board strongly encourages any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed on school grounds or at school-sponsored or school-related activities or who has experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus, to immediately contact his/her teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee.

The Board is committed to complying with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq. and its implementing regulations, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities operated by federal financial assistance recipients. Sexual harassment, including sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX.

The Coordinator or designee shall ensure that all district students receive age-appropriate instruction and information on sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

1. What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same gender.
2. A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment.
3. Encouragement to report observed instances of sexual harassment, even where the victim of the harassment has not complained.
4. A clear message that student safety is the district's primary concern, and that any separate rule violation involving an alleged victim or any other person reporting a sexual harassment incident will be addressed separately and will not affect the manner in which the sexual harassment complaint will be received, investigated, or resolved.
5. Information about the district's procedure for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made.
6. Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a civil or criminal complaint, as applicable.
7. A clear message that, when needed, the district will take interim measures to ensure a safe school environment for a student who is the complainant or victim of sexual harassment and/or other students during an investigation and that, to the extent possible, when such interim measures are taken, they shall not disadvantage the complainant or victim of the alleged harassment.

## **Complaint Process**

Any student who feels that he/she is being or has been subjected to sexual harassment shall immediately contact his/her teacher or any other employee. A school employee to whom a complaint is made shall, within one school day of receiving the complaint, report it to the principal or the District Coordinator.

Any school employee who observes any incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so and report this observation to the Coordinator, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

In any case of sexual harassment involving the Coordinator or any other district employee to whom the complaint would ordinarily be made, the employee who receives the student's report or who observes the incident shall report to the Superintendent.

District Coordinator:  
Asst. Supt. of Educational Services or Designee  
150 District Center Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92264  
760-883-2703, ext. 480-5002

Regardless of whether the student files a complaint, the Coordinator or designee shall contact the student (or parent, depending on the student's age) and explain that the district is responsible for investigating the allegation of sexual harassment and taking corrective action, and explain the informal and formal procedures for filing a complaint, including how the procedures work.

Upon receiving the complaint, the Coordinator or designee shall immediately initiate the complaint investigation procedures in accordance with AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Where the Coordinator or designee finds that sexual harassment occurred, he/she shall take prompt, appropriate, effective action to end the harassment and address its effects on the victim. The Coordinator or designee shall also advise the victim of any other remedies that may be available and take steps to prevent further harassment. The Coordinator or designee shall file a report with the Superintendent or designee and refer the matter to law enforcement authorities, where required.

### **Disciplinary Measures**

Any student who engages in sexual harassment of anyone at school or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity is in violation of this policy and shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4 through 12, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or



expulsion, provided that in imposing such discipline the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

### **Response Pending Investigation**

When an incident of sexual harassment is reported, the principal or designee, in consultation with the Coordinator, shall determine whether interim measures are necessary pending the results of the investigation. Such measures shall be those necessary to stop the harassment, if still ongoing, and to ensure a safe school environment for a student who is the complainant or victim of sexual harassment and/or other students during an investigation. To the extent possible, when such interim measures are taken, they shall not disadvantage the complainant or victim of the alleged harassment. All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential except as necessary to carry out the investigation or take other subsequent necessary action. The Coordinator or designee will discuss confidentiality standards with the student when the complaint is initiated.

**Sexual harassment is defined as:** unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature, made by someone from or in the educational setting.

Types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute sexual harassment include:

- Unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations or propositions, sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or sexually degrading descriptions.
- Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body, or an overly personal conversation.
- Sexual jokes, stories, drawings, pictures or gestures.
- Spreading sexual rumors.
- Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class.
- Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way.
- Unwanted sexual advances.
- Cornering or blocking of normal movements.
- Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, or posters in the school setting.
- Any act of retaliation against an individual who reports a violation of the district's sexual harassment policy or who participates in the investigation of a sexual harassment complaint.

