



VISTA MURRIETA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK 2022-2023

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bronco Students and Parents:

We are excited to welcome you to Vista Murrieta High School, *Home of the Broncos*. At our core, our staff is committed to supporting student growth and achievement, while helping your student reach their fullest potential. At Vista, you will find that everyone has a seat at the table, and I encourage every student to immerse themselves in the vast opportunities and experiences that are created, with students, for students. Students who find their voice and are actively engaged in campus life, are typically more academically successful. Your willingness to try something new and engage in campus culture will enhance your high school years and provide a unique and memorable experience. Whether your interests are athletics, activities, academics, the arts, or over 100 VMHS clubs and organizations, we are sure you will find your niche.

As Broncos, we strive to live up to the standards of CLASS – Character, Leadership, Attitude, Scholarship and Service. As we transition back to the traditional educational model, it is important to give yourselves grace, while committing to a positive attitude and mindset that is essential to your success and personal growth. I encourage you to set goals that will challenge and prepare you for life after high school. Your willingness to stretch yourselves to reach your personal best will pay dividends, in whatever post-high school path you may choose.

To our returning Broncos: Continue to lead the way for our underclassmen by being the example of CLASS in all that you do. Take the rigorous courses, maintain good study habits, and establish yourselves as leaders who are passionate and solution oriented.

On behalf of the Vista Murrieta High School staff, I welcome our Broncos to the 2022/23 school year. Our staff is excited to partner with you, as we pursue excellence for all students through Character, Leadership, Attitude, Scholarship and Service, while preparing for success in college, careers, and beyond!

Make it a great year and let all you do, be done with CLASS!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Scallion
Principal

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Vista Murrieta High School community is to inspire every student to think, learn, achieve, care and live through C.L.A.S.S. - *Character, Leadership, Attitude, Scholarship and Service*.

VISTA MURRIETA ALMA MATER

Vista Murrieta Broncos true,
We pledge our hearts and minds to you.
Pursuing victory with class,
Our pride in you will forever last.
As we raise our colors blue and gold,
We'll help our history to unfold.
As we gaze across our valley wide,
We'll blaze through life with Bronco pride.

C.L.A.S.S.

What does it mean to be a Vista Murrieta High School Bronco?

It starts with the way that we do business every day; in every classroom, at every school activity ~

And, in the way we interact with each other - doing everything with *C.L.A.S.S.*

CHARACTER

C = CHARACTER BY...

- Showing respect and compassion
- Acting with personal and academic integrity
- Following school behavioral expectations
- Pursuing success with honor

LEADERSHIP

L = LEADERSHIP BY...

- Modeling positive behavior within the school community
- Contributing to a culture of positive risk-taking
- Engaging in collaborative learning experiences
- Participating in extracurricular opportunities

ATTITUDE

A = ATTITUDE BY...

- Displaying motivation for academic excellence
- Accepting rigorous challenges
- Contributing to a positive school culture
- Welcoming feedback
- Embracing the culture of life-long learning

SCHOLARSHIP

S = SCHOLARSHIP BY...

- Demonstrating effective work habits
- Taking ownership of individual learning experiences
- Aspiring to perform at personal best
- Using communication, information and technology to enhance learning
- Implementing and completing a four-year academic and career development plan

SERVICE

S = SERVICE BY...

- Contributing to the well-being of global society
- Exercising positive citizenship
- Participating in a variety of community service opportunities
- Contributing to a clean, safe and orderly school environment

ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT STAFF

Administrative Staff

Celeste Scallion, Principal	TBD, Site Secretary x6798
Rosa Velardez, Assistant Principal.....	TBD, Secretary x6778
Mike Duran, Assistant Principal.....	Shanitra Ridley, Secretary x6678
Carl Galloway, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	Mellanie Harter, Secretary x6781
Heather Just, Assistant Principal.....	TBD, Secretary x6689
Shane Sands, Assistant Principal.....	TBD, Secretary x6778
Brianna Woods, Assistant Principal.....	Courtney Hansen, Secretary x6777
Shannon Kush, Activities/ASB Director	Chris Pasciuto, Secretary x6791

Counseling Staff

TBD.....	x6789
Silvia Osorio.....	x6687
Dione Tyler	x6785
Aurora Padilla.....	x6776
Karen Candaele.....	x6775
Claudia Hill.....	x6685
Eric Peterson.....	x6779
Sandie Valenzuela.....	x6772

