

RIVERSIDE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

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Vision and Mission

Good enough is not good enough: Excellence is our standard!

Empowering every student to be a successful learner.



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Bell Schedule 23-24

Regular Day	
1	7:15 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. 55 minutes
2	8:15 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. 55 minutes
3	9:15 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. 55 minutes
4	10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. 60 minutes/announcements
5A	A Lunch (Rooms 430 – 447) 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. 30 minutes (70's, 80's, Band, PE)
	5B Class 11:20 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. 55 minutes
5B	5A Class 11:50 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. 55 minutes
	B Lunch (410–427, Choir) 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. (90's, 100's, 110's)
6	12:50 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. 55 minutes
7	1:50 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. 55 minutes

Minimum Day	
1	7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
2	7:50 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
3	8:25 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.
4	9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
5	9:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.
6A	A Lunch (Rooms 430 – 447) 10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. (70's, 80's, Band)
	6A - Class 10:10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
6B	6B - Class 10:40 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
	B Lunch (410 – 427, Choir) 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. (90's, 100's, 110's)
7	11:25 a.m. – 11:55a.m.

Assembly Day	
1	7:15 a.m. – 7:37 a.m.
2	7:42 a.m. – 8:04 a.m.
3	8:09 a.m. – 8:31 a.m.
4	8:36 a.m. – 8:58 a.m.
Assembly 04	
5	9:57 a.m. – 10:19 a.m.
A Lunch 6B Class	A Lunch (Rooms 430 – 447) 10:19 a.m. – 10:49 a.m. (70's, 80's, Band)
	6B - Class 10:54 a.m. – 11:28 a.m.
B Lunch 6A Class	B Lunch (410 – 427, Choir) 10:58 a.m. – 11:28 a.m. (90's, 100's, 110's)
	6A – Class 10:24 a.m. – 10:58 a.m.
7	11:33 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Admissions

State law requires that parents present evidence of the immunizations listed below for each student upon enrollment. **All students in grades 7-12 are required by state law to have the Tdap immunization prior to entering school.** Required immunizations must be current and include the following:

- Poliomyelitis (TOPV) “Polio”
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Measles-Rubella (10 day, red measles)
- Measles-Rubella (German measles – 3 days)
- Mumps
- Hepatitis B
- A second series of Hepatitis B vaccine in 7th grade
- A second dose of measles vaccine in 7th grade

Individual Education Plans (IEP) and Psychological Educational Reports need to be submitted along with the enrollment application, if applicable, in order for the application to be considered complete.

Completed enrollment packets should be submitted to the enrollment center, at 19900 National Trails Highway, Oro Grande CA, 92368; Phone: (760) 243-5884.

Campus Procedures

Campus Safety

While the Board of Education has a strong commitment to providing safe campuses for all students, there are times when outside influences affect campus life. To minimize the effect that drugs and/or alcohol has on our students, the Board has authorized contraband detection dogs to periodically visit our campuses to help deter the student use of drugs/alcohol and to keep all of our students safe.

The dogs are a non-aggressive breed and will never make contact with our students. Parents will receive notification from administration about any random searches that are conducted on campus, as well as the result of those searches when it pertains to their individual student.

In addition, Oro Grande School District has contracted with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to have a School Resource Officer assigned to all Riverside Prep Campuses throughout the duration of the school day, as well as before and after school events. Our SRO is here as a support to our community, our students, as well as our staff. Safety is our number one priority.

Closed Campus

In order to keep students in a supervised and safe environment, Riverside Preparatory is a closed campus. Students shall not leave the school grounds at any time during the day, unless a parent or guardian comes to pick him/her up. Students who leave school without authorization shall be classified truant and subject to disciplinary action and possible fines.

All visitors must go through the front office to sign in. They must also wear a visitor's badge any time they are on campus and must follow all school rules, including the dress code and no gum policy. Upon completion of their visit, all visitors must return to the main office, return the visitor's badge, and sign out.

In addition, students and parents should be aware that there are out of bounds areas on campus that students cannot access during the school day. Out of bounds areas are located behind all of the buildings, in between air conditioners and the athletic fields other than at P.E.

Arrival and Departure

The school opens for student drop off at 7:00 a.m. Students should walk directly onto campus after exiting the bus or their personal vehicle. The first bell for class will ring at 7:10 am and classes begin promptly at 7:15 a.m. Students are expected to be in class, seated and ready to learn when school starts. Students entering after the start of class time will be considered tardy and will need to have a tardy slip from the office in order to be admitted into class.

Please contact the office no later than 12:15 p.m. if any transportation changes arise. **Transportation changes will not be accepted after 1:45 p.m.** If a student needs to depart from campus earlier than the end of the day (2:45 p.m.) parents or guardians must sign their student/s out in the attendance office. Anyone picking up a student from campus must be 18 years of age or older, must be prepared to present valid identification, and must be listed in the student's file or on their emergency card. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

In addition, students may not change their method of transportation during the school year without permission from the transportation department that a move or other viable circumstance will necessitate an updated bus route. Students may not ride the bus with friends or ride different routes throughout the school year.

Senior students leaving campus early due to their schedule must have a signed permission slip from a parent/guardian that is kept on file in the secondary office. Seniors leaving early must sign out with the office (*see page 12 for more information on partial attendance waivers for seniors*).

Parent Pick-up and Drop-off

We ask that all parents follow drop-off and pick-up procedures. **The life of a child is not worth the attempt to save a few minutes.**

All secondary students should be picked up or dropped off along the street between the middle school and high school campuses, next to the gym. No students should be released to the front of the school, in front of the attendance office, or along the bus lane either before or after school. Parents dropping off their students should enter from the Riverside Prep School stoplight and should turn right at the end of the median to drop students off along the student drop-off lane located between the gym and the middle school campus. Parents should refrain from stopping along the median or in the lanes in front of the attendance office parking lot to drop students off or pick them up. The speed limit on campus is 7 mph. Please follow all posted signs to ensure safety for all students and drivers. Any student who walks to school may not cross over National Trails Highway or the train tracks.

Student Drivers

Students who drive to school are required to fill out a Student Driver Form in order to be issued a numbered parking pass. Parking passes will be issued by Mrs. Flores in the Attendance Office. All cars parked at Riverside Preparatory high school **must** have a parking pass in plain view at all times while parked on campus. Additionally, students who cannot follow driving etiquette will lose their driving privileges. Students must follow the posted speed limits (**7 mph**) and park only in designated areas. All students must park in the back parking lot (located in the **visitor's parking lot, football field**). Late start students are the only students who should be parking in the lot in front of the gym. No students may park in the spots located behind the classrooms or in the spots designated at the front of the school for the attendance office and staff parking.

Medication

If a student needs to take medication during school hours, we follow certain procedures to ensure the proper administration of the medication. An **adult** must bring all medication to the school in its original, labeled container (No baggies, etc.). California State law (E.C. 49423) requires that before any child is given medication at school, we must have written permission from both the parent/guardian and the physician; this includes over the counter medications such as aspirin or Tylenol. The proper permission form must be filled out by the physician each academic school year. If a child has been given permission to carry an inhaler, the office must still have the proper paperwork from a physician. These forms can be obtained from Mrs. Flores in the Attendance Office and should also be submitted upon completion.

Lost and Found

All items located in the lost and found that have not been picked up will be donated to charity at the end of each semester. Please be vigilant in locating all lost and confiscated articles of clothing and items as soon as possible. Lost and Found is located in the Attendance Office and confiscated items are located in the administrative offices.

Celebrations

Balloons and other birthday gifts (including flowers) may not be given to students at Riverside Preparatory School during the school day so as not to distract from the learning environment. The high school will not allow private birthday celebrations during class or lunch. No classroom parties are permitted on campus.

Tobacco Free School

Our school complies with the Tobacco Free School regulations. Employees and other adults are not permitted to use tobacco on school property or in school buildings or vehicles. This includes electronic vaping devices. We thank you for your cooperation in complying with our policy.

Outside Food Policy

Due to several factors, including academic distraction, food sitting without proper temperature control and campus cleanliness to name a few, the administration of Riverside Preparatory high school does not allow outside food or drink to be brought onto the school campus for lunch delivery. This does NOT pertain to bringing your healthy snack for break in your lunch box or bringing your own lunch. Students who forget their lunch at home have many choices on campus for their lunch break and will not be denied an opportunity to eat.

Parents/guardians and others will no longer be able to leave food and drink in the main office for their student.

Homework & Grading Policy

Homework assignments are an extension of what has already been taught in the classroom, and these are planned learning assignments that require additional time and effort outside of a student's regular school hours. These assignments reinforce classroom learning and expand on the classroom experience. The purposes of homework assignments are to:

- Gain more information than would be possible in the classroom setting alone.
- Learn to manage time effectively.
- Encourage responsibility, planning and organizational skills.
- Extend learning beyond the school into the home and community.
- Practice skills already acquired in the classroom.
- Provide parents with a sense of what students are learning.

Students who enroll in College classes must understand that they may receive rigorous amounts of homework, including numerous reading assignments and test reviews, which will require completion outside of the school day. Please see *Counseling and Academic Advising* for more information about AP courses and concurrent enrollment.