### **Search and Seizure**

*(Ed. Code 48921, 44806, 44014)* A health and welfare search will be conducted when there is reasonable suspicion involving controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, stolen property, weapons, or other objects prohibited or which constitute a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the occupants of the school facility or in conjunction with a school sponsored activity. In accordance with California and Federal law, PSUSD reserves the right to conduct random searches of students, persons and property. Periodically, the school will conduct canine searches throughout the year.

Families will be notified via a letter provided to the student and parents will be contacted.

### **WEAPONS/METAL DETECTORS**

Possession of a weapon by students on school property, on the way to and from school, or at a school-sponsored event, is in violation of the California Education Code and the California Penal Code. Such a violation will result in immediate referral for disciplinary action, suspension, and possible expulsion.

To ensure the safety of students and staff within the Palm Springs Unified School District, students may be required to submit to a search using a metal detector, either intermittently, or on a regular basis, on campus or at school sponsored events. Any weapon or dangerous object will be confiscated. A pat search may be required and pockets or other containers emptied if a student may be in possession of dangerous items. Purses, backpacks, or other containers are also subject to search. Parents may be required to pick up any materials confiscated from students.

### **Suspension/Expulsion**

Maintaining an environment that promotes learning and protects the health, safety, and welfare of all students may require the suspension or expulsion of a student from regular classroom instruction. **Under California Education Code 48900 and 48915, the following offenses are grounds for suspension and/or expulsion from school and the Palm Springs Unified School District:**

State Education Code 48900:

- a) 1 – Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.  
2 – Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.
- b) Possessed, sold or furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.

- c) Unlawfully possessed, used, sold or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant of any kind.
  - d) Unlawfully offered or arranged or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance or material and represented the liquid, substance, or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
  - e) Committed, attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
  - f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
  - g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
  - h) Possessed or used tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine products.
  - i) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
  - j) Had unlawful possession of, offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia.
  - k) Disrupted school activities or willfully defied the authority of school personnel.
  - l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
  - m) Possession of imitation firearms.
  - n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault, or committed a sexual battery, as defined in the Penal Code.
  - o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding.
  - p) Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
  - q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in hazing as defined in section 32050
  - s) Aiding or abetting, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person.
- 48900.2 – Committed sexual harassment (grades 4-12).
- 48900.3 – Caused, attempted to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence (grades 4-12).
- 48900.4 – Harassment, threats, or intimidation directed against a student or group of students, enough to materially disrupt class work, create disorder and invade their rights.
- 48900.7 – Terrorist threats against school officials or property, or both.

### **State Education Code 48915 Subsection (A) and (C)**

#### **(A) MANDATORY SUSPENSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION WITH PRINCIPAL'S EXCEPTION:**

1. Caused serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense.
2. Possessed any knife, explosive, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student.

3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (Section 11053) of the division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, except for the first offense for the possession of not more than one avoirdupois ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis.
4. Robbery or extortion.
5. Assault or battery, as defined by Sections 240 and 242 of the Penal Code, upon any school employee.

**\*(C) SUSPENSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION WITHOUT EXCEPTION:**

- \*1. Possession/selling/furnishing a firearm at school or at a school Activity. Possession must be verified by a school employee.
  - \*2. Brandishing a knife at another person.
  - \*3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.
  - \*4. Committing/attempting to commit a sexual assault/battery, as defined by EC 48900(n).
  - \*5. Possession of an explosive, as defined by EC 48915(h).
- \* School sites must recommend a calendar year expulsion. The Board of Education may impose a lesser consequence.***

Only the principal of a school can recommend expulsion. A hearing panel reviews the case and makes a recommendation to the Board of Education. Only the Board can expel a student. Parents have the right to appeal an expulsion to the County Board Of Education.

