



WELCOME TO ANDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

~Where the students are Respectful, Responsible, and Ethical~

Whether you are returning to AMS or entering for the first time, we want each of you to know how important you are to the staff and how pleased we are that you have chosen to attend our school. Everyone at AMS looks forward to helping you achieve your highest potential, both academically and socially. Best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful school year!

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The following are some of the ways in which we recognize the achievement of our hard-working students:

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL – Students who have achieved an "A" in all subjects are recognized each trimester and will receive a front of the line lunch pass for the entire following trimester.

GOLD HONOR ROLL – Students who have achieved a "B+" average (GPA between 3.5 and 3.99) with no grade lower than "C-" are recognized each trimester.

BLUE HONOR ROLL - Students who have achieved a "B" average (GPA between 3.0 and 3.49) with no grade lower than "C-" are recognized each trimester.

POSITIVE REFERRALS – Students may receive positive referrals from their teachers or other staff for good behavior, academic achievement, citizenship, or service.

ATTENDANCE – Students with excellent attendance each trimester and at the end of the year will be recognized at the awards assembly.

CELEBRATIONS/REWARDS

The staff at AMS offers many opportunities to celebrate the success of our students, including Pride Days (monthly award time for good behavior), WEB events (connecting older students with younger student buddies), assemblies, activities to promote college readiness, front of the line passes, caught being good raffles, student of the month, and reward field trips for academics and attendance. To minimize classroom distractions, individual balloons, flowers, etc. will be held in the office until the end of the school day.

REPORTS TO PARENTS

Each trimester, students will be mailed two progress reports and a final report card. In addition, homeroom teachers will send a comprehensive progress report home with each student on the last school day of every month for parents to sign and return. Parents who provide an active email address may receive additional progress reports from individual teachers.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

A hard copy of the School Accountability Report Card for Anderson Middle School is available in the office upon request.

ONLINE GRADEBOOK ACCESS/TEXTING REMINDERS

Grades and attendance are available 24/7 to both students and parents online, which allows immediate access to homework, assignments, and overall progress. Sign up in the office to have an account created. Many of our teachers also use the free Remind app to make students aware of assignments and activities through text and/or email. Parents may sign up with each teacher.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES/ABSENCES

If your student is absent for any reason, please call 378-7060 on the day of the absence or send a note the following day. The only legal excuses for absence from school are: illness, medical and dental appointments, court appearance, and observation of a religious holiday. Other absences will be marked unexcused, but students will be allowed to make up missed work. For students in grades 7-12, California law states that school authorities may excuse any pupil from the school for purposes of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil's parent or guardian.

ILLNESS/INJURY

If a child becomes ill or is injured at school, the parent or guardian will be contacted. Parents are legally required to keep current phone numbers and addresses on file with the office at all times.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students may be in possession of and responsibly use a cell phone at school, and may use cell phones in class at the discretion of each individual classroom teacher. Devices confiscated for irresponsible/disrespectful use may be picked up in the office by a parent. Students are to keep electronic devices on their person or locked in a classroom at all times. Anderson Middle School and CUESD are not responsible for loss or damage to personal electronic devices brought to school.

PARENT PICK UP/DROP OFF

Parents are asked to help keep our students safe by picking up and dropping off only in the semi-circular driveway on the east side (Vernon Street) of the campus. Please do not use the side streets or the staff or bus parking lots as it is not safe for students.

LOST AND FOUND

Students should check the Lost and Found container in the gym for any missing clothing or personal articles. After students are given adequate notice, clothing is periodically donated to charity.

SECURITY CAMERAS

In order to ensure the safety and security of our students, AMS operates security cameras throughout our campus.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

In order to prevent loss or damage, students are not to bring such items as toys, roller blades, video games, or large sums of money. Additionally, students are not to bring personal items to school for the purposes of trading. AMS is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property brought to school in violation of this policy.

BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS

We provide both bike and skateboard racks; however, students must provide their own locks (a lock only or a lock with chain is needed for skateboards, and a lock with chain is needed for bicycles). California state law requires that all persons under the age of 18 must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle or a skateboard.

DRESS CODE/ANTI-GANG POLICY

All students are expected to dress in a school-appropriate manner that is not a distraction to others. Shorts must be of a reasonable length and shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff. Hats, caps, and visors are not to be worn at school. To ensure maximum student safety, AMS prohibits any and all gestures, clothing or accessories that we consider to be gang-related. All confiscated items will be turned into the Anderson Police Department.

EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION/ACTIVITIES REQUIREMENTS

In order to be promoted to high school in good standing and participate in the Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony, a student must have no "F's" during his/her eighth grade year, must maintain a 2.0 GPA each trimester, must not have been suspended more than twice during the 8th grade year, and must be present at least 90% of the time. Requirements for transfer students who do not attend the entire school year will be handled on an individual basis.

In order for a student to participate in the school activities surrounding Eighth Grade Promotion, the student must have no more than 3 disciplinary referrals to the office and cannot have been suspended during the third trimester of the year.

ANDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PLAN

Our goal is to provide a safe and effective learning environment that enables our students to achieve to their highest level. To that end, we utilize a progressive discipline plan and aim for all disciplinary consequences to be respectful, related, and reasonable. Ed Code 48900 and 48915 is followed for suspendable offenses.

Vape (vapor cigarette)/E-cigarette Use

Like tobacco or drug products, In the interest of health and safety, students shall not smoke or use Vapes or E-cigarettes in any form or be in possession of a Vape or E-cigarette or liquids in any form, on any property or in any bus or building owned or operated by the Board of Education or while at any school function. Law enforcement officials may be contacted for each occurrence.

Go Cougars!