Attendance Policies and Procedures

Attendance is an integral component of the Riverside Preparatory Honor and Behavior Code. Parents and students are asked to follow these guidelines as part of their agreement to attend Riverside Preparatory School. If there is an extenuating circumstance that will affect your child's attendance, please contact the attendance office as soon as possible. Here are some helpful tips that will help you to follow the attendance guidelines:

- Please verify your child's absence through a phone call or note to the school. Mrs. Flores handles all verifications through the attendance office and can be reached at 760-243-4136 ext. 200.
- An "excused" absence is as follows: illness, doctor/dentist/orthodontist appointment for the student (with a note from their doctor), bereavement in the immediate family, or a court ordered appearance of the student.
- 15 excused and/or unexcused absences are allowed for the entire school year. At 3 & 6 absences a letter will be sent home. At 10 absences parents and students will be asked to meet with the assistant principal to review the attendance policies and discuss situational circumstances in an effort to support. After 15 absences, the student and family will meet with the Director of Student & Welfare Attendance to discuss next steps and possible dismissal.
- A pattern of early removal violates the Honor and Behavior Code and may require a parent/student meeting with the principal or executive committee. Three early removals count as one full absence.
- A pattern of tardies will result in a parent/student/administration meeting and possible dismissal from the school. Three tardies equal one full absence.
- Unless staying for a designated program (with signed permission form), students should be picked up on time at the end of each school day.

Absence Verification

The preferred choice of absence verification is a phone call on the day of your child's absence. If you decide to write a note, please include the following information:

- Date you are writing the note
- Student's first and last name
- Specific reason for absence
- Date of absence(s)
- Parent signature – Please put relationship to student by your signature
- Name of student's first period teacher

Excessive absenteeism may be considered a violation of the Honor and Behavior Code and may result in an attendance contract. Teachers will allow one day for each day of absence to make up missed assignments. Students are expected to make sure they complete any missed assignments and are responsible for getting all the information from their teachers. The school is not responsible for calling parents who have students who are absent. Absences that have not been verified by a parent/guardian **within three days** will be marked as truant.

Tardies

Like absences, tardies are also disruptive to your child's education. Please help your child arrive at school on

time. Students who arrive late need to report to the office to receive a tardy pass. If students do not get this pass, they will be marked as absent. Without a medical note, all tardies are non-excused. Every three tardies will equal one unexcused absence per California's attendance law. Every three tardies will count as one absence against perfect attendance for the year.

Teachers will contact parents of students who have 1-5 tardies in any class. When students reach 6 or more tardies, students will meet with the assistant principal and will be issued a warning. At 11 or more tardies, students will be referred to the Assistant Principal for disciplinary action, including attendance contracts, parent conferences and Saturday school. At 16 or more tardies students and parents will meet with the principal for possible dismissal from the school.

Leaving School Early

Parents must sign their children out through the school attendance office for all early departures. It is the policy of Riverside Preparatory to call a child out of class **after** the parent/guardian has arrived in the office. All early departures should be for a valid reason such as a doctor's appointment. Seniors who are leaving early must sign out with the office. Also, seniors who have enough credits to graduate and would like to have a shortened school day must meet with the counseling department to gain approval.

Partial Attendance Waiver (Seniors Only)

Students may request an early out or late arrival during their senior year. To be considered for this option, it is required that the student meets with the counseling department to review their four-year plan and transcripts and to discuss their future plans prior to making a formal request for a waiver. The counselor will review the student's transcript and determine if an early out or late arrival is in line with their graduation requirements. If a student is approved, a Partial Attendance Waiver will be sent home. Once both the student and his or her parent/guardian sign the Partial Attendance Waiver, it should be returned to the counseling department. It will be forwarded to the principal for recommendation. If the request is not approved, the student should meet with the counseling department and an administrator to discuss why the approval was not granted and what other options, if any, exist. If approval is granted, copies will be made for the student and his or her parent/guardian and signed originals will be kept in the student's record.

Please note that if a student is approved for the Partial Attendance Waiver, they may not remain on campus once they have completed their last class of the day and/or students with late arrival are not to be on school campus until their first class has started. Students may not sign themselves out prior to their last class of the day unless accompanied with a note stating the reason that they are to leave earlier than their normal school hours.

Short-Term Independent Study

Parents may request short-term independent study when their student will be out of class for an approved reason. Examples of activities that would necessitate placing a student on independent study include:

- A scheduled surgery or medical treatment
- Recovery from an injury or illness
- Family bereavement

Short-term independent study is a minimum of five (5) school days and a maximum of twenty (20) school days. If a student requires longer than 20 days away from instruction, a meeting will have to be held with administration to discuss other options.

The following information applies to all requests for independent study:

- All independent study requests are handled through Allison Drennan, at extension 231.
- All independent study requests must be made at least 1 week in advance.
- All independent study contracts require a meeting with the assistant principal to sign all necessary paperwork and attain all materials needed during the duration of the independent study agreement.

Disaster Preparedness

Disaster preparedness and safety are discussed and practiced in all classrooms. School-wide drills are conducted at least once a quarter in order to familiarize students and staff with all types of emergency procedures. Riverside Preparatory has a specific emergency plan that will be followed in case of an actual emergency, which is available upon request.

If an actual earthquake occurs, students and staff will immediately “duck, cover and hold.” After the earthquake, the buildings will be evacuated to the football field. In the event of a fire, buildings will be evacuated immediately. In the event of an active shooter event, all buildings will go into lockdown and all students and staff will hide in locked classrooms/ facility buildings out of sight. Staff and students will be released once the threat is neutralized and an “all clear” has been officially made by authorities. Staff members are assigned to teams that have been organized to carry out specific duties. First aid supplies are readily available and teachers are CPR and first aid certified.

We ask that you follow these guidelines in the event of an actual emergency:

1. Please do not telephone the school. Telephone lines are needed to request emergency services.
2. Tune your radios to local stations. The emergency broadcast system is KFI 640 (AM).
3. The school will keep your children safe until you are able to reach them, or until it is determined that it is safe to send them home.
4. Keep updated emergency information on file at the school. Students will not be released to anyone other than those individuals whose names are on file in our office, so please be sure that that information is updated regularly.

Parents picking up students must follow these procedures:

1. Parent Information Gate – Check in with the employees stationed at the Parent Information Gate at the Attendance Office.
2. The employee at the gate will verify that the name of the adult checking in is the person written on the locator card as one who can pick up the child. The employee will then send a runner to get your child(ren) for you. You will be required to sign your child(ren) out. It is most important for parents to remember that the school needs to keep track of all students. If you are upset and anxious and take your child without following procedures, we will not be able to maintain a safe and orderly environment for all of our students and staff.

Emergency Cards

In the event of an emergency, every attempt will be made to contact parents if a student requires immediate medical attention. If a parent cannot be reached during an emergency, the emergency phone number on file in the school office will be contacted. It is very important that every student has an updated list of emergency contacts on file with the school and that all emergency contacts are 18 years of age or older. **If at any time there is a change in address, telephone, or emergency contact information, please notify the school office as soon as possible.**

School Activities and Events

Performances and events at RPSS are intended for the enjoyment of family and friends; therefore, it is expected that all in attendance give their full and undivided attention to those performing. Attendees failing to adhere to this policy may be asked to leave the performance and the premises, and this may be grounds for removal from Riverside Preparatory high school. All attendees should follow the Riverside Preparatory Honor and Behavior Code during school sponsored events, including the no gum policy and the dress code.

Field Trips & Sporting Events

Throughout the year, students will occasionally leave school to participate in classroom field trips or sporting events. For proper student preparation and safety, students who qualify to participate in a field trip need to have all field trip materials turned into his/her teacher or coach on the due dates assigned. All standard rules of conduct and procedures will be observed and enforced while on field trips, including the school dress code.

Parents are welcome to volunteer to help with field trips and sporting events, but all volunteers must be fingerprinted and cleared with the district office. Fingerprinting forms can be found in the front office. Parents who are willing to chaperone a field trip and who are driving their own vehicle may not check out siblings from school. This will be marked as an unexcused absence and will not be cleared by the office.

In addition, all students traveling to field trips or sporting events must travel to and from the event on the school bus or other form of district approved transportation.

Dances

Students may bring outside dates to Homecoming and Prom as long as they are 20 years old or younger and have written permission from their school of residence and a valid photocopy of the school or California ID on file. All guests must also have their guest forms completed and submitted to ASB at least 48 hours in advance of the event.

The ASB advisor will provide forms for outside guests and information about the dress code requirements for each dance. Any specific questions about dances or events should be asked of the ASB Director.

All attendees of prom are required to ride district-approved transportation to and from the event. Students

or guests are **not** permitted to provide their own transportation to prom.

Honor Roll, Lettering Achievements & Academic Medals

Honor Roll assemblies occur at the end of each semester. To make Honor Roll, students must have a qualifying GPA of 3.2 or higher, no D's or F's, and no N's or U's for citizenship. Honor Roll is for students with a GPA of 3.2-3.69, Principal's Honor Roll is a GPA of 3.70-3.99, and Superintendent's Honor Roll is a GPA of 4.0+.

Academic Medals shall be awarded by semester as follows:

- Gold Medal – Superintendent's Honor Roll – 4.0 and above GPA
- Silver Medal – Principal's Honor Roll – 3.70 – 3.99 GPA
- Bronze Medal – Honor Roll – 3.2 – 3.69 GPA
- All graded courses shall be counted, 1-6 periods
- Any D, F, or U disqualifies a candidate
- No more than one P.E. activity course per semester may be counted

Parents are invited to attend honor roll assemblies at the end of each semester. Awards assemblies will be held in late January/early February for Fall Semester, and the following school year in late August/early September for the prior year's Spring Semester. Every student who qualifies for the honor roll will receive an academic medal, which may then be saved and worn during commencement ceremonies.