### Additional Discipline Violations

<b>R.C.O. 9112.030A</b> Riverside County Loitering/Truancy	<b>490.1 PC</b> Petty Theft \$50 in value of less
<b>415(1)(2 (3)PC</b> Disturbing the Peace (1) fighting (2) loud noise (3) offensive and/or fighting words	<b>485 PC</b> Appropriation of lost property
<b>24662 B&amp;P</b> Possession of Alcohol by Minor	<b>417.27(b)PC</b> Possession of laser pointer on school premises
<b>308(b) PC</b> Possession of Cigarettes/Tobacco/Paraphernalia	<b>374.4(a) PC</b> Littering
<b>640.6(a)(1)PC</b> Graffiti on another's property <\$250	<b>R.C.O. 9.22.030</b> Illegal fireworks
<b>640.5(a)(1)PC</b> Graffiti on government facilities or vehicles <\$250	<b>R.C.O. 9.22.030</b> Nuisance

	skateboarding or rollerblading
<b>12500(a) VC</b> Unlicensed driver <b>12814.6(b) VC</b> Provisional license for minor	<b>23109(c) VC</b> Exhibition of speed (NO street racing of any type)

### Restricted Items

- **Our school is a Latex free campus (ie. latex balloons)**

### Bicycles, Skateboards, and Scooters

**Bicycles, skateboards and scooters cannot be used on school grounds or in conjunction with school activities by students and others, unless approved by administration.** Students who use bicycles, skateboards or scooters for transportation to and from school are to follow the law and wear a helmet. Bicycles, scooters, and skateboards must be secured on the bike rack or skateboard racks provided or in 201. Students are required to provide their own lock and chain. Students may **NOT** ride these items **in school parking lots or on campus, unless as part of a school club activity or program.** Students are to disembark upon arrival at the parking lot and **CARRY or WALK** these items to the designated area. Any student found riding a bicycle, skateboard or a scooter on **SCHOOL GROUNDS** will have their skateboard and/or scooter confiscated. Students are also not allowed to walk around campus with these items, or store them in teachers' classrooms. Desert Hot Springs High School assumes no liability for loss, damage, injury, or other negative consequences associated with use or ownership of these and similar items. Dangerous or unsafe riding of bikes, skateboards, scooters, or other devices will result in confiscation and a parent conference. Remember the law says that anyone under 18 years of age **MUST HAVE A HELMET.**

### Bus Access and Conduct

Eligibility for riding the school bus is determined by the PSUSD Transportation Department. Transportation zones are established by PSUSD policy. Bus transportation to and from school is a district provided service, not an educational right. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times when riding the bus. Bus rules are as follows:

- Obey the bus driver and do not argue with him/her.
- Remain seated at all times facing the front of the bus.
- Keep all parts of your body inside the bus at all times.
- Do not throw things or yell out of the bus windows.
- No fighting or pushing.

- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- No animals shall be taken on the bus.
- No loud talking, shouting, use of profanity, or other loud noises.

Inappropriate behavior on a school bus or while waiting for the bus at school or at a community bus stop may result in temporary or permanent removal of the privilege to ride a school bus. Poor behavior on the bus may result in one or more of the following consequences through a progressive disciplinary system:

- Written warning to the student and parent/guardian.
- Loss of bus riding privileges for a period of time.
- Suspension from school.
- Loss of bus-riding privileges for the remainder of the school year.

*Serious violations may result in immediate loss of bus-riding privileges as well as suspension from school.* Please direct questions regarding bus consequences to the administration office at your child's school site.

### **Medication**

Medication cannot be given at school unless there is a Physician's Recommendation for Medication form completed by the parent and the doctor. These forms are available in the school office. No medication may be dispensed unless it is in the original prescription container with the child's name. Medications (prescription or over-the-counter) are not allowed to be carried by students unless authorized by the school nurse and administration. The school nurse will verify all medication forms and procedures. Questions regarding medication issues should be directed to the school nurse.

Students are not to have any medication in their possession, including aspirin, nasal sprays, and inhalers unless approved by the school nurse and administration. Under no circumstances are school personnel to provide aspirin or any other medicine to students, nor may students possess such medication to self-administer.