Support Staff

Guidance Technician A - K.....	Michelle Morris x6684
Guidance Technician L - Z	Debra Rausa x6774
Guidance Technician, College Career Center.....	Cara Finch x6589
Secretary West Hall Guidance	Jackie Moran x6690
Secretary East Hall Guidance	Kristin Fuller x6676
School Resource Officer/SRO.....	Murrieta Police Department Officer, Gabe Aponte x6753
Activities-ASB/Secretary & Student Store.....	Chris Pasciuto x6791
Athletics Secretary.....	Mellanie Harter x6781
Bookkeeper.....	Cherie Lauridsen x6784
Assistant Bookkeeper.....	Esmeralda Vasquez x6795
Office Clerk III.....	Nina Knauer x6790
Office Clerk I.....	Pam Hill x6761
School Psychologist.....	William Bennett x6574
Attendance Clerk –Grades 9/10	Diane Castle x6677
Attendance Clerk – Grades 11/12	Bless Guevara x6773
Attendance Clerk (Front Office Window-Check-In/Out)	Maria Salgado-Adams x6783
School Nurse	Lucie McCarthy, R.N. x6796
Health Technician.....	Kendra Grasso x6793
Library Technician II	Tammy Hino-Quan x6760
Library Technician I	TBD x6751
Receptionist.....	Anjy Macoskey x"0" or x6797
Theater Technician.....	Michael Ruiz x6536
Locker Room Attendant - Boys'.....	Gerald Rodriguez x 6709
Locker Room Attendant - Girls'	Jenny Bland x6714
Campus Security: Kaylee Olsen, Kip Cothran, Danny Jaime,	
Joe Macoskey, Carol Lang, Chad McDonald, Cindy Jacobson	x6583
Kitchen.....	Marcia Falconeri, Lead x6581
Lead Custodian.....	Ray Madrid x6740

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

When a student, parent/guardian, or community member has a complaint alleging that specific action, policy, procedure, or practice is discriminatory or wishes to file a formal complaint in another area of concern, the district and VMHS follow the uniform complaint code. Complaints are made in writing and submitted to an administrator or to the district support center. All parties involved in the complaint shall be notified of the complaint. The usual procedure includes a meeting/hearing and notification of the decision to all involved. The complainant is notified of his/her right to appeal the decision.

PATHWAYS

The college and career pathways provide our students with the opportunity to pursue areas of interest in the following fields: Health Science, Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, Arts, Media, and Entertainment, Architecture, Information and Communication Technologies, and Public Services. In addition to taking required courses for graduation and college entrance, students can pursue a relevant and meaningful education by enrolling in online/hybrid, and Career Technical Education (CTE) and college courses. Students can earn graduation regalia within the pathways if they complete the requirements for the pathway pin by the end of their senior year.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

The Murrieta Valley Unified School District is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education and in employment and does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived ancestry, age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, immigration status, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, parental/marital or family status, primary language, medical condition, genetic information, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The Board prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any student based on the protected characteristics named above. (MVUSD [AR/BP 1312.3](#), [AR/BP 4030](#), [AR 4031](#), [AR/BP 5145.3](#), [BP5146](#), [BP5131.2](#))

For any concerns or questions regarding discrimination, Equity or Title IX, please contact:

Dale Velk, Director, Student Support
(951) 696-1600 X. 1155
dvelk@murrieta.k12.ca.us

For any allegations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, please contact:

Howard Dimler, Executive Director, Student Support Services
(951) 696-1600 X. 1037
hdimler@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Students have the right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs. More information about these rights is available from the California Attorney General, [Know Your Rights](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

MESSAGES & DELIVERIES

Students should be responsible for remembering their own work, lunches, clothing, sports equipment or other necessities; therefore, we **do not** accept items for drop off or for delivery to students. Students should be encouraged to accept the consequences if they neglect these responsibilities. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to reserve this function for true emergencies.

CLOSED CAMPUS

VMHS is a closed campus. During break and lunch periods, students are to remain on campus. Unless a parent/guardian provides a written request through attendance personnel, students will always remain on campus.

SCHOOL VISITATIONS

In order to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment, students' friends, visitors, or alumni without specific school business, ARE NOT allowed on campus at any time between 8:00am and 3:30pm. Parent or guardians interested in classroom observations or shadowing must contact the school 24 hours prior to the visitation to ensure that personnel is available to accompany you during your visit and to make sure all documentation is completed properly. Prior to enter-

ing campus, all visitors must show a current photo ID and be checked in through the Raptor system at the reception desk in order to receive a visitor's badge. We highly guard student learning time; therefore, it is important not to disturb teachers and students during instruction. If your desire is to meet with an administrator, please call ahead for an appointment, as most drop-in requests are difficult to accommodate.