Students who make the Honor Roll both semesters in the same year qualify for an Academic Letter. Academic letters are free to students that meet the minimum requirement.

Band and choir students who make the honor roll for two successive semesters may earn a music letter after successfully completing all standards set forth by the choir and/or band director. Please see administration for more information.

Athletics

Mission Statement

Riverside Preparatory high school considers interscholastic athletics to be an integral part of our educational program, and we are deeply committed to providing our athletes with positive educational experiences. Although athletic participation is but one means by which students can develop worthwhile values, we believe that through competition a student's basic education can be augmented in terms of achieving self-actualization.

At RPSS, our athletes will be provided with the opportunity and exemplary leadership to assist them in competing at the highest level of interscholastic athletics. While winning is a highly desirable goal for our programs, we will never compromise our integrity for the sake of winning. We have complete commitment to abide by the rules and to give our athletes the best possible experience. By working in collaboration with the parents and the community, our focus is to establish an athletic standard of excellence that will be a

source of pride for the students and staff, and also within our desert communities.

Athletic Handbook

It is of paramount importance that this athletic packet be read and understood by the student and the parent(s) of the student. **Before being allowed to participate in athletics at Riverside Preparatory high school, students and parents will be provided the RPSS Athlete and Parent Athletics Handbook as well as all other necessary documents relating to the RPSS Athletics department and any medical and legal documents and information. All forms provided and required as a part of the athletic packet must be electronically signed, or initialed on the athleticclearance.com registration platform by the student-athlete and legal parent or guardian prior to trying out for any individual sport team.** Those students who choose to accept the challenge of interscholastic athletics must be prepared to make a commitment to both academic and athletic excellence. At RPSS, student-athletes will be required to adhere to a strict code of conduct over and above that demanded of the non-athlete. Athletes are expected to be leaders and positive role models for the rest of the student body, and a source of pride for the school and our community.

Offered Athletic Programs

Riverside Preparatory high school offers the following athletic programs for grades 6-8:

Fall Sports Spring Sports

Boys and Girls Cross Country
Boys Baseball
Girls Softball
Boys and Girls Basketball
Boys and Girls Soccer
Girls Volleyball

Riverside Preparatory high school offers the following athletic programs for grades 9-12:

Fall Sports:

JV/ Varsity 11-Man Football
Girls' JV/ Varsity Volleyball
Boys' and Girls JV/ Varsity Cross Country
Sideline Cheerleading

Winter Sports:

Boys' JV/ Varsity Basketball
Girls' Varsity Basketball
Boys JV/ Varsity Soccer
Girls' Varsity Soccer

Spring Sports:

Boys' JV/ Varsity Baseball

Rules and Regulations

1. Prior to any try-out period, the student must fulfill all "Clearance" Requirements. The athletic department will submit the names of "cleared" student-athletes to each coach. No athlete will be allowed to try out for any athletic team or participate in **AFTER** school physical conditioning sessions at any time prior to or during the season without the coach first having written notification from the Athletic Director of the athlete's clearance. Athletic clearance includes full completion of student-athlete by a legal parent or guardian as well as submitting a copy of an active physical (good for 12 months) completed by a Medical Doctor (M.D.) or Nurse Practitioner (N.P.) to the Athletic Director. This can either be uploaded on your athleticclearance.com registration, or a hard copy can be submitted to the Athletic Director or Certified Athletic Trainer prior to the first conditioning practice or tryout date.
2. The student-athlete shall accept the responsibility for all athletic equipment issued and will provide for its proper care, storage, and return. Student-athletes with equipment outstanding shall be suspended from any further athletic sports/ seasons until all equipment is either turned in or paid for by the student-athlete. Report cards will not be issued to athletes owing equipment or fees. Equipment will be worn at the practices and games **ONLY**. On game days the team is to dress nicely or wear a uniform or jersey as selected by the coach and at his or her discretion.
3. An athlete must notify the coach immediately if he/she considers dropping from the team without consulting the coach shall result in immediate suspension from athletics for the rest of the season of that sport. Any athlete, who is a member of a team for twenty practices (beginning from the day he/she reports – 20 days later) and quits the squad after this time, will be ineligible for another sport until the end of the season of the sport he/she quits. This would include team play-offs in CIF.
4. Athletes participating in athletic events where classes would be missed must clear this in advance with their instructors before the event. Student-athletes are required to make up and submit all missed work. While dates and time for athletic contests are provided to teachers, it is strongly recommended that student-athletes work with their teachers to ensure that homework and in-class assignments are discussed prior to missing classes.
5. Each individual coach or staff will handle violation of the policies or rules established in each sport. Please be sure that you read and understand the rules. The Athletic Director will act as a conflict mediator or liaison in the event that a situation escalates to that point of needed additional support.
6. The administration of RPSS, in enforcing school and district policies, may suspend or remove an athlete from participation in athletics at any time following a violation. All issued equipment and/ or uniforms will be collected at that time until an official verdict or return plan is decided upon.
7. RPSS competes under the governing body of CIF Southern Section. High school athletics are competitive and require a try out to make the team. Unfortunately, not all students are guaranteed a spot on the team. All tryout opportunities are officially documented by each individual coaching staff.

Summer Activity, Spring Practice and Off-Season Weight Training Programs: Students must have a physical examination, insurance and parent consent on record in the Athletic Office in order to participate. All parents are responsible for submitting their student athlete's athletic packet via the athleticclearance.com online submission system as well as valid completed physical paperwork to the Assistant Principal of Athletics, Mr. Peter Snyder. Physicals are to be completed by a Medical Doctor (M.D.) or Nurse Practitioner (N.P.), not a Chiropractor.

Inter-District Transfer Eligibility (HS Only)

Eligibility of incoming transferring students to Riverside Preparatory high school shall be determined by their previous district's eligibility standards. Students transferring must have obtained a minimum 2.0 GPA at their previous school in order to not be placed in a "Holding" status by the CIF-SS Transfer committee. At the end of the current grading period the student will be required to meet the RPSS requirements for all subsequent grading periods. Incoming transfer students will be required to fill out and submit all necessary CIF-SS transfer paperwork. CIF-SS transfer paperwork submission includes Athlete/Parent Transfer Worksheet, and specific transfer type (non-participant, valid change of residence, sit-out period, or hardship waiver). Parents/ guardians are required to provide accurate information on all transfer paperwork. RPSS and OGSD support and uphold the final decision making made by the CIF-SS transfer committee.

Varsity Lettering (HS Only)

All high school student-athletes who tryout, make the team, and play on a "Varsity" level team will have the opportunity to pursue a varsity letter. Lettering requirements are determined prior to the beginning of each season by the individual head coaches for each sport. Letter, pins and bars will be presented to student-athletes who have completed or surpassed the predetermined lettering requirements along with a varsity lettering certificate at the completion of the season during the team banquet.

Fees and Administrative Regulations (Secondary)

It will be the responsibility of the Principal, or his designee, to determine if a particular student is financially unable to pay either fee. Students will be responsible for replacing or paying replacement fees for damaged or lost equipment and/or uniforms placed in their charge. Students with damaged or lost equipment charged to their Aeries account will not be granted access to competing for another sports season/ athletic team until the total amount due is rectified.

Attendance Requirements (Secondary)

All students who participate in interscholastic athletics are required to attend school in order to participate in practice and games. Failure to meet the minimum attendance requirements is at the discretion of Administration. All Athletes must attend school 50% of their school day in order to participate in practice or competition unless otherwise excused with proof of a medical/dental release from scheduled appointments approved by Administration.

In addition, students attending any athletic contests may not be privately transported to these events. All student athletes must ride the district provided transportation to each event. Parents can transport their child home from "away" events only if the "Transportation Release Waiver" has been completed and the student-athlete has been signed out by the parent or guardian from the head coach

G.P.A Requirements (Secondary)

All students who participate in interscholastic athletics are required to maintain a minimum G.P.A of 2.0 with (1) one or no “F” letter grade marks. Failure to meet this requirement will result in suspension from athletic contest play until the next official grading period reflects an eligible GPA as determined above. All athletes are required to maintain a minimum 20 unit course load in order to be considered for play on any sports team offered by Riverside Prep. .

Spectator Code of Conduct

In collaboration with the Cross Valley League, a spectator code of conduct will apply and be reinforced at all sporting events. Attendees are asked to follow all aspects of this code of conduct during any RPSS sporting event, and may be asked to leave the premises if these rules are violated.

**PLEASE SEE MS PARENT/ ATHLETE HANDBOOK POSTED ON THE RPMS
ATHLETICS WEBSITE FOR MORE IN DEPTH INFORMATION**

(<https://sites.google.com/riversideprep.net/riversideprepmsathletics/home>)

**PLEASE SEE HS PARENT/ ATHLETE HANDBOOK POSTED ON THE RPHS
ATHLETICS WEBSITE FOR MORE IN DEPTH INFORMATION**

(<https://sites.google.com/riversideprep.net/riversideprepathletics/home>).

CROSS VALLEY LEAGUE CODE



All Cross Valley League students, athletes, parents and guests have the right to attend safe and positive sporting events. This code of conduct applies to **ALL SPECTATORS** in regard to their behavior towards referees, players, coaches, cheerleaders, band members and other fans.

FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD/WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE EVENT AND A CALL TO THE APPLE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT- (760) 240-7400

Conduct towards Players & Coaches:

- *All cheers must be directed towards your own team.
- *All cheers must be positive.
- *Direct comments to individual athletes or coaches will not be tolerated.
- *No physical or verbal threats of any kind.
- *All signs must be approved and coordinated through school administration.

Conduct towards Referees:

- *No interaction with referees such as: yelling, booing, throwing objects or cursing
- *Any other negative related action.
- *The only interaction with referees must take place through the team captain or coaching staff

Conduct towards Cheer & Band Members:

- *No throwing objects
- *No negative cheers
- *Be respectful of members and equipment
- *No direct comments to individual members

Conduct towards Opposing Team's Fans

- *No negative comments/yelling
- *No negative exchanges between fans (both physical & verbal)

Per CA Education Code 44811-

Disruption of class work or EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

A)- Any parent, guardian, or other person whose conduct in a place where a school employee is required to be in the course of his/her duties materially disrupts classwork or EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES or involves substantial disorder is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**BE LOUD
BE PROUD
BE POSITIVE**

Counseling and Academic Advising

Naviance

All students and parents have access to Naviance, college and career readiness software, starting in grade 6. Students and parents are encouraged to access Naviance on at least a monthly basis. The website for Naviance is <https://student.naviance.com/rphs>. Each student will be given a personalized log-on and password from the counseling department.

Class/Schedule Changes

If a student feels they have a legitimate class change request, they must complete a counseling request form with Mrs. Silva in the counseling center in order to meet with the counseling department to discuss the class change, but this does not guarantee any class changes will be completed. In addition, course offerings are based on graduation requirements and student course requests from spring. We have worked hard to provide schedules that maximize opportunities for student achievement. Since course changes made after

the school year begins to interfere with the educational progress of your student and others, we are reluctant to upset schedules without careful examination of the degree of need for change. As such, course changes only will be approved on an academic basis and at the discretion of the counseling department and school administrative team. As a general rule, any course changes will occur in the first two weeks of the semester. In addition, students are not able to drop any course after the 8th-week mark in either semester.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP World History

AP Spanish Language and Culture

Dual Enrollment

To be eligible for dual enrollment non-CCAP classes taken at the community college site, a student must be in ninth grade or higher and be in good standing both academically and behaviorally. If a student is eligible for dual enrollment, the first step is to complete the application for the community college of their choice. Once you've completed this step, students should set up an appointment with the counseling department to complete the dual enrollment form. Students and parents are encouraged to visit the websites of the local community colleges, VVC and BCC, to obtain further information about dual enrollment fees, classes offered and programs available at each site. Students may not switch out of any required courses for graduation (such as English or Government) until **official** transcripts are received from their school of attendance. Official, sealed transcripts should be submitted to the counseling office along with any course change requests.

In addition, students have the option of enrolling in CCAP classes that take place on our high school campus through Brandman University's online classes and Victor Valley College beginning in 11th grade.

Brandman University currently offers Introduction to American Politics, United States History Survey II, Principles of Macroeconomics, and Introduction to Ethics.

VVC currently offers Film As An Art Form, Personal and Career Success, Introductory Psychology, & Introduction to Political Science, Introduction to Physical Geography, Introduction to Sociology, History of U.S. from 1876, Public Speaking, and all seniors are enrolled in College Success. Please talk to your counselor to get more information about these awesome opportunities.

Riverside Prep Early College Academy (ECA+) students allow for a cohort of students to take college classes starting in their freshman year. Please contact your counselor for more information and the application process required for the ECA+ program.

SUBJECT AREA	RP GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC) AND CA STATE University (CSU)
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SOCIAL SCIENCE	3 years: World History 1 year US History 1 year American Govt ½ year Economics ½ year	2 years: World History 1 year US History 1 year or World History 1 year US History ½ year American Govt ½ year
ENGLISH	4 years: 9 th grade English 10 th grade English 11 th grade English 12 th grade English	4 years: English I English II English III English IV or ERWC
MATHEMATICS	3 years: Algebra I or IM 1 Geometry or IM 2 Algebra II or IM 3 Business & Personal Finance	3 years: Must include Algebra I or IM 1 Geometry or IM 2 Algebra II or IM 3 higher levels of math 4 years recommended
SCIENCE	2 years: Including Physical Science 1 year Biological Science 1 year	2 years: Lab science in 2 of 3 areas: Biology, Chemistry, Physics 3 years recommended
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2 years: Spanish 1-4 Spanish for Spanish Speakers	2 years: Needs to be same foreign language 3 years recommended
FINE ARTS	1 year: 1 year of visual or performing art	1 year: One year long course of visual and performing arts chosen from dance, drama/theater, music or visual art.
SPECIFIED ELECTIVES	Over 4 years (90 credits in 4 years)	1 year: Any additional courses on the current UC/CSU Approved Course List
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 years	None
SENIOR SEMINAR	1 year	None

Graduation Requirements

*Students who are deficient in credits will not be allowed to graduate.

**Students are required to take an English course every year, History 3 years, and are encouraged to take a

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- ☐ CSU/UC College Requirement Checklist:
- ☐ Complete the A-G course pattern with a "C" or better.
- ☐ Take the ACT or SAT college entrance exams by December of your senior year and submit official scores to colleges.
- ☐ Apply for admission to colleges by submitting your online application to CSU Mentor or to the University of California website before the deadline.
- ☐ Apply for Financial Aid through FAFSA.
- ☐ Fulfill all high school graduation requirements and have appropriate GPA and ACT/SAT Test Scores for Admission Eligibility Index.
- ☐ Take the required English and Math placement tests.
- ☐ Submit your letter of intent and send your official transcript. See your counselor for more information.

YOU CAN GO TO COLLEGE!

CSU/UC A-G College Prep Requirements

A	SOCIAL SCIENCES- TWO YEARS Social science, U.S. History and American Government
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B	ENGLISH- FOUR YEARS Composition and literature designated as college prep
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C	MATHEMATICS- THREE YEARS Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II / Math 1, 2 and 3
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D	LABORATORY SCIENCES- TWO YEARS One Biological Science and one Physical Science
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E	FOREIGN LANGUAGE (LOTE)- TWO YEARS Must be in the same language
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F	VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS- ONE YEAR Art, drama, and/or music
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G	COLLEGE-PREP ELECTIVE- ONE YEAR Any other A-G approved course
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Additional courses recommended

Not required

Senior Events and Information

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Valedictorian and Salutatorian shall be selected as follows:

- a. Total weighted points over 4 years, including summer school, college courses, challenge grades; excludes special projects, or adult school.
- b. No D's, F's, NC's, U's
- c. Must attend last two years at Riverside Preparatory high school
- d. No more than one P.E. activity per semester
- e. Valedictorian = Highest GPA (if there is a tie, all students with the GPA will be Valedictorian)
- f. Salutatorian = Next highest GPA (if there is a tie, all students with the GPA will be Salutatorian)
- g. Administration will review candidates at the end of the third quarter and notify them of their potential of being named class Valedictorian and Salutatorian going into the last grading period

Senior Seminar

Senior Seminar at Riverside Preparatory is designed to be a culminating experience, allowing students to expand their knowledge about, and gain hands-on experience with, a topic that is meaningful and interesting to them. Furthermore, Seniors are required to create a portfolio of their achievements, experiences, and documentation that they have gathered throughout the year. Seniors will use this portfolio to apply to Colleges and or a Career of their choice. They will be provided with a detailed packet explaining the requirements as well as daily lessons and activities that support the senior portfolio.

Senior Events

Seniors and their parents will have the option to purchase senior individual and class pictures (ranging from \$20-200+), yearbooks (ranging from \$75-90), prom tickets (\$120 per ticket), grad nite tickets (\$120), and senior spirit wear (ranging from \$20-45). All of the above options are in addition to other campus events, such as sporting events and formal dances. None of these events or activities are mandatory or are needed for a grade or for graduation from RPSS.

Fees

Students can check fees owed and pay fees to Mrs. Bridget Pfenning; bridget_pfenning@riversideprep.net or via phone 760-243-4136 ext. 205

Senior Code of Ethics

Seniors and their parents are asked to sign a senior code of ethics prior to the start of major senior events. This document outlines the behavior and dress code expectations for each event, including grad night and graduation ceremonies.

Senior Awards Night

Senior students who receive any awards or distinctions will be awarded annually at Senior Awards Night. This event will take place during the week of graduation and is a nighttime event to accommodate the family and friends of senior students. Senior Awards Night will recognize students for the following distinctions:

- Valedictorian and Salutatorian
- Outstanding Male and Female Senior
- Outstanding Male and Female Athletes
- Honor roll for spring semester
- Overall honor roll and honors cords
- Scholarships and community awards

Transcript Requests

Students or parents who request transcripts must fill out a Transcript Request Form. Please allow 3-5 business days for all requests. All seniors will receive two official, sealed copies of their transcripts along with their diploma.

Procedures for Parents

Visitors and Volunteers

Parent involvement is a crucial part of any school and volunteers are always welcomed. Adult visitors to the school are welcome and greatly appreciated. Visitors should sign in at the school attendance office each time they come to visit. Classroom visits need to be arranged ahead of time with administration. A visitor badge will be issued to visitors/volunteers in the front office upon arrival. The badge will indicate to school personnel and students that you are authorized to be on campus. All visitors must uphold the dress code and all other school rules while on campus.