### **Student Identification Cards**

Students must show their ID upon request by any school staff while they are on campus. The first ID card will be provided to all students free of charge, there will be a nominal fee for replacement cards. New students may go to the library for an ID for a replacement.

### **Food and Drink**

Food and drinks are prohibited in classrooms during class time. Exceptions due to medical reasons must be approved in advance through the school nurse. Food must not be ordered by students for delivery to the campus. Any food that is delivered by delivery services will not be accepted at the door. The food delivered will not be returned. If a student is seen

with outside food on campus, the student will be given a warning and parent/guardian will be notified of policy.

**Students are not allowed to sell food, snacks or drink items during the school day. Students caught violating this policy will have their food and/or drinks confiscated and they will not be returned.**

#### **Breakfast/Lunch Conduct**

Proper student conduct is expected during breakfast and lunch periods. General rules are as follows:

- Students are to sit in designated and approved locations.
- Students are to clean up all trash and debris after eating.
- Students should eat their own food and not share with others.
- Students are expected to act safely, responsibly, and respectfully with adults and peers.

#### **Student Illness or Injury**

If your child becomes ill or injured at school, the school will contact you to pick up your child for your own observation or examination by your family physician. If we cannot reach a parent and or guardian, the student will be discharged to a person named on the emergency card. Ill or injured students cannot remain at school. Under emergency circumstances, the school may contact emergency services to tend to the child. ***It is important for parents to keep medical emergency cards up to date in case a parent or designated alternate adult needs to be called.***

#### **Emergency Cards and New Contact Information**

Each year parents/guardians must complete a new emergency card, which is filed in the school office. It is imperative that the school office be kept informed of all changes of address or telephone number(s). Current addresses assure delivery of information from the District Office, important notices, etc. Current telephone numbers enable the school to contact parents or guardians for emergency purposes, to clear absences, or other circumstances as needed. Please inform the office any time there is a change in the basic information or a change in emergency contact persons authorized to make decisions in emergency situations. **It is essential that the information on the card is kept current. Current and accurate information is necessary to contact parents in times of student need.**

In an emergency, parents/guardians will be the first person called. When parents/guardians

are unavailable, the emergency numbers will be used. If you or the emergency contacts cannot be reached, the only option is to use site administrator judgment in obtaining medical attention for a seriously ill or injured child.

### **Emergency Situations**

In the event of an emergency situation, students will be moved to a safe assembly area. Parents arriving to pick up students will report to a check-in location. Parents will not be allowed in the Emergency Assembly Area. A staff member will take a name request from the parent and send for the student. Parents will be required to show government issued identification during emergency pick-up routines. This process is intentionally somewhat slow and methodical, allowing the school to ensure student safety throughout the process. Communication from the school will be authorized by PSUSD and made to parents once student safety has been assured. No communication will originate from the school site until such authorization has been granted. Parents must not enter campus during emergency events, as this can compromise student safety. Parent patience during emergency situations is appreciated.

### **Digital Citizenship:**

#### **Technology and Internet Usage**

Palm Springs Unified School District has stringent policies regarding the appropriate use of technology and internet access. All students have the opportunity to access programs and information from the internet. Parent permission via signed consent and student training is required before access is granted. Teacher training and monitoring policies and procedures are in place. Violations of acceptable and instructional use of district provided technology or internet access will result in loss of technology privileges and possible further consequences through progressive discipline processes. Unapproved personal technology usage may lead to consequences regarding further use of site technology resources.

### **Golden Eagle United Student Body**

The student government of DHSHS (USB) consists of student body officers, class representatives, commissioners and committee members who enter office by election and appointment. This organization is responsible for directing all student activities, promoting the Golden Eagle pride and spirit, creating a sense of identity, unifying all co-curricular organizations and overseeing student body funds. All students can purchase a USB card in the Student Store that entitles them to special discounts on yearbooks, dances, home sports events, gym clothes, etc.