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Often, parents want to contact a teacher and are able to do so via telephone or email. Every teacher has a telephone with voicemail, as well as an email address. All this contact information can be found on the VMHS website at www.vmhs.net under *Staff Directory*. We make every effort to communicate in an accurate and timely manner, but it is critical that students check their 9-digit student emails on a regular basis. Families need to ensure that their contact information provided to the school is accurate and updated in Aeries as well. If you are unable to make modifications to your contact information using your Aeries portal, please contact our guidance technicians for assistance.

COMMUNICATIONS

With the many changes that can happen over the course of a school year, there may be additions or deletions to this handbook. It is extremely important that all students and parents look for timely communications from the school via student and parent emails, Canvas portal, Aeries/Parent Square Communications, and school's website. Teachers, counselors, school administration and the MVUSD utilize digital communication tools to keep our families informed. The *Pony Express* is the VMHS weekly digital newsletter emailed to parents, students, staff and community members. This is a great way to find out about current and upcoming school activities, testing, important events, sports, community service opportunities and breaking news. While most families have internet access, other forms of communications which are utilized include: the Daily Bulletin which is broadcast on BNN (Bronco Network News) to students in all classrooms, a school-to-home automated telephone system for attendance and notification on important and emergency issues as well as Aeries communications and Canvas messaging. Please ensure your communication settings are on. You may always call the reception desk at 894-5750 x '0' to have questions answered.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

There are staff protocol and systems in place to assure a safe environment for all students and staff. VMHS is a closed campus. All visitors are required to provide picture ID, sign in at the reception desk and receive a guest pass. Specially trained campus security staff and administrators supervise all areas of campus and meet regularly with the local police department. A Murrieta Police Department officer (SRO-School Resource Officer) is also assigned to campus during school hours. Students and vehicles parked on school property are subject to search based upon reasonable suspicion and safety issues. Administration reserves the right to determine the basis for reasonable cause for search. All property is subject to search and seizure while on campus. VMHS has an extensive video-surveillance system, along with a 24-hour security patrol, as deterrents to crime. The district provides regular canine visitations to search for illegal substances. All students, staff and community members are encouraged to utilize www.wetip.com (7 days/week, 24 hours/day) to report suspicious campus activity or crime information at 1-800-78-CRIME. **Hear Something, See Something, Say Something.**

PURCHASES

Purchases may be made with a bookkeeper between the hours of 8:00-4:00 or via the Trading Post On-Line, which allows students/parents to easily purchase items and pay for student activities securely through the internet. Students will only be allowed to purchase from the bookkeeper before school, during break, lunch or after school. Throughout the year, many types of transactions may be necessary including purchase of P.E. clothes, yearbooks, dance, play, concert tickets and much more. VMHS only accepts cash or credit card for all purchases. To buy online, visit www.vmhs.net, click on the Trading Post Online, create a secure account by clicking on the set-up button, complete the required fields and choose a username/password. You must have the student 9-digit permanent ID number.

STUDENT PARKING

Students must obtain a parking permit from the Bookkeeper before they can park a car in the student lot. At that time, they will receive parking regulations that require a parent signature. Students who do not follow parking regulations will be ticketed and assessed a fine or ultimately denied parking privileges. Students may park on campus in the student lot on the west side of campus (near athletic fields) or in any space that is not designated 'staff, reserved or visitor'. Students may not loiter in parking lots at any time (before, during or after school). MVUSD is not liable for any loss, damage or theft in parking lots. Students with excessive tardies and/or truancies may have their parking permit revoked with no refund as parking is a privilege. **Vehicles parked on MVUSD property are subject to search by Administration to ensure student safety.**

LATE START/EARLY RELEASE

Some senior and junior students may have the privilege of a late start or early release schedule. Late start students should not enter campus before break and early release students should be off campus before the start of last period. Student photo I.D. cards are required to leave campus early. If you have difficulty securing regular transportation, a full schedule will be provided.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are on Thursdays. The intent of the time is for students to receive tutoring, additional assistance and clarifications, and/or completing homework assignments.

Advantages

1. Students will have time within the school day to receive additional assistance, **complete their work**, and make up tests and quizzes.
2. Students may have access to computers who may not have access at home.
3. This is a definitive action step taken toward improving GPAs and test scores.