The goal of the classroom volunteer program is to reinforce the efforts of the teacher in the education of our students; therefore, teachers and parents should have a schedule set up before parents come into the class to volunteer. Volunteers will be providing students with the opportunity to work in small groups and on individual activities. The assistance of a capable adult in the classroom allows the teacher more time to use his/her professional skills in their academic areas. A volunteer's services are to support and enrich classroom programs. The value offered to students and teachers is tremendous. Here are a few basic reminders about volunteering:

- Parents should be dressed appropriately and not wear any clothing that is prohibited by the RPSS dress code.
- If parents are unable to volunteer during scheduled time, the teacher needs to be notified as soon as possible via email or a phone call.
- Teachers must train volunteers to use workroom equipment before volunteers use the equipment.
- Younger siblings may not accompany a parent in the classroom during instructional time during scheduled hours. Children should not be taken into the teacher prep areas.
- Confidentiality is extremely important. School business should be left at school and not become public gossip. Students' abilities in lessons, behavior problems, and grades are not to be shared outside of the school.

Volunteers will need to be fingerprinted and pass a background check before volunteering may begin. Mrs.

Rocio Flamenco handles all volunteer requests @ ext. 278.

Complaint Resolutions

If parents have a concern about class procedures, grades, or situations, Riverside Preparatory asks that parents/guardians follow these steps:

1. Contact the teacher by phone, person, or email.
2. Ask for a formal meeting to be set up with the teacher.
3. If the issue is not resolved through communication with the teacher, ask to speak to the administration.
4. Set up a formal meeting with site administration and the teacher.

Parent/Teacher Conferences and Report Cards

During the school year, the school will keep parents informed about student progress. Teachers communicate on an informal basis throughout the school year, and formal progress reports are prepared at the midway point in each quarter. The school will hold parent/teacher conferences to discuss academic and social growth at the end of first and third quarter. Students may be placed on an Academic Contract if they receive any D's, F's, N's or U's on their report card. Parents are advised to contact teachers to discuss concerns about their child's progress or grades. Parent/teacher conferences are encouraged, and may be scheduled by parents or teachers at any time. If you are concerned about your child, please call the teacher directly to set up an appointment time. All teachers have a school phone and are available in the evenings until 6:00 p.m. *Please refer to page 38 for information on how to set up an account on Aeries Parent Portal to access updated information on student grades and attendance.*

Internet, Valuables and Electronic Devices

Expensive jewelry and other personal items should not be brought to school. **The school cannot be responsible in the case of any lost or stolen valuables.** Only enough money necessary for lunch and other school related needs should be brought to school.

The use of electronic devices is a disruption to the educational process and may be brought to school for use only during lunch or passing period. **If such items are lost or stolen, the school is not responsible for such items.** In no case may these electronic devices be active during academic time. Items brought by high school students that become a distraction to the learning environment will be confiscated and parents will need to pick the item up from administration.

Cell Phones

We recognize that cell phones present a convenient way for families to communicate; however, cell phones can be a disruption to the teaching and learning environment. If a parent allows a student to carry a cell phone, it must remain in the off position and put away during all classroom time unless the teacher has given explicit permission that the device be used for research or other instructional related tasks. If a student uses a cell phone for any reason that is not pre-approved during class time, it may be confiscated and a parent may need to pick it up from administration. Students are responsible for the content of their cell phone; therefore, students should not let other students use their cell phone. All students in PE will be assigned a locker, and students should be sure to place any valuables or electronics into a locked locker for storage during PE class. Students should not charge phones or leave any valuables out in the locker rooms

or in any classrooms. As with other electronic devices, lost or stolen cell phones are not the responsibility of the school.

Computer Usage

Students must sign an Internet Acceptable Use Permits (AUP) stating that they will abide by the required guidelines for safe Internet usage. Firewalls on the Internet have been put in place to protect students from inappropriate content. Please be aware that while on the RPSS/OGSD network the computer use, email messages, and even what is on the screen at any given time may be monitored. Any inappropriate use will result in loss of computer privileges as well as disciplinary action. While on the RPSS/OGSD network there is no expectation of privacy. Any misuse of computers will result in immediate termination of use and will be considered a violation of the school's behavior code. Examples of misuse include, but are not limited to:

1. Plagiarism
2. Cheating
3. Attempts to disable the firewall or safety settings
4. Visiting inappropriate sites (such as YouTube, SnapChat, Instagram, chat rooms, and content streaming websites)

Any student who does not turn in the Internet Acceptable Use Permit (AUP) will not be given access to the Internet. *Please turn to page 34 for the Acceptable Use Permit (AUP).*

Riverside Preparatory School Dress Code for Secondary Students

Education Code 35183 authorizes schools to adopt dress codes. Parents are asked to assist the Riverside Preparatory School in enforcing the School's dress code. Please look carefully at the dress code prior to purchasing clothing for wear at school. Violations of the Dress Code are considered violations of the Behavior Contract. The Dress Code for Riverside Preparatory School for high school students is as follows:

1. All students must wear Riverside Preparatory PE clothing during PE classes and during sports programs. PE shoes must be safe and appropriate for PE activities. In addition to RP sweats and sweatshirts, students may also wear solid gray or black sweats or sweatshirts during cold weather. Coaches may designate specific attire for a particular sport.
2. Shoes will be worn at all times. Sandals, slides, or flip-flops may be worn during warm months so long as feet are kept clean. Students may not wear slippers or house shoes on campus.
3. Shirts worn by both girls and boys must cover the midriff when both arms are raised to the side of the body.
4. Halter-tops and strapless tops are not allowed. Clothing must conceal undergarments at all times. Sheer or lace shirts may not be worn unless another layer is worn underneath and no skin or undergarments are visible. All straps need to be 1 inch and cover the undergarments..
5. Oversized apparel, including baggy pants worn low on the waist (known as sagging) may not be worn at school. Torn jeans must fit all other dress code conditions and not expose undergarments.
6. Short skirts or shorts will not be permitted. The outermost layer of clothing, including skirts, shorts and dresses worn over leggings or any other article of clothing, cannot be shorter than 6 inches from the top of the knee or with an 8 inch inseam.
7. Pajama bottoms, athletic tights, tights, or nylons may not be worn as pants.
8. Clothing or accessories shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia that are crude, violent, obscene or sexually suggestive. Clothing which advocates hate speech, as identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center, or the use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol, or gang-related are otherwise considered inappropriate, should not be worn on campus.
9. Earrings, jewelry, or accessories (blankets) that present a safety hazard to the wearer or others are not suitable for school. All jewelry, including facial piercings, must be removed during physical education and athletic participation.
10. Only prescription sunglasses with a note from the prescribing doctor may be worn inside during class. Other types of sunglasses may be worn outside of class or outdoors. The school will not be responsible for any item lost or broken at school, including glasses and sunglasses.
11. Any apparel identified by local law enforcement or school administration as gang-related or gang-type paraphernalia are prohibited.
12. All hats and visors must be school appropriate. Hats may not be attached to pants (i.e. to belt loops) or connected to bags. (must comply with #9). No doo-rags or shower caps.

Students in violation of the dress code shall be sent to the office loaner clothes will be provided when

available and parents will be contacted. Please check your student's dress before they leave for school. Additional items may be added to this list as the need arises, and at the discretion of the administrative team. In general, any item of clothing that either distracts from the educational process or may impose on the safety of the students at Riverside Preparatory School shall be excluded.

Students who are determined to violate the terms of the dress code will first be given the option to change into their personal PE clothes. If no PE clothes are available, office loaner PE clothes will be given to the student to wear for the remainder of the school day. All dress code items will be held in the administration office until the end of the school day. Students refusing to comply with Dress Code may result in parent pick up.

School Bus Rules of Conduct and Discipline Procedures

The school transportation service is provided for the mutual welfare of all that participate. It is important to understand that riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right, and this privilege will be revoked if necessary. Section 14103 of Title 5 of the California Administrative Code states that “Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and direct responsibility to, the driver of the bus.”

Rules of Conduct

Students must adhere to the following rules of conduct:

1. Obey the directions of the bus driver at all times.
2. Remain seated at all times.
3. Never throw any objects.
4. Keep your mouth free of any objects. No gum, candy, or food is allowed on the bus.
5. Keep the bus aisle clear.
6. Refrain from bringing glass containers
7. Keep all parts of the body (hand, arm, head, etc.) inside the bus at all times
8. Behave in an orderly manner (no wrestling, fighting, or loud voices or noises).
9. Profanity or vulgar language is absolutely prohibited.
10. Students may not be in possession of any controlled substance (tobacco, alcohol, etc.)
11. Do not disturb or damage property on the bus or at the bus stop.
12. Get on/off the bus only at regular bus stops. Students who are required to cross the street or highway at a bus stop will cross in front of the bus with the red flashing lights, and under the direction of the bus driver.
13. Keep quiet at the Railroad Tracks.
14. Do not play with emergency exit handles or doors.
15. Students will ride the same bus route everyday. Students are not able to change their bus routes or temporarily ride on a different route. Any transportation changes (i.e., as a result of moving, custody changes, etc) must be pre approved by the transportation office.
16. No skateboards, razor scooters or any other similar device are allowed on the bus. They may not be brought onto the bus or stored under the bus.