### **Sports Activities and Eligibility** **SPORTS FOR THE GOLDEN EAGLES**



DHSHS offers a full schedule of sports activities:

**Fall Sports:** Football, Girls Flag Football, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Girls Golf, Cheer, Boys and Girls Cross Country and Cheer

**Winter Sports:** Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Wrestling, and Cheer.

**Spring Sports:** Baseball, Softball, Swimming, Boys Golf, Boys Volleyball, Boys Tennis, Cheer, and Track & Field.

Our sports teams compete in the Sun Valley League, as well as against other schools in Southern California. Students interested in joining a sport, even if they have never played that sport, should see Mr. Lyles.

### **Athletic Eligibility**

Palm Springs Unified School District Board policy /CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) requires that all high school students participating in extracurricular athletics must maintain a 2.0 grade point average, with no more than two “F’s” for each grading period. If the student is at risk academically, he or she will be required to have a weekly progress report until he or she has stabilized his or her grades. Students must be currently enrolled in at least 20 semester credits of work. Students must be passing in the equivalent of at least 20 semester credits of work at the completion of the most recent grading period.

Athletic eligibility also includes completion of the athletic clearance (<https://www.psusd.us/domain/4778>), proof of insurance, and a yearly physical.

We encourage all students to try out regardless of their ability or talent. Students are encouraged to talk to the coaches of the sport, PE teachers, or the Athletic Director at any time during the year, if they are interested in participating in athletics. Students participating in the sports programs must ride the bus to and from all athletic activities unless pre approved with the athletic director. **A student must attend the full day of school on the day of an event if he or she wishes to participate that day.**

If you are planning on playing sports at the college level, your counselor and the Career Center Specialist will help you complete information on the National College Athletic Association’s requirements for athletic scholarships. For further information, see the NCAA website ([www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)).

### **Advanced Placement/Honors Courses/College Courses**

Students who want an academic challenge to better prepare for education beyond high school should strongly consider taking Honors and Advanced Placement courses. AP classes prepare students to take the AP Exams in May. If the exam is passed with a score of 3, 4, or 5, most institutions of higher education will award the passing grade as the equivalent of course work completed and give college units (check your intended college for specifics) saving money and time in college. There is a fee for each AP test you take. A list of offered AP

courses can be found on our school website.

DHSHS also offers several college classes for which students receive both high school and college credit. See your counselor for more information.

### **Dual Enrollment with COD**

The concurrent enrollment program provides an opportunity for high school students to earn college credits at the College of the Desert (COD) before they complete their high school diplomas. Concurrent enrollment students are considered as part-time Special Admit Students. Admission is permitted with the recommendation of the student's high school counselor and principal (CA Ed Code 48800-48002 & 76000-76002).

Concurrent enrollment is a form of dual enrollment. For information about dual enrollment courses held on a high school campus under the College and Career Access Pathways program (CCAP), students should see their high school counselor and submit all application materials to the high school counseling office.

A new Concurrent Enrollment application must be submitted every term (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer).

### **What is the criteria to apply for concurrent enrollment?**

1. Be enrolled in high school between grades 9-12. For summer enrollment, students who have just graduated are not eligible.
2. Have a cumulative high school cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. If your cumulative GPA is below 3.0, a letter of recommendation from a counselor, principal, or teacher must be submitted with your concurrent enrollment application.

### **SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS**

College of the Desert policies apply to all students, even those less than 18 years of age. COD accepts no responsibility for any extraordinary supervision; will not release information without the written consent of the student; and cannot alter course content. Your son/daughter will be exposed to a diverse population in educational programs designed for adult learners which may involve sensitive topics that might be considered controversial or offensive to some. Your signature on the application acknowledges your receipt of this information and stipulates your permission for your child to enroll in a college level course and participate in all required activities that may include field trips off-campus. All College of the Desert courses, including those taken by high school students via dual or concurrent enrollment, will appear on a COD transcript and become part of the student's permanent collegiate record.

