



# Mead High School

Energy Focus & AP Capstone School  
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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

The month of July seems to be passing by quickly, which means.... the start of a new school year is just around the corner. We are excited to reconnect with former students and to meet our new Mavericks joining the Mead Family. Every year we get to build deeper and more meaningful connections with our families in order to support each and every student's personal goals. We provide rich opportunities for each student to be an integral part of Mead High School. Our commitment to each child's academic success, their social/emotional health, their involvement in extracurricular activities, and their civic responsibility to their community is just part of the "Maverick Way."

We know that you entrust to us one of your most treasured possessions - your child. We want to assure you that your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. In order to provide the safest environment for your child please note the following safety procedures that we follow regularly:

1. All students are required to use the front door to enter the school building. **Any student entering the building after a bell has rung will be required to present their school id to enter the building.**
2. Any person who does not regularly attend or work at Mead HS must show their id and verify their school purpose or connection to a student at the school to be allowed into the building.
3. We follow strict compliance to guardians listed in Infinite Campus(IC). A child will not be allowed to be checked out by an adult who is not listed in IC.
4. We practice drills each month so that students and staff know how to respond to threatening weather or school situations.
5. We employ a School Resource Officer (SRO) and two campus supervisors full time during normal school hours.
6. We will be conducting parking lot sweeps every block of the day. **Please note: Students will not be allowed to eat lunch or hang out in the parking lot during off blocks.**
7. All administrators and teachers are in the hallways during every passing period or free period during school hours. Administration will be at all home games and concerts for extra added security.
8. Students have access to the Safe2Tell anonymous tip line. We also have an open door policy in our counseling and administrative offices. We know that it takes all of us to create a safe environment.

The most important security measure we have is the relationship that we share with your child. Having strong student/teacher relationships and a school environment where students feel welcome and valued is our greatest asset in keeping your child safe. You can feel assured that we will take great care of your child.

At Mead, we value the partnership that we have with parents in the education and safety of their children. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, counselors, or administrators regularly throughout the year. We value your input and your connection to our school.

## SCHOOL FOCAL POINTS:

Each year, we focus our efforts in order to provide the best possible education for your child. As a staff, we will be concentrating in the following areas for the 2018-2019 school year.

1. Last year, we incorporated reading and writing across the curriculum to bring content grade level reading for ALL students. The results of reading, interpreting, and writing in every classroom produced a substantial gain of 20 points in our overall SAT scores. **We will continue to give ALL students grade level reading access this year.**
2. In an effort to focus on **academic success for all students**, we will be emphasizing the academic preparation leading up to the **SAT test**. As a strong indicator of postsecondary success, the SAT state test will again be an

important strategic initiative for our school in the upcoming school year.. To help prepare for this important benchmark, 9th graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9 test, 10th graders will be taking the PSAT 10, all of which align to the SAT test in the 11th grade. We will be pretesting each exam in early September and using test diagnostics as indicators of areas that need to be strengthened, along with areas that we are currently doing well. In March, we will be holding a focused SAT study session for juniors. Our library stocks a large assortment of testing resources, and we encourage students to put them to good use. We do not believe that a student's test score defines who they are as a person, and we know that scores are only a small indicator of what a child is capable of doing -- however, they do matter.

3. **Advisory** - This summer, a team of teachers, administrators, and students met to redesign the new “daily” advisory schedule. We believe the daily impact will build stronger student/teacher, student/student relationships, better academic fluency for our students, and an opportunity to serve our students in meaningful ways. Advisory will address the four following pillars: Academic Success, College & Career Readiness, Social/Emotional Health, and School Culture. A schedule of lesson topics will be published on our website for students and parents by August 15 for first semester. The second semester will be posted by the completion of the first semester. Students earn .5 credits each year for advisory, and attendance will be taken each day.