Bus Discipline Procedures

high school students who violate the rules of conduct are subject to having the privilege of riding the buses revoked. The consequences for breaking bus rules include, but are not limited to:

1. Assigned seating
2. Written/Verbal warning with parent notification (bus ticket)
3. Short-term bus suspension

Bus Danger Zones

Bus drivers shall give instructions to students regarding the danger zone prior to departing on all activity trips and during the required safe riding practice instruction that is given at least once each school year. Students who are boarding and leaving school buses shall do so very carefully, walking clear of the danger zone. If students are not met on time at the bus stop for pick up, they will be returned to the school and parents must pick them up from the office.

Honor and Behavior Code

Honor Code

Students at Riverside Preparatory School agree and promise not to lie, cheat, bully, use vulgarity, vandalize, or steal, nor tolerate any student that does. Students agree and promise to report to a member of the faculty any incident or suspected incident of lying, cheating, bullying, vandalism, or stealing whether such deed was done by themselves or by another. Students are expected to act within the California Education Code at all times.

Behavior Code

Students at Riverside Preparatory School agree and promise to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times and to treat all members of the faculty, staff, student body, and community with respect. Students agree and promise to obey and follow the directions of the faculty and staff and to obey and follow all of the rules of the school. Students agree that they will study hard, maintain an attitude of academic excellence and work diligently to achieve academic excellence.

◆ Students and the parents/guardians of students at Riverside Preparatory School acknowledge, understand, and agree to follow the Honor and Behavior Code of the school.

◆ Students and the parents/guardians of students at Riverside Preparatory School acknowledge, understand, and agree that a failure to follow the Honor and/or Behavior Code is an indicator that Riverside Preparatory School may not be the best educational placement for the student.

◆ Students and parents/guardians understand that the Honor and Behavior Code and school rules apply to students as soon as they leave their house to start school until they enter their house after school, including all school sponsored activities.

◆ Students and parents/guardians of students at Riverside Preparatory School acknowledge, understand, and agree that the final decision in all matters regarding the Honor and Behavior Code rests with the school district's cabinet.

◆ Students and the parents/guardians of students at Riverside Preparatory School acknowledge, understand, and agree that any violation of the Honor Code or Behavior Code may result in the discipline of the student up to and including dismissal from the school on the grounds that the student is not properly benefiting from placement in the school's program.

Student:

I agree to follow the honor and behavior codes as stated above.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I (we) agree to support the faculty as they enforce the terms of the honor and behavior codes. I (we) agree to abide by the decision of the Executive Committee should my (our) child violates either the Honor Code or the Behavior Code and I (we) acknowledge and agree that the decision of the cabinet is final.

Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Student Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Riverside Preparatory high school believes that technology is not only a tool to improve learning while in school, but also a tool to improve the ability to successfully deal with the future. Students are expected to follow all guidelines stated below, as well as those given orally by the staff, and to demonstrate ethical behavior of the highest order in using the network.

The Internet is a fantastic resource for everyone; however, the Internet is not controlled by one single person or group and any number of things can be found online. For the most part, the information that can be found online is useful, but some material found on the Internet may not be appropriate for students of any age. San Bernardino County Schools utilize a filter to help restrict access to inappropriate material found on the Internet, but these filters are not foolproof. That is why RPSS has established an Appropriate Use Policy, or AUP. The AUP is a contract that the student, teacher and parent agree upon and sign. It states that the student will use the Internet in an appropriate manner. If the contract is broken, the action laid out in the policy will be upheld. This can mean anything from restricted use of the Internet to having all privileges revoked.

It is a general policy that all computers used through RPSS are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

A responsible user may:

- Use the Internet to research assigned classroom projects.
- Use the Internet to explore other computer systems.

If the policy and the guidelines for the use of E Net, as described below, are not followed it will result in the removal of a student's user account. Any actions that might harm the equipment or software or that show disregard for the proper procedures set up for network access will not be allowed and will result in the removal of the user account.

Unacceptable uses of E Net include:

- ◆ Violating the conditions of California Education Code dealing with students' rights to privacy. ◆ Using profanity, obscenity, or other language that may be offensive to other users.
- ◆ Copying communication from one user to another user (reposting) without the author's prior consent (plagiarism)
- ◆ Copying commercial software in violation of copyright laws.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT

1. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

I will accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to the executive council. Misuse can come in many forms, but is commonly viewed as any message(s) sent or received that relate to or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, or other issues described below. I understand that all rules of conduct described in the School Handbook apply when using the network. Violation of Education Code 48900 will lead to disciplinary action or prosecution, when appropriate.

I have read and understand this condition. **Initial** _____

2. ACCEPTABLE USE

The use of my assigned account must be in support of education and research. I am personally responsible at all times when using E Net.

I have read and understand this condition. **Initial** _____

3. SERVICES

Riverside Preparatory high school makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing.

RPSS will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions. Uses of any information from the systems are at your own risk. RPSS specifically disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through E Net.

I have read and understand this condition. **Initial** _____

4. SECURITY

System security is a high priority because there are so many users. If a student identifies a security problem, they should notify the system administrator immediately. They should never demonstrate the problem to other users. All users of the system must be under their own personal account. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the information system.

I have read and understand this condition. **Initial** _____

5. VANDALISM

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data or hardware of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, and legal action. I have read and understand this condition. **Initial** _____

6. NETWORK ETIQUETTE AND PRIVACY

You are expected to follow the acceptable rules of network etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. BE POLITE - Never send, or encourage others to send abusive messages.

b. USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE - You may be alone with your computer, but what you say and do can be viewed globally. Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language.

c. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES - Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden and are subject to disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion.

d. PRIVACY - Do not reveal your home address and phone number or that of other students or colleagues. **e. ELECTRONIC MAIL** - Electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to the system administrator.

f. DISRUPTIONS - Do not use the network in any way that may disrupt usage of the network by others. I have read and understood this condition. **Initial** _____

7. PRIVILEGES

The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in removal of those privileges. The executive committee may close an account at any time deemed necessary. The administration of Riverside Preparatory high school, or of the Oro Grande School District may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

I have read and understood this condition. **Initial** _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I understand and will follow the conditions of this contract. I understand that if I do not follow any of the above conditions it may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of my user account, and appropriate legal action. All the rules of conduct described in the School Handbook apply when I am on the network. I understand this document will be kept on file by Riverside Preparatory high school and is considered a legal and binding contract.

Student last name, Student first name

PARENT CONSENT

Students under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or guardian who has read this contract. As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this contract and understand that E Net is designed for educational purposes only. I understand that it is impossible for Riverside Preparatory School to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold RPSS reasonable for materials acquired or viewed while on the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to issue an account for my child.

_____/_____/_____ **Parent/guardian signature Date**

Riverside Preparatory High School Transcript Request

Please allow 3 to 5 business days for processing from the time the request is received in our office, excluding delivery. No transcript will be released if there are outstanding obligations to the school/district. RPSS MUST have the signature of the student to release transcripts. Only if a student is under 18 may a parent sign.

Order Transcripts in Person WALK-IN SERVICE

Office Address: Riverside Preparatory high school
19900 National Trails Highway
Oro Grande, CA 92368
760-243-4136 ext. 200
760-245-4721 (fax)

- Submit the completed Official Transcript Release form.
- Transcripts are mailed via regular United States Postal Service.

Order Transcript by Mail

- Submit the completed Official Transcript Release form.
- Transcripts are mailed via regular United States Postal Service.

Please mail the request to:

**Riverside Preparatory high school
PO Box 455,
Oro Grande, CA 92368
Attn: Transcripts**



Riverside Preparatory High School **Transcript Request Form**

Please allow 3 to 5 business days for processing from the time the request is received in our office, excluding delivery. No transcript will be released if there are outstanding obligations to the school/district. RPSS MUST have the signature of the student to release transcripts. Only if a student is under 18 may a parent sign.

Today's Date _____

Mail Immediately? (Circle One) yes/no (same day service charge applies) Mail after

Name: (include all names ever used) _____ Street

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Dates of Attendance (or year graduated): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____

(Signature of student, if over 18 or parent/guardian)

Mail ____ (# of copies) to address:

Mail ____ (# of copies) to address:

Fax # (if transcript is to be faxed) Attn:

Total Transcripts Requested _____

ABI Parent Link – Connecting Parents to School Information

Welcome to ABI Parent Link, your connection to grades, attendance, and homework information. To create a student or parent account, please follow the instructions below. If you have trouble creating an account or accessing information, please contact

What you will need:

- Internet-connected computer (Windows only)
- Microsoft Explorer 5.0 or newer
- Primary telephone number, with area code
- Student permanent ID number
- Verification code

Create Your Account To Begin: Go to the ABI Parent Link web site:

<https://www.accessmystudent.com/orogrande/>

You will see the screen to log in. Click on *Create New Account* (located at the bottom of the screen)

Step 1: Select Account Type

Click on Parent then click *Next*.

Step 2: Enter email address and select a password

Enter your e-mail address twice for verification.

Think of a password that's secure and hard to guess. Enter it in *Choose Password* and *Retype Password*. You will use this password to access your account.

Step 3: Respond to the e-mail message from ABI Parent Link

When you click *Next* in Step 2 above, a message will be sent to your email. Open your email program, open the message from ABI Parent Link, and follow the instructions. If you do not get an email message, please repeat Step 2 and check the spelling of your e-mail address carefully.

Step 4: Enter student verification information

Note: If your email address is already in our database, this step happens automatically, and you can follow the screen prompts to finish the account set up process. If your email address is not in our database, you will need the student permanent ID number (from the letter), your home telephone number with area code, and the verification code (from the letter). Enter the information and click *Next*.