What Office Hours is NOT

1. Extra break time
2. Time to socialize or play games
3. Teacher prep time

SCHOOL-WIDE RULES & REGULATIONS

The goal of VMHS is to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy in the handbook for the 2022/23 school year. VMHS rules are based on a few simple considerations: appropriateness, courtesy and safety. Students should review the rules listed below, as they will be held responsible for knowing and following them at school and school events.

Progressive discipline consequences will be assigned to students who repeatedly fail to follow these established rules which could lead to suspension from school and ultimately expulsion from the district. Progressive Discipline and Restorative Practices will focus on intervention and support when appropriate. Other means of corrections, such as counseling, detention, Saturday School, On-Campus Intervention (OCI) and loss of privileges will be considered in lieu of suspension when appropriate.

1. Students are to always exhibit acceptable standards of behavior on campus and during school activities. After-school detention may be assigned to students who do not follow classroom or school rules. Failure to serve after-school detention may result in a Saturday School.
2. **Students MUST have their student identification card during school hours when attending school-related activities including games and dances.** Early Release/Late Start students must have their release period displayed on their student ID card.
3. Students **MUST** have a hall pass if out of class during assigned class time.
4. Cell phones are allowed on campus, and it is acceptable for students to use them during lunch or break. While in class, students must adhere to the individual teacher's cell phone policy, or cell phones should remain turned off and put away. Absolutely no cameras or recording devices are allowed to be used on campus without prior permission. Sending indecent pictures or language sent via cell phone, electronic bullying, or threats will not be tolerated.

If you choose to bring a cell phone or any other electronic device, you do so at your own risk. The school is not responsible for loss or theft of any electronic devices. Loss or theft of any item should be reported to the Student Support Office. Confiscated items may be picked up at the Student Support Office after school with a valid student ID.

CONSEQUENCES FOR CELL PHONE OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE VIOLATION

First Offense – The cell phone or electronic device is taken away by the staff member and placed in a secure location in the classroom. The student may pick up the device at the end of the day at the end of the period.

Second Offense – The cell phone or electronic device is taken away by the staff member and taken to student support office. The student may pick up the device at the end of the day.

Third Offense – The cell phone or electronic device is taken away by staff member and taken to student support office.

The student's parent or guardian must pick up the cell phone or electronic device. The student will also receive detention.

Continued violations may result in a Saturday school.

Teachers reserve the right to enact their own cell policies in their classroom. Students need to adhere the policy their teacher enacts for the class.

5. Skateboards, roller blades, scooters and bicycles are not to be ridden on campus at any time (day or night). These items may be locked in the bicycle rack near East Hall during school hours. If confiscated, these items may be picked up at the Student Support Office with a valid student ID. **The school is not responsible for loss or theft of any of these items.**
6. Publications, posters and announcements may only be distributed with prior administrative approval and only in designated posting areas.
7. Due to safety concerns, no students are allowed in hallways, during lunches or after school.
8. Lost and found and any unclaimed confiscated items will be stored in the Student Support Office. Items not claimed within 30 days will be donated to charity.
9. All fundraising or item sales must receive prior ASB and administrative approval before selling begins. **No individual sales permitted on campus.**
10. Restroom expectations: Filming, recording and photographing is never allowed in our restrooms. The restroom stalls are always limited to one person per stall.
11. Students on the "No-Go List" cannot participate in any co-curricular or extra-curricular activities. Students may be placed on the "No-Go List" for discipline, attendance, and/or grades. If a student needs to schedule an alternative time or activity to serve the consequences, the student should visit the Student Support office.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

Students must take personal responsibility for their academic performance and demonstrate academic integrity. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, or the attempt to copy assignments from other sources (another person or online), using notes without permission, turning in work that's done by someone else, forging, altering and/or duplicating school documents or signatures, plagiarism, sending text messages of answers, and using photography to capture / reference assessment data, assignment answers or other information. Consequences for academic dishonesty may be implemented by both administration and at the discretion of the teacher. This may result in zero credit for the assignment as well as progressive discipline. Consequence severity will increase if the offense repeats.

DRESS AND GROOMING

MVUSD Dress Code AR 5132(a)

The Governing Board believes that the responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rest primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians and that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. Therefore, the Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. School-directed changes to a student's attire or grooming should be the least restrictive and disruptive to the student's school day. Any school dress code enforcement actions should minimize the potential loss of educational time. Administration and enforcement of the dress code shall be gender neutral and consistent. This policy applies to all individual schools. Schools may not enact more restrictive or less restrictive dress and grooming codes.