Please check your Infinite Campus accounts regularly for updated school information. If you do not have access to Infinite Campus please come in and see Andi Felton, Mead Registrar, to set up an account. She will be available beginning August 1st to assist you. Please bring an ID with you. This will allow you to view your student’s attendance and grades throughout the year, as well as receive updated information from Mead HS. If you have forgotten your password or your account has been disabled, please contact Mrs. Felton to reset it. If you would like to receive a text notification, please ask that we update this in your file.

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

Band Camp Starts	July 30- Aug 10	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	
Office Opens	August 1	7:00 am - 3:00 pm	
Fall Sports Begin	August 6	consult athletic website for info.	
Mav Corral/Registration <i>(See below for more information)</i>	August 2:	3 pm - 8 pm	A - H 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm Hb-Pe 4:45 pm - 6:30 pm Pf-z 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
	August 3:	8 am - 3 pm	A - H 8:00 am - 10:45 am Hb-Pe 10:45 pm - 1:00 pm Pf-z 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Fall Sports Tryouts	August 6	consult website for individual sport info.	
Fall Sports Parent Mtg	August 8	6:30 pm in the Auditorium	
Foreign Exchange Student Orientation	August 14	10:30 am - noon (lunch provided, meet in front Office)	
First Day (Freshmen & new students)	August 15	7:15 am - 2:15 pm	
First Day (all students)	August 16	7:15 am - 2:15 pm	A day
Mead Roundup (Back to School Night)	August 17	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Family/community event
Homecoming Week	October 1 - 5		
Homecoming Dance	October 6		
School Pictures			
Freshman/Senior	August 23	We will be using Studio 5 for pictures this year.	

Sophomore/Junior	August 24	
Picture Retakes	October 4	
Parent Teacher Conferences	Sept. 27, Oct. 24, Feb. 21	2:30 - 7:30 pm each evening
College Fair @ Mead HS	October 19	
Thanksgiving Break	November 19 - 23	
Final Exams (1st Semester)	December 18 - 20, May 21 - 23	
Winter Break	December 21 - January 6	
Spring Break	March 25 - 29	
Semester 2 Begins	January 7	
Late Start Days	Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5	(start time is 9:45 ---please be on time)
Non-School Days	Sept. 3, Oct. 12, 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 21, Jan. 21, Feb. 15, 18	

### **NEW SCHOOL SCHEDULE:**

School begins promptly each day at 7:15 am and ends at 2:15 pm. Please see the 2018 - 2019 bell schedule posted on <http://mhs.svvsd.org/> in the “about” tab for specifics. We will have a single lunch of 45 minutes each day. Please plan ahead to drop students off so they can be in their seats by 7:15 am. Being on time has a huge impact on academic performance and student confidence.

### **STUDENT ATTENDANCE:**

We love seeing your child at school every day. Physically being present in school is one of the most basic conditions for a student’s success. When students are not in school, it results in lower achievement and lower grades along with an increase in stress levels, anxiety, confidence, and their belief system that they are powerful learners. The first few weeks are critical in defining the “school routine” of attendance and learning. Please partner with us by making sure your child is in school every day.

What you should know:

- Students have a maximum of 10 days (2 weeks of school), excused or unexcused, that they can miss before they are considered chronically absent.
- You will be notified when your child reaches 3, 6, and 9 absences.
- Please schedule doctor, dentist, orthodontic and other appointments after school hours as much as possible.
- Plan family vacations during times that students are already scheduled for vacation.
- We will not excuse absences for birthdays, a friend being in town, or a student missing a class to work on an assignment they did not finish. We will not excuse students from being in Advisory - this is a class that all Mead students are expected to attend and they now earn credit for the class.
- For extended absences, students need to fill out a pre-arranged form and have each teacher sign it.
- Every teacher at Mead HS uses Schoology to communicate lessons and homework responsibilities. If your child is absent, they should be able to access online what they missed to stay on top of their homework load.
- We are here to help. If you are having transportation issues, please let us problem solve with you.
- Students should NOT be in school if they are throwing up or running a high fever. If they have a cough, sore throat, or just a tummy ache, they should be in class for the day.
- Students need to plan time for traffic in the mornings, as it gets congested on the county roads around Mead after 7:00 am.