Step 5: Connect your email account to the student's contact information Our database stores all of a student's emergency contact information as separate records. This step connects your email address to the right person in that set of records.

To Finish: Go to the ABI Parent Link log on screen

Enter the address <https://www.accessmystudent.com/orogrande/> into Explorer. You will see the login on the screen again, but instead of clicking on "Create New Account," use the e-mail address you used to create your account, plus the password you created, to access student information.

When you are finished using ABI Parent Link, please log out and close Explorer. If you wish to continue using the Internet, relaunch Explorer.

Legal Notices

Pupil Discipline: Suspension and Expulsion

Education Code 48900 defines suspension as the removal of a pupil from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes.

A pupil may not be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion unless the administration of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has:

a-1 Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.

a-2 Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self- defense.

Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the pupil had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, which is concurred by the principal or designee of the principal.

b. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant or any kind.

c. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) or Division 10 to the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and then either 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.

d. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.

e. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property. 39

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f. Stolen or attempted to steal school property or private property.

g. Possessed or used tobacco, or any products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. However, this section does not prohibit use or possession by a pupil of his or her own prescription products.

h. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.

i. Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

j. Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.

k. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.

l. Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, “imitation firearm” means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.

m. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in section 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289 of the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.

n. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or both.

o. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.

p. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective pupil. For the purpose of this subdivision, “hazing” does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.

q. Engaged in an act of bullying. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) “Bullying” means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or 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.s, 48900.3, or 48900.4, directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

(A) Placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil’s or those pupils’ person or property.

(B) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.

(C) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance.

(D) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with this or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

(2)

(A) “Electronic act” means the creation and transmission originated on or off the school site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, including, but not limited to, any of the

following:

(i) A message, text, sound, or image

(ii) A post on a social network Internet Web Site, including, but not limited to:

(I) Posting to or creating a burn page. “Burn Page” means an Internet Web site created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1).

(II) Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). “Credible impersonation” means knowingly and without consent impersonates a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.

(III) Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). “False profile” means a profile of a fictitious pupil or profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.

(B) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and subparagraph (A), an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.

(3) “Reasonable pupil” means a pupil, including, but not limited to, an exceptional needs pupil, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with his or her exceptional needs.

r. A pupil shall not be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated in this section unless the act is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district or principal or occurring within any other school district. A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are enumerated in this section and related to a school activity or school attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(1) While on school grounds.

(2) While going to or coming from school.

(3) During the lunch period whether on or off campus.

(4) During, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity.

s. A pupil who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may suffer suspension, but not expulsion, pursuant to the provisions of this section, except that a pupil who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider or abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (a).

t. As used in this section, “school property” includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases.

u. For a pupil subject to discipline under this section, the superintendent of the school district or principal may use his or her discretion to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion that are age appropriate and designed to address and correct the pupil’s specific misbehavior as specified in section 48900.5.

v. It is the intent of the Legislature that alternatives to suspension or expulsion be imposed against a pupil who is truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from school activities.

In addition to the reasons specified in Sections 48900, a pupil may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the administration of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has:

48900.2

Committed sexual harassment as defined in Education Code 212.5. For the purposes of this chapter, the conduct described in Section 212.5 must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual’s academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. This section shall not apply to pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive.

48900.3

Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate, violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233, for pupils grades 4 to 12 inclusive.

48900.4

Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school district personnel or pupils, that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect or materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of either school personnel or pupils by creating an intimidating or hostile education environment, for pupils in grades 4 to 12 inclusive.

48900.7

(a) The pupil has made terroristic threats against school officials or school property, or both. (b) For the purpose of this section, “terroristic threat” shall include any statement, whether written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family’s safety, or for the protection of school district property, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.

Education Code 48900.1

(a) The governing board of each school district may adopt a policy authorizing teachers to require parent or guardian of a pupil who has been suspended by a teacher pursuant to Section 48910 for reasons specified in subdivision (i) or (k) of Section 48900, to attend a portion of the school day in the classroom of his or her child or ward. The policy shall take into account reasonable factors that may prevent compliance with a notice to attend. The attendance of the parent or guardian shall be limited to the class from which the pupil was suspended.

Laser Pointers (P.C. 417.27)

No student shall possess a laser pointer on any elementary or high school premises unless possession of a laser pointer is for a valid instructional or other school related purpose.

Pupil Discipline: Duty Concerning Conduct of Pupil

Education Code 44807 states that every teacher in the public schools shall hold pupils to a strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, or during recess. A teacher, vice principal, or any other certificated employee of a school district, shall not be subject to criminal prosecution or criminal penalties for the exercise, during the performance of his/her duties of the same degree of physical control over a pupil that a parent would be legally privileged to exercise but which in no event shall exceed the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, or protect the health and safety of pupils, or to maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning. The provisions of this section are in addition to and do not supersede the provision of Section 48900.

Vandalism/Graffiti – Students (Board Policy 5131.5)

The Administration shall suspend and may recommend expulsion of any student, K-12, who has placed graffiti or in any way participated or written on school property without specific permission of the school authorities, or placed graffiti on district or private property while going to and from school. Consequences for graffiti cover may include expulsion, a mandatory work program and full restitution by student or parents for the damage to property.

Asbestos Management Plan

Code of Regulations, Title 40, states that each school site in the district has an AHERA Report (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), which identifies where asbestos is located at the school and the conditions of those areas. A copy of the school report is available at the school site

Bullying Board Policy 5131.2(a)

Students

The Governing Board recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student learning and school attendance and desires to provide safe school environments that protect students from physical and emotional harm. District employees shall establish student safety as a high priority and shall not tolerate bullying of any student.

No student or group of students shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any other student or school personnel.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Cyberbullying includes the transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images on the Internet, social media, or other technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

Strategies for bullying prevention and intervention shall be developed with the involvement of key stakeholders in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation governing the development of comprehensive safety plans and shall be incorporated into such plans.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools) (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Bullying Prevention

To the extent possible, district and school strategies shall focus on prevention of bullying by establishing clear rules for student conduct and strategies to establish a positive, collaborative school climate. Students shall be informed, through student handbooks and other appropriate means, of district and school rules related to bullying, mechanisms available for reporting incidents or threats, and the consequences for perpetrators of bullying.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

The district may provide students with instruction in the classroom or other educational settings that promotes effective communication and conflict resolution skills, social skills, character/values education, respect for cultural and individual differences, self-esteem development, assertiveness skills, and appropriate online behavior.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

School staff shall receive related professional development, including information about early warning signs of harassing/intimidating behaviors and effective prevention and intervention strategies.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Based on an assessment of bullying incidents at school, the Superintendent or designee may increase supervision and security in areas where bullying most often occurs, such as classrooms, playgrounds, hallways, restrooms, and cafeterias.

Intervention

Students are encouraged to notify school staff when they are being bullied or suspect that another student is being victimized. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop means for students to report threats or incidents confidentially and anonymously.

School staff who witness an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall take immediate steps to intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators. He/she also may involve school counselors, mental health counselors, and/or law enforcement.

Complaints and Investigation

Students & Parents may submit to a teacher or administrator a verbal or written complaint of conduct they consider to be bullying, harassment or intimidation. Complaints of bullying shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. This document can be found on the OGSD website under District Documents; subtab Policies & Procedures. In addition to this, there is also a Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report on the OGSD website that can be completed in lieu of or instead of the UCP.

[Google Form for Complaint](#)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

When a student is reported to be engaging in bullying off campus, the Superintendent or designee shall investigate and document the activity and shall identify specific facts or circumstances that explain the impact or potential impact on school activity, school attendance, or the targeted student's educational performance.

When the circumstances involve cyberbullying, individuals with information about the activity shall be encouraged to save and print any electronic or digital messages that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated.

When a student uses a social networking site or service to bully or harass another student, the Superintendent or designee shall file a request with the networking site or service to suspend the privileges of the student and to have the material removed.

Discipline

Any student who engages in bullying on school premises, or off campus in a manner that causes or is likely to cause a substantial disruption of a school activity or school attendance, shall be subject to discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion, in accordance with district policies and regulations.

Title IX

Oro Grande School District (“OGSD”) is committed to providing a safe and equitable learning environment for all students. With this responsibility, we provide the following information pursuant to Education Code section 221.61

Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against in violation of Title IX may file a complaint with the District Title IX Coordinator or the United States Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (“OCR”). A person may pursue one or both of these avenues at the same time. Please see the sub-heading “Universal Complaint Process” below for the UCP formal complaint process.

1. For information regarding student rights under Title IX, please visit: [The California Office of Equal Opportunity](#)
2. [The United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights](#)

Sexual Harassment

- Sex discrimination under Title IX includes sexual harassment and sexual violence.
 - “Sexual Harassment” - Conduct on the basis of sex that meets one of the following conditions:
 1. An employee conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service on an individual’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be **so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive** that it effectively denies a person equal access to the recipient’s education program or activity; or
 3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in federal law.
- *As of May 6, 2020, new regulations define “sexual harassment” to include other things, “unwelcome conduct that a reasonable person would find so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it denies a person equal educational access”.**

SUCH CONDUCT NOW MUST MEET ALL THREE CATEGORIES - SO SEVERE AND PERVERSIVE AND OBJECTIVELY OFFENSIVE - IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR TITLE IX PURPOSE. Sexual Harassment may include acts of sexual violence. Sexual Harassment is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX.

Suicide Prevention

You Matter! Ask for Help.