Dress Code Enforcement

The administration retains the sole discretion to make the final determination whether clothing, jewelry, accessories and/or appearance meet acceptable standards. All school certificated and classified personnel shall be responsible for reporting violations of this dress code. When a dress code violation occurs, the student will be required to change into proper attire, and when necessary, contact will be made seeking parental cooperation and assistance. Continued violations of the dress code will be considered defiance and will be referred to administration for disciplinary action.

Administration reserves the right to determine appropriate dress code as fashion trends change. Students must abide by the VMHS student dress code on school spirit days.

Minimum Safe Attire

Student attire and grooming must permit the student to participate in learning without posing a risk to the health or safety of any student or school district personnel.

1. Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example dresses, leggings, or shorts) and shoes.
2. When the body is standing straight, clothing must cover the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from armpit to mid-thigh (at no time may any part of a student's buttocks be exposed). Tops must have straps.
3. Clothing must cover all undergarments. No underwear or undergarments may be visible at any time. Clothing may not be seen through.
4. Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, shop classes, field trips and other activities where unique hazards or specialized attire or safety gear is required. Bare feet are not permitted at any time.

Gang-Related Apparel

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

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received. As necessary, the school shall collaborate with law enforcement agencies to update definitions of gang-related apparel. The Governing Board believes that the responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians and that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment.

DEFINITION OF BULLYING

- Bullying is exposing a person to abusive actions repeatedly over time and becomes a concern when hurtful or aggressive behavior toward an individual or group appears to be unprovoked, intentional, and (usually) repeated.
- Bullying is a form of violence which involves a real or perceived imbalance of power, with the more powerful child or group attacking those who are less powerful. Bullying may be *physical* (hitting, kicking, spitting, pushing), *verbal* (taunting, malicious teasing, name calling, threatening), or *emotional* (spreading rumors, manipulating social relationships, extorting, or intimidating).
- Bullying can include any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including: communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, directed toward one or more students that has or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable student in fear of harm to himself/herself or his/her property; cause the student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his/her physical or mental health; or cause the student to experience substantial interferences with his/her academic performance or ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.
- Bullying also includes one or more acts by a pupil or group of pupils directed against another pupil that constitutes sexual harassment, hate violence, or severe or pervasive intentional harassment, threats, or intimidation that is disruptive, causes disorder, and invades the rights of others by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment, and includes acts that are committed personally or by means of an electronic act, as defined, that has any of the effects described above on a reasonable student.
- Electronic act means the transmission of a communication, including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, image, or post on a social network Internet web site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager. A post on a social network Internet web site shall include, but is not limited to, the posting or creation of a burn page or the creation of a credible impersonation or false profile for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described

above.

- Reasonable student means a student, including, but not limited to, a student who has been identified as a student with a disability, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his/her age, or for a person of his/her age with his/her disability.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

WHAT IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?

- Any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
- Uninvited behavior that makes being in the school offensive, negative, unfriendly and/or intimidating and leads to a hostile environment that makes learning difficult.
- "This for That/Something for Something Else" is another form of harassment. Examples: The manager at the fast-food place in which you work says that you will be fired if you do not engage in certain behaviors with him/her; someone blocking the door and refusing to let you through unless you agree to certain behaviors.

<i>FLIRTING</i>	<i>VS.</i>	<i>SEXUAL HARASSMENT</i>
Welcome behavior		Unwelcome behavior
Positive feeling		Negative feeling
Respectful		Disrespectful
Fun		Not fun
Flattering		Unpleasant
Enjoyable		Illegal

WHAT CAN BE DONE? TAKE ACTION!

BE ASSERTIVE: Tell the harasser to stop the behavior. Tell him or her aloud or in writing what behaviors you find offensive.

CALL FOR HELP: Ask for the help of someone you trust — your friends, parents or a person in authority. Tell them of your problem. Enlist friends as witnesses.

TAKE NOTES: Keep a detailed, written record of what was said and done to share with the person who investigates your complaint.

INFORM AUTHORITIES: Report offensive behaviors to security. Give details and provide witnesses. This action may stop the behavior.

FILE A REPORT/COMPLAINT: File a complaint against the person who is harassing you.

NEVER GIVE IN: If you are not satisfied with the results of your complaint, continue to take action and get help.