For more details on how to apply please visit the College of the Desert website below:  
<https://www.collegeofthedesert.edu/students/ar/Pages/highschool.aspx>

### **Child Labor Laws and Work Permits**

Students needing a work permit should see the Work Based Learning Coordinator. Any student who is employed and is under the age of 18 shall have a permit to work (Education Code 12765). State law requires that minors who are employed will be in regular attendance at school for a minimum of four hours each day.

All work permits expire five days after the school year begins. A new work permit application must be filled out even if continuing at the same place of employment. **Students must have a “C” average with good attendance.** Grades received from the previous semester must meet the standard or no work permit will be issued in the next enrollment session.

No employer shall employ a minor for more than 4 hours on any day in which such minor is required to attend school except in approved Work Experience Education Programs (Education Code 12774).

Minors 16-17 years of age shall not be permitted to work before 5 a.m. or after 10 p.m., but a minor may work until 12:30 a.m. on any day preceding a non-school day (Labor Code 1391).

**Work permits may be revoked at any time for poor academic performance and/or poor attendance at school.**

### **Closed Campus**

The Desert Hot Springs High School campus is “closed” for students during the school day. Once students arrive at school, they are not allowed to leave without parental or office permission (see PASSES). Due to healthy lunch requirements, **fast food cannot be delivered to campus by anyone for students.**

### **Off Campus Lunch Privileges**

DHSHS Seniors meeting the requirements (GPA 3.5, no suspensions, limited tardies, and 90% or better attendance) may receive an *Off Campus Lunch Privileges* card from Administration. Only seniors who have earned this privilege and have documented parent authorization may go off campus for lunch. 18 year olds cannot sign themselves off campus for lunch without meeting the above requirements.

### **Delivery of Gifts, Cakes, or Personal Messages**

Delivery of gifts, cakes, or personal messages is not allowed. Birthday gifts, flowers, birthday cakes, cupcakes and other such items or special gifts will **NOT** be delivered to classrooms

during class time or to the student during lunch time.

### **Damaged Books-Textbooks**

All textbooks will be distributed from the Library during the first week of school. ID Cards are required for textbooks to be issued. Students are responsible for all textbooks issued to them. **TEXTBOOKS CHECKED OUT TO A STUDENT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE CLASSROOM FOR ANY REASON!**

### **Exclusion list**

Students will be placed on the exclusion list for the following reasons:

- Student suspended from school (remain on exclusion list for 30 calendar days)
- has more than 10 unexcused tardies and/or truanancies within a 2 week period. will remain list for one week. will be removed from the exclusion list if unexcused tardies and/or truants fall below 10 tardies. Exclusion list will be updated weekly.
- Students not complete mandatory INSIGHT and/or BRIDGES sessions.
- Students that create/and or are involved in a major disturbance at any school event \may be excluded from all future school events for the remainder of the school year.

### **E-mail**

Teachers and staff at Desert Hot Springs High School can in most cases be contacted via email by using the first letter of the staff member's first name followed by the last name @psusd.us.

All students have an e-mail account that starts with their student ID number followed by @psusd.us. Students should check their email regularly for school notifications and scholarship information.

### **Hall Passes**

Students who leave a classroom for any reason are to have an official hall pass signed by a teacher or office staff member. A hall pass gives the student permission to go from the classroom to a specific location and then return. A hall pass is not a license to wander. Students who are out of class continually without a pass can be cited for truancy. DHSHS has a "10 minute" rule, students will not be given passes during the first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of any class.

### **Tardy Sweeps**

Tardy sweeps will be performed within the first 15 minutes of the second bell throughout campus. Students found without a pass will be escorted to the designated sweep area and documented. 1st offense- student will have a conference with school staff. 2nd offense-

parents will be notified.

### **Lost and Found**

The Lost & Found is located in the front lobby of the Administration building and the Wellness Center. See the school's receptionist to locate items you may have lost or to turn in items you have found. Items not retrieved will be donated to a local charity approximately every nine weeks; DHSHS assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.