### **NEW TO MEAD HS:**

We have added a few new faces to the Mead Family this year. You will get to meet them soon! WELCOME!

Alisa Mavrotheris - Mathematics	Chad Lemons - Band Director
Rikelle Berry - Choir Director	Sarah Athman - Special Education
Wendy Redard - Special Education (½ time)	Rebecca Miller - counselor
Lisa Shields - Attendance Clerk	

You can access any staff member at Mead High School by emailing [last name\\_first name@svvsd.org](mailto:last_name_first_name@svvsd.org). You can also find links on our school website ([mhs.svvsd.org](http://mhs.svvsd.org)) under the “staff” tab.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL REGISTRATION:**

The Maverick Corral (Registration) will be held at Mead High School on August 2nd-3rd. You can expect to pay outstanding fees, update student information, acquire parking passes (these will cost \$5 this year), turn in paperwork, get information, register for athletics, support the Mead Boosters and the Mead Education Foundation, purchase athletic passes, and pick up student iPads.

August 2:	3 pm - 8 pm	A - H	3:00 pm - 4:45 pm
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		Pf-z	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
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		Hb-Pe	10:45 am - 1:00 pm
		Pf-z	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

If these times don't work specifically for your family, please come when you can. If you cannot make either of these dates, please [schedule online](#) either August 13 (8:00 am - noon) or August 14 (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) to come in and get your student's iPad. Freshmen and new students will need parents to come with them to fill out important paperwork to acquire their iPad. [Ipad insurance](#) can be purchased at this time as well for a very affordable price. We encourage ALL students to purchase this to offset the cost of damage that could happen to their iPad.

## **SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

Counselors will begin meeting with **new students** on August 1st to build class schedules. Please plan for 1 hour of time with a counselor to build your class schedule. Please contact Andi Felton, Registrar, in the counseling office to set up an appointment. 720-494-3940

### **Student Schedules were released in May and many of the change requests have been completed.**

As communicated last spring, we WILL NOT be doing schedule changes by request. Our class offerings were built from student requests. To honor student requests, we have allocated FTE and sent teachers to trainings specifically to make sure we can provide students with their requested courses. Changing these now may cause holes in strategic programming.

### **We will allow schedule changes ONLY for the following reasons:**

1. A student attended summer school/online courses and passed a course that is currently on their schedule.
2. A student wants to make a move from a regular class to an Honors/AP class.
3. Students have filled out a **Student Aide Form** and were selected to be a teacher's student aide.
4. Students (seniors) are missing a class needed for graduation or college admissions.
5. A core class that you have already passed is on your schedule

Schedule request changes should be reflected in your online schedules via Infinite Campus by August 14.

## **FALL SPORTS:**

Fall team sports begin practice on Aug 6th. This is the first official day and all athletes must be registered, the athletic fee paid, and have a current sports physical on file with Sue Derden, Athletic Secretary. Students who do not have these

important forms completed and turned in WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE until they are submitted. **Take care of this during registration to avoid missing tryout requirements or delays in processing.** Please visit the [athletic website](#) to get current information about your son/daughter's sports.

To register for Sports, parents must go to [https://stvrain.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=2\\_High\\_Schools](https://stvrain.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=2_High_Schools). ALL athletes must register and pay through this site. If your family has a hardship due to financial constraints, please talk to us. Scholarships are available. Questions??? Please contact Chad Eisentrager, Athletic Director, or Mrs. Derden, Athletic Secretary.