Sexual Harassment is based on impact to the victim, not the intentions of the perpetrator. If a student has been proven to have caused sexual harassment, he/she will be suspended and possibly recommended for expulsion.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Call the Attendance Line: 894-5750
(24 hours – 7 days a week)

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

Good attendance is a priority at VMHS and a key to academic success. Students are expected to be on time and prepared for each class. We need parental assistance in ensuring that this occurs, in following check-in/out procedures properly and reporting any absences in a timely manner.

RE-ADMITTANCE PROCEDURES AND CALLING IN ABSENCES

Parents should call the attendance line (894-5750) on the day their student is absent. If a parent has not called, students should return to school after an absence with a signed note from a parent or guardian that includes the reason and date(s) of the absence. Students are considered truant if the parent has not called the attendance line or sent

a note to school with the student at the time of readmission. It is important that all absences are cleared in a timely manner as California Education Code states that teachers do not have to give makeup work for unexcused absences. **Parents: Please contact your student's grade level Assistant Principal if your student will miss five or more days due to serious illness, hospitalization or injury.**

To report an absence, please call the attendance line at 894-5750. Press 1 for attendance; wait for the prompt then press 1 to report an absence. **This is a 24-hour number with full voicemail capacity.** Please contact us on or before the day of your student's absence and leave the following information: a) the student's name (spell the last name), b) date of absence, c) reason for absence, d) your name and relationship to student, and e) a contact phone number.

CALLING IN AN OFF-CAMPUS PASS FOR STUDENT DRIVERS

To assure your student's safety and to eliminate forged notes, please call 894-5750, press 1 for attendance and wait for the prompt, then press the number based on the grade level to speak to an attendance clerk. **Please call at least one hour PRIOR to the time the student is required to leave. You may also call the attendance line the previous day to leave the departure information.** If you send a note with your student, you will be contacted by the attendance office to verify the note. If we are not able to contact you, the student will not be allowed to leave campus. Students are not allowed to leave with other student drivers during school hours unless parents of both students call the attendance line to give authorization. Students who become ill during the school day may go to the Health Office during class time with a pass from the teacher, or anytime during break or lunch.

PICKING UP A STUDENT EARLY

Please come to the attendance window in the front office and present picture identification to the clerk and sign an Off-Campus Pass. Students will not be released to any individual not listed on the Emergency Card (filled out annually during registration), or you must make prior arrangements with the attendance office. Students will not be called out of class prior to the parent's arrival. **The attendance window is closed at 3:15 pm. Students will no longer be called out of class to leave campus.** If you need to take your student from a PE class, please call at least 1 hour prior to the time the student is required to leave; otherwise, students will be called out of class when parent or guardian arrives. Please note that retrieving a student who is in PE without prior notice may take an extended amount of time.

TRUANCY

A student is considered truant if they are off campus or out of class more than 30 minutes or is absent for more than three days without a valid excuse. Consequences: OCI, Saturday School, Parent meeting, referral to SRO and/or referral to School Attendance Review Board (SARB). Attendance: **Any students whose attendance rate drops below 95% for the fall semester or 90% for the year, may lose the opportunity to attend school sponsored events.**

Tardiness and Tardy Consequences

Timeliness to class is an essential aspect of academic success. Students who are not in class when the bell rings, are deemed tardy. Please provide a written excuse for each tardy, or phone the attendance office prior to arrival with the reason for the late arrival (illness, doctor appointment, or personal). *****Please note that traffic is not an excuse for tardiness.** Students are allowed five tardy infractions. The 6th tardy infraction will result in detention. A student will receive a Saturday School if they fail to attend detention. Failure to attend Saturday School will result in a rescheduled Saturday School or sent to OCI for the day. In addition, students may be placed on the No-Go List for upcoming extra-curricular activities. Continued concerns with tardiness will result in a parent meeting.

Breakdown of discipline:

- Student are allowed 3 cleared tardy infractions for personal reasons per semester. (This allows for unforeseen circumstances that prevent students from arriving to school on time periodically.)
This will not alleviate the students that choose to continue to be late.
- A student will receive a Saturday School if they fail to attend detention or accumulate 5 unverified absences. **Failure to attend Saturday School will result in a 1 day On Campus Suspension and student will be placed on No Go list for the remainder of the grading period.** 2 Saturday Schools or 10 detentions assigned will result in No Go list for the remainder of the current grading period and the next.