### **Monitoring Your Student's Progress**

Parents and guardians can receive access to their student's online grading and attendance program. Call or come in to get a ParentVUE account from the DHSHS Wellness Center

### **Payments on Purchases**

Cash payments, checks, money orders, or cashier checks will be accepted as payment for purchases from DHSHS. Please indicate on the cashier's check or money order what is being purchased and the student's full name.

### **Physical Education Uniform Policy**

Students in a PE class are highly encouraged to wear athletic clothing during PE. They are also required to wear athletic shoes. Sandals or flip flops are not acceptable. No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control (Education Code 49066).

### **Physical Education Attendance/Tardy Policy/Lockers**

Roll Call is done on the outdoor basketball courts at the beginning and end of each period. Students will be assigned a number to sit on during roll call. Students report to their number at the beginning of the period. If a student is not on their number at roll call, they will be marked absent. At the end of the period, students who do not return to their number will be marked truant. During the final week of each semester, the lockers will be cleaned out due to general maintenance and cleanliness. Students are to take home everything including lock's before finals start. Any lock in the locker will be cut and thrown away, and clothing will be held in a designated area for two weeks after the final week.

**Disclaimer: The school is not responsible for any item(s) not picked up after the final day of the semester.**

### **Police Contact**

Senate Bill 203 bans police custodial interrogation of any youth under age 18 until the young person has consulted with an attorney about their rights.

### **Progress Reports and Report Cards**

Progress Reports/Report Cards are mailed out at every grading period. You should receive a report card or progress report each quarter. If you are not receiving report cards please contact the Registrar's office to make sure your address is correct. You can track your student progress on ParentVue/StudentVue.

### **Schedule Changes**

Changes in class schedules will be permitted under the following circumstances:

1. First of each semester to support a student in meeting graduation and/or A-G requirements.
  - A withdrawal form must be signed by the teacher, student and parent.
  - A parent, teacher, counselor conference must be held if this is considered a change of program.
2. Administrative and school program needs, such as
  - Program adjustments made necessary based on staffing
  - Class Balancing

### **Senior Scholarship Application Process**

Seniors will fill out a local DHSHS Scholarship Application and turn it into the Career Center Specialist by mid-December of their senior year. It consists of three pages of personal information about the student's top three college and career choices, educational background, place of birth, involvement in sports and school activities, work experience, community service, family details, a 500-word essay called a "Personal Statement" which describes something special, unique, and personal about the student, and at least two letters of recommendation written by a teacher, coach, counselor, or adult from the community. Completing this local DHSHS Scholarship Application prepares the student to have much of what he or she needs to apply for various scholarships during senior year. Copies of this application are also submitted to local scholarship providers when the student fits specific eligibility requirements. Scholarships are awarded during May, and usually are paid in September to the college the student is attending instead of personally to the student.

Seniors will need to complete the FAFSA/Dream Act application unless the opt out letter has been provided to the school. The students' ability to graduate will not be negatively impacted by opting out. Seniors will also need to apply for a secondary institution in order to become familiar with the process. If a fee waiver is not available for our low-income families, the school site will work with the student to meet this expectation.

### **Senior Celebrations**

In order to participate in the senior class party and Grad Night, students must be in good standing per the senior contract.

### **Smoking**

**All PSUSD Sites are Non-Smoking Facilities**. This includes tobacco and other vaping devices. All staff, students, and visitors are asked to comply with this policy. Smoking on any California school facility or under the auspice of a school-sponsored activity constitutes a violation of California law.

### **Student Parking**

The only area designated for student parking is located at the front of the school. Vehicles must be pulled head first into the parking spot, not backed into the spot. Cars must occupy one space only. All vehicles parked in the student parking lot must display a valid DHSHS parking permit. Any vehicle not displaying a school permit may be towed at the owner's expense. These parking permits are obtained in the office. There is no charge for the first student parking permit sticker per vehicle. Replacement stickers will be issued at a cost of \$5.00. Permits remain the property of DHSHS and are NOT transferable.