## **POLICIES YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF:**

- 1. Knives in School** - In keeping with board policy, we will have a “no tolerance” policy on knives in school. Our intent is to keep Mead High School a safe place for students to learn and achieve. There is NO reason for a student to carry a pocket knife or any other type of blade on campus. There will be disciplinary action if a student is found carrying a knife.
- 2. Dress Code** - Dress code will be reinforced throughout the year. There should be a 2” strap on all tank tops. Underwear and private parts must be covered, and no short shorts or short skirts. No hats/hoodies, bandanas, or inflammatory clothing that references gangs, alcohol, violence, drugs or sex. Please consider this as you are purchasing new school clothes for your child. Students violating dress code will be asked to change or we will call home and ask that parents bring in appropriate dress.
- 3. Hats** - We will continue to ask our students to remove their hat/hoodie in the building. Our goal is to prepare students for the business world that is all around us. Many careers require a hat to be removed out of respect for customers or business associates. Please respect the wishes of our teachers as we prepare your sons/daughters to transition to college and, eventually, careers.
- 4. Headphones** - We will not allow headphones during the academic period. The only exception would be a teacher directive to listen to a podcast, lesson, or video online. We only have 7.5 hours of instruction over 2 weeks to impact learning and thinking. It is essential that students are “plugged into” the lesson.
- 5. Cell Phones** - Cell Phones should not be used during the academic period. We ask that parents and students do not text/call students during class time. Our teachers will not be using their cell phones during class, and it is our desire that our students act “professionally” as well. If you must get information to your child, please contact the front office and we would be happy to pass a message along. Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to value your child's and other students' instructional time.

## **STUDENT RESOURCES:**

We had the wonderful opportunity to hire an additional counselor this year (thank you Dr. Don Haddad). Because of this, we are resorting the alphabet to better serve student and family needs. **Please direct your first point of contact to the appropriate administrator assigned to your child's personal needs.**

	Lisa Schwartz/Calan Anderson	alpha F - L
	Chad Eisentrager/Maura Brady-McMullen	alpha M - Sa
	Doug Gordon/Rebecca Miller	alpha Sb - Z
Interventionist	Pedro Linsenmeyer	available Mon., Wed., Fri.
Student Resource Officer	TBD	on staff daily
School Psychologist	Andrea Wolfe	full-time in building

### **STUDENT PARKING:**

The parking lot is an extension of Mead High School. A fee of \$5 will be charged for a yearly **parking pass**. Students can purchase these online or during the Mav Corral. They must have a valid ID or driving license, and documentation of insurance to purchase a parking pass. Each student will receive a MHS sticker for their front dash. This must be present for a student to park at Mead High School. Students will not be allowed to hang out in their cars during lunch or off periods. We will be strictly reinforcing this policy throughout the school year. [Mead HS Parking Form - Parent/Guardian](#)

We have an open campus at lunch for Juniors and Seniors ONLY, with parent permission. Please make sure that the **Parent Permission Form** is on file in the front office before you leave campus for lunch. Freshmen and Sophomore students will not be allowed to leave campus for lunch at any time.

**Thank you, in advance, for driving cautiously in our parking lot and keeping our students safe.**

### **STUDENT FEES:**

1. All students will be assessed a \$10 fee on IC for their class t-shirt. T-shirts will be designed by each class and handed out to students during Homecoming week in October. We wear these with great pride!
2. Parking passes can be purchased for \$5/year.
3. Athletic participation fees are \$150, the same as last year.

### **VOLUNTARY FEES:**

1. We recommend a “voluntary donation” to the Mead Education Foundation of \$10 per year per family. This organization is instrumental in helping with large projects in the building that directly affect our students and community i.e. special student activity trips, college visits, educational resources outside of what our budget can handle, teacher training, etc. **Please visit their booth during registration or donate on our [website link](#) under the “invest” tab.**
2. We recommend that families get involved with the school community by supporting or joining the “Mead Booster Club.” Statistics show that the more closely involved a person is in an organization, the more success they will have. We need the support of our families. Please consider volunteering in the following ways: working events, chaperoning student activities, donating funds for sports teams and providing meals for school functions, etc. **Please visit with the Mead Boosters during registration to see how you can best serve or visit the [Boosters website](#).**

I am looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year. I truly believe that our young people are the best investment of our time, energy, and resources. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Mead community and to carry on its great traditions. See you in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

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