Personal Business/Family Trips

Students who miss school for pre-planned family trips or other personal business need to notify the office prior to the start of the absence. They must also **notify each teacher in writing five school days in advance** if they want to request work for

the period of time they will be absent. These absences are **unexcused** according to state guidelines. It is the student's responsibility to turn in makeup work on the day the student returns to school. Please note that makeup work completed during personal business/family trips may not coincide with class work and academic progress may be adversely impacted. **We strongly recommend personal business/family trips be scheduled during breaks.** ***Final exams will not be given early due to vacations or family trips.*** Students must prearrange pre-planned trips and make arrangements with the teacher to take the exam when the student returns from the trip. In order to not compromise common examinations, early finals will only be given in extreme situations. See Final Policies for more information.

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY To support academic success, our goal is to have all students in appropriate classes as quickly as possible. ***Schedule changes are considered for the following criteria:***

1. An incomplete schedule
2. Course already completed
3. Scheduled into a duplicate class
4. Prerequisite not met (includes level changes based upon prior academic performance)
5. Movement of Early Release or Late Start period
6. Missing graduation requirement
7. Course level placement issue

Fall semester requests for schedule changes will not be accepted after the 5th day of the semester and must be submitted to the appropriate counselor on the CLASS CHANGE REQUEST FORM no later than August 17th, 2022.

Midyear requests for schedule changes are not accepted after the 5th day of the semester and must be submitted to the appropriate counselor on the CLASS CHANGE REQUEST FORM no later than January 17th, 2023.

Important Change in A-G Course Work Schedule Drops or Level Changes:

It is the school's expectation that students complete the A-G College and Career Readiness Path at VMHS. If you are experiencing challenges in your coursework and are considering a schedule change, be advised the following steps need to be completed to level change or drop an A-G Course:

1. Meet with your counselor to:
 - i. Address accurate placement
 - ii. Review Academic Indicators for Success
 - iii. Review Gradebook Summary in particular class
 - iv. Get Counselor Recommendation for next steps
2. Parent and Counselor communication with completion of A-G opt out form
3. Participate in Intervention: ***After School Tutoring, Broncotorials***
4. Assistant Principal Approval for Course Change

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS

A student who drops a course during the first six weeks of the semester may do so without any entry on his/her permanent record. The student must continue to be enrolled in required courses for graduation and the required number of instructional minutes per day. **A student who drops a course after the first six weeks of the semester shall receive a W/F grade on his/her permanent record, unless otherwise decided by the principal or designee because of extenuating circumstances.**

REQUEST FOR TEACHER CHANGE

At VMHS, we believe it is in the best interest of the student to work through any difficulties that may arise in the teacher-student relationship. We realize that the rigor of high school coursework places additional demands upon our students and that they may become frustrated or despondent regarding their classroom performance. In most cases, a schedule change is not an

option; however, in unique situations administration reserves the right to make changes that are in the best interest of the student and/ or teacher. In all cases, students and parents should follow these guidelines:

1st- Contact the teacher in question and work through the situation

2nd- If the problem persists, contact the student's counselor and subject specific administrator to help mediate

GRADING SYSTEM

Most courses at VMHS are taught on a semester basis and are worth five credits per class per semester. Grades are computed on a four-point scale where:

A = 4 pts. B = 3 pts. C = 2 pts. D = 1 pt. F = 0 pts.

The Advanced Placement classes use a five-point grading scale where:

A = 5 pts. B = 4 pts. C = 3 pts. D = 1 pt. F = 0 pts.

Dual Enrollment:

The Dual Enrollment classes are weighted on a five-point grading scale. Three and four unit courses earn 10 high school credit on a five point scale. Five unit courses earn 15 high school credits on a five point scale.

Six-week, twelve-week and semester grades are available on student and parent ABI approximately one week after grades are submitted. Refer to ABC Bell Schedule in handbook for grading periods. Students without computer access can request a printed grade report in East Hall and West Hall Guidance Office. Weekly and daily progress report forms are available for students in East and West Hall Guidance Office.

NO-GO POLICY: Students are placed on the "No-Go" list for any of the following:

- GPA below 2.0
- Four or more tardies and any truanancies.
- Unverified absences.
- Major discipline issues.
- Outstanding library books or outstanding debt

Seniors not on track for graduation and have not completed credit recovery courses by April 2023, will be included on the No-Go list.

Broncotutorials Students with grades D or F in academic core classes may be recommended to attend Broncotutorials on Saturdays from 7:30am until 12pm. They will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and academic tutors. These will be offered throughout the course of the school year.