In addition students must have a valid driver's license, current registration and proof of insurance. Students who violate traffic laws or school parking regulations may have their privileges suspended at the discretion of the administration. The administration at DHSHS reserves the right to verify records and survey vehicles as it deems appropriate.

Desert Hot Springs High School and Palm Springs Unified School District assume no responsibility for any damages, loss, theft, or injuries for student vehicles.

Driving on campus is limited to the parking lots. **AT NO TIME** should students drive in an undesignated area on campus except with administrative permission. Failure to follow these or subsequent guidelines may result in losing parking privileges and additional sanctions as warranted. The on-campus speed limit is 5 MPH.

### **Transcripts**

If you would like to request an official or unofficial transcript please visit [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) and create an account to have your transcript sent electronically to the address you provide. Transcripts can be sent to colleges or to your home address. Contact the Registrar's office or call (760) 288-7051 for more info. This is especially important for seniors who are applying for a 4 year college, at the end of 1st Semester and at the end of the school year.

### **Visitors on Campus (BP 1250)**

Parents are encouraged to visit campus to observe and become involved in their children's educational experience.

#### **PARENT/VOLUNTEER OBSERVATIONS/VISITS:**

- A parent can observe their child in their classroom/campus for a maximum of 30 minutes per week. Visits must take place during regular school days and hours.
- Teachers/Administration will need one school day advance notice of a visit. Teachers have discretion if day/time works for them.
- An administrator or designee must be available to accompany the parent.
- All visitors must sign in at the school office before going to a classroom. A badge or pass will be provided to allow access on campus (a valid ID is required). The pass/badge must be visibly displayed. All visitors must wear appropriate shirts and shoes while on campus. Inappropriate attire or behavior, as determined by administration, may be a reason to deny access to the school grounds.

This includes engaging with other students while visiting campus.

#### **Volunteers:**

- All school volunteers must be fingerprinted and have cleared a background check before being on campus.

### **College and University Entrance Requirements**

Desert Hot Springs High School's College Prep courses have been approved by the University of California system. That means that the students who successfully complete these courses with grades of 'C' or above, meet the course requirement to be accepted at a University of California or California State University school. Students who plan to go directly to University cannot receive D's or lower on these classes without it impacting their ability to graduate on time.

#### **University of California A-G Requirements**



	Department	Years	Credits
A	History/Social Science	2 years	20 credits
B	English/Language Arts	4 years	40 credits
C	Mathematics	3 years	30 credits
D	Laboratory Science	2 years	20 credits
E	Language Acquisition	2 years	20 credits
F	Visual/Performing Arts	1 year	10 credits
G	College Prep Electives	1 year	10 credits

**Graduation Requirements:** Students must earn 225 credits to receive a diploma.

English/Language Arts	4 years	40 credits
Mathematics	3 years	30 credits
World History	1 year	10 credits
U.S. History	1 year	10 credits
Civics	½ year	5 credits
Economics	½ year	5 credits
Physical Science	1 year	10 credits
Biology	1 year	10 credits
Physical Education	2 years	20 credits
Elective		75 credits
Algebra	1 year	10 credits
Fine Art/Foreign Lang./CTE	1 year	10 credits

- Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 1.51 or better.

Source: [California Department of Education](#)

#### **Determination of Valedictorian/Salutatorian/Distinguished Scholars**

The highest grade point average of the Valedictorian/Salutatorian shall be determined by calculating semester grades in each course taken from semester one grade 9 through semester one grade 12. Grades will then be reviewed in the third quarter of senior year to make sure academic progress is still being made to confirm valedictorian and salutatorian. All seniors whose G.P.A is 4.0 or higher which is determined from semester one grade 9 through semester one grade 12 (Grades 9-12 weighted GPA) will receive a gold gown for being considered a Distinguished Scholar.