Available 24 hours a day- 7 days a week

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

English- 1-800- 273-8255

Espanol - 1-888-628-9454

San Bernardino County Behavioral Health- High Desert: (760) 245-8837

Crisis Text Line: Text Home to 741741

Uniform Complaint Process

The Oro Grande School district has adopted a process for filing a formal complaint under the Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP). The UCP process can be used for filing formal complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression.

A UCP complaint requires a written statement that provides the name of the person filing the complaint and contact information, the name or name(s) of person(s) subjected to the alleged Title IX violation, the name of the educational institution, a description of the alleged Title IX violation, a report of any retaliation suffered by the person filing the complaint, the date(s) of incident(s) which allegedly violated Title IX, and any attempt to address the alleged violation including contacting the site principal or other administrator or the District office responsible for overseeing the school site. The person or organization filing the complaint need not be a victim of the allegation but may complain on behalf of another person or group.

Time Requirement:

The UCP process requires that a complaint filed within 6 months of the alleged incident or the date the complainant become aware of the alleged violation. If you have questions about this limit, or if you believe your complaint may be outside this time requirement but want to explore other options, please contact the Title IX Coordinator.



Oro Grande School District

Derrick Delton, Ed.D.
Superintendent

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Extracted From AR 1312.3 Community Relations

The Governing Board designates the following compliance officers to receive and investigate complaints and ensure district compliance with law:

Scott Heitman
Executive Director of Student Services
19900 National Trails Highway
Oro Grande, CA 92368
(760) 243-5884 Ext. 233
sheitman@orogrande.org

The Superintendent Designee shall ensure that employees designated to investigate complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs for which they are responsible. Such employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

Uniform complaint procedures shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with applicable state and/or federal laws and regulations and/or alleging discrimination in adult education, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, special education programs, and federal school safety planning requirements. (Title 5 California Code of Regulations (T5CCR) 4610)

The District shall follow uniform complaint procedures when addressing complaints alleging unlawful discrimination based on, actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability, or age, or on the basis or a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, or any program or activity that receives or benefits from state financial assistance. [Government Code 11135, Education Code 200, Education Code 220, T5CCR 4610]

The District shall have the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. [T5CCR 4620]

The District shall investigate complaints alleging failure to comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and/or alleging discrimination and seek to resolve those complaints in accordance with the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures. [T5CCR 4610, 4620, and 4621]

There will be annual dissemination of a written notice of the District's complaint procedures to students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, school and district advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. [T5CCR 4622] Additionally, the district shall use uniform complaint procedures to address complaints regarding insufficiency of instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health and safety of pupils or staff, and/or teacher vacancy or mis-assignment issues as provided in Administrative Regulation 1312.4. The District shall use uniform complaint procedures to address complaints regarding noncompliance with requirements related to accommodations for lactating students, educational rights of foster youth and homeless students, assignment of students to courses without educational content for more than one week per semester or to courses they have previously completed, and physical education instructional minutes.

Notifications

The Superintendent Designee shall meet the notification requirements of Title 5 California Code of Regulations 4622, including the annual dissemination of district complaint procedures and information about available appeals, civil law remedies and conditions under which a complaint may be taken directly to the California Department of Education. The Chief Human Resource Officer, Human Resource Services shall ensure that complainants understand that they may pursue other remedies, including actions before civil courts or other public agencies.

Complainants will receive written acknowledgement identifying the person(s), employee(s), or agency positions(s), or unit(s) responsible for receiving complaints, investigating complaints and ensuring District compliance. The written acknowledgement will also include a statement that ensures that such person(s), employee(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for compliance and/or investigation shall be knowledgeable about the laws/programs that he/she is assigned to investigate. [T5 CCR 4621, 4631]

Procedures

The following procedures shall be used to address all complaints which allege that the district has violated federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs. Compliance officers shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including all information required for compliance with the Title 5 California Code of Regulations 4632.

All parties involved in allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed, when a complaint meeting or hearing is scheduled and when a decision or ruling is made.

Step 1: Filing of Complaint

Any individual, public agency or organization may file a written complaint of alleged noncompliance by the district.

Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination may be filed by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered unlawful discrimination or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination. The complaint must be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged discrimination occurred or when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination. [T5 CCR 4630]

The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.

If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as illiteracy or other disabilities, district staff shall help him/her to file the complaint. [T5 CCR 4600]

Step 2: Mediation

The Board recognizes that a neutral mediator can often suggest a compromise that is agreeable to all parties in a dispute. In accordance with uniform complaint procedures, whenever all parties to a complaint agree to try resolving their problem through mediation, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate mediation. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that mediation results are consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

Within three days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer may informally discuss with the complainant the possibility of using mediation. If the complainant agrees to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of a discrimination complaint, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to make the mediator a party to related confidential information.

If the mediation process does not resolve the problem within the parameters of law, the compliance officer shall proceed with his/her investigation of the complaint.

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. [T5 CCR 4631]

Step 3: Investigation of Complaint

The compliance officer shall make all reasonable efforts to hold an investigative meeting within five days of receiving the complaint or an unsuccessful attempt to mediate the complaint. This meeting shall provide an opportunity for the complainant and/or his/her representative to repeat the complaint orally.

The complainant and/or his/her representative and the district's representatives shall have an opportunity to present information relevant to the complaint. Parties to the dispute may discuss the complaint and question each other or each other's witnesses. [T5 CCR 4631]

Refusal by the complainant to provide the investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, or to otherwise fail or refuse to cooperate in the investigation or engage in any other obstructions of the investigation, may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of lack of evidence to support the allegations. [T5 CCR 4631]

Refusal by the District to provide the investigator with access to records and/or other information related to the allegation in the complaint, or to otherwise fail or refuse to cooperate in the investigation or engage in any other obstruction of the investigation, may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and may result in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. [T5 CCR 4631]

Step 4: Response

Within 60 days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of time. [T5 CCR 4631]

Step 5: Final Written Decision

The report of the district's decision shall be in writing and sent to the complainant. [T5 CCR 4631]

The report of the district's decision shall be written in English and in the language of the complainant whenever feasible or required by law. If it is not feasible to write this report in the complainant's primary language, the district shall arrange a meeting at which a community member of the complainants choosing will interpret it for the complainant.

The report will contain the following elements [T5 CCR 4631]:

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered.
2. Conclusion of law.
3. Disposition of the complaint.
4. The rationale for such a disposition.
5. Corrective actions, if any are warranted.
6. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the District's decision to the California Department of Education (CDE).
7. Procedures to be followed for initiating an appeal to CDE.

If an employee is disciplined as a result of the complaint, this report shall simply state that effective action was taken and that the employee was informed of district expectations. The report shall not give any further information as to the nature of the disciplinary action.

Discrimination complaints shall be investigated in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties and the facts. The District ensures that complainants are protected from retaliation and that the identity of a complainant alleging discrimination will remain confidential as appropriate, except to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or proceedings, as determined by the Superintendent or designee on a case-by-case basis. [T5 CCR 4621]

The Board prohibits retaliation in any form for participation in complaint procedures, including but not limited to the filing of a complaint or the reporting of instances of discrimination. Such participation shall not in any way affect the status, grades or work assignments of the complainant.

Appeals to the California Department of Education

If dissatisfied with the district's decision, the complainant may appeal in writing to the California Department of Education within 15 days of receiving the district's decision. For good cause, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant an extension for filing appeals. [T5 CCR 4652] When appealing to the California Department of Education, the complainant must specify the reason(s) for appealing the district's decision and must include a copy of the locally filed complaint and the district's decision. [T5 CCR 4652]

The California Department of Education may directly intervene in the complaint without waiting for action by the district when one of the conditions listed in 5 CCR 4650 exists. In addition, the California Department of Education may also intervene in those cases where the district has not taken action within 60 calendar days of the date the complaint was filed with the district.

Civil Law Remedies

A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders. For discrimination complaints, however, a complainant must wait until 60 days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the California Department of Education before pursuing civil law remedies. The moratorium does not apply to injunctive relief and is applicable only if the district has appropriately, and in a timely manner, apprised the complainant of his/her right to file a complaint in accordance with Title 5 California Code of Regulations 4622.

Program Administrators

To obtain further information and forms regarding Uniform Complaint Procedures, please contact:

Compliance Officer:
Scott Heitman, Executive Director of Student Services
Oro Grande School District
19900 National Trails Highway
Oro Grande, CA 92368
(760) 243 – 5584 Ext. 233
sheitman@orogrande.org

UNIFORM COMPLAINT (UC) PROCEDURES SHALL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE:

Contact: Director of Student Assistance, Welfare and Attendance (760) 243-5884 Ext. 460

Williams Complaint Classroom Notice for 2018-2019

ORO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice to Parents, Guardians, Pupils, and Teachers

Pursuant to California *Education Code* § 35186, you are hereby notified that:

1. There should be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. That means each pupil, including English learners, must have a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home.
2. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair.
3. There should be no teacher vacancies or misassignments. There should be a teacher assigned to each class and not a series of substitutes or other temporary teachers. The teacher should have the proper credential to teach the class, including the certification required to teach English learners if present.

Teacher vacancy means a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of a semester for an entire semester.

Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold.

4. A complaint form may be obtained at the school office, district office, or downloaded from the school's Web site at www.orogrande.net. You may also download a copy of the California Department of Education complaint form in English and in other languages from the following Web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc/ucpmonitoring.asp>

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(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)) (cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

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