HOMEWORK & FINALS POLICIES

HOMEWORK

Homework philosophy is relevant and directly related to course objectives. The purpose of homework is one of the five examples listed below:

Introductory Homework	Introduce a new concept of information to be used later in class
Learning Homework	An assignment that adds to a student's knowledge base that can be done independently
Reinforcing Homework	An assignment that strengthens a student's knowledge base
Assessment Homework	An assignment to be graded that then helps guide instruction
Performance Homework	An assignment designed to allow the student an opportunity to demonstrate understanding and learning

Please scan the QR code for MVUSD's updated board approved homework policy.



MAKE-UP HOMEWORK POLICY:

When a student is absent from school, it is his/her responsibility to contact teachers upon returning to school regarding make-up work. *(Teachers may also be contacted via email or telephone. In most cases, students should review a teacher's Canvas page prior to returning to school to get homework assignments).* The time allotted for making up missed work will vary depending on the circumstances surrounding the absence, the actual time out of school, and the teacher's classroom policy. Each student will make arrangements with his/her teachers for turning in this work. If a student is absent for three (3) days or more, the parent should call and request the work. In situations such as these, teachers should be provided a 24-hour notice to prepare make up work.

The make-up policy for missing assignments when a student is not absent is at the discretion of the individual teacher. **Please read individual teacher guidelines for their specific homework policy.** Some teachers, although not all, accept late work, which may be turned in during the unit/chapter of study or within a specific period of time, with a penalty such as a reduced grade based upon the lateness of the assignment. Assignments may be corrected/resubmitted at the discretion of the teacher. Students are encouraged to correct/resubmit assignments when the opportunity arises.

FINALS POLICIES

Each semester ends with a final exam or culminating activity in each subject area. These exams are usually scheduled for the last 3-4 days of the semester. In many classes, final exam grades are an important component of the semester grade. Make up exams are permitted for **excused absences only**. Final exams are to be taken on the day scheduled (see the current school calendar for scheduled dates). The school believes in maintaining the fidelity of the end of course final; therefore, no finals are administered prior to the first day of finals for that particular semester. On the rare occasion that a final exam needs to be taken early, it must have the approval of the Vista Murrieta High School Administration, i.e., the student is moving to another state, and it is not feasible to take the final at the appointed time or due to acute medical conditions. The expectation is that all students take their final exams on the dates scheduled by district/school administration.

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION

The California Scholarship Federation, or CSF, is a prestigious academic organization that is exclusive to the state of California. Its purpose is to foster high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and citizenship. The basic requirements for student members are to maintain a 3.5 academic GPA and at least a satisfactory citizenship grade. Students apply on a semester basis, completing the required update of the membership form which evaluates coursework and grades to determine eligibility. The peer tutoring program, community-based service projects, and fundraising events become the focus of each semester's program.

Beginning with the second semester of the 9th grade, a student with a 3.5 academic GPA or higher may apply for membership in CSF. Once an application has been approved, the student is expected to attend regular meetings and participate in scheduled service/fundraising projects. Active members who maintain membership for four of five potential semesters are considered "life members" and are provided with a CSF pin and an embossed CSF golden seal on their diploma. There is eligibility for regional scholarships provided specifically for CSF members. Each year the VMHS chapter of CSF provides a scholarship for eligible CSF seniors who exemplify the best in the four areas of scholarship, leadership, service and citizenship.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is the nation's premiere and prestigious organization established to recognize outstanding stu-

dents. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Membership in NHS also challenges students to further develop skills through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Tenth and eleventh grade students with an academic GPA of 3.85 or higher will be invited once a year, in the fall, to complete an NHS application for membership consideration. Surveys are then read and evaluated to determine if the student meets the rigorous criteria in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Once a member, students are required to maintain a minimum academic GPA of 3.85, to attend all meetings, to provide evidence of individual community service and whole group community service, to engage in fundraising, to complete 40 hours of campus tutoring each year, and to pay annual membership fees. Mandatory meetings are held every Wednesday morning from 8am-8:25am (subject to change). NHS members can earn graduation Commitment cords if they have maintained all program expectations throughout their 10th-12th grades. All graduating members who have maintained program requirements will earn an official NHS Pin and will have the official NHS seal added to their diplomas.

TUTORING

FREE tutoring is offered Monday -Thursday to support students in any academic subject. There are academic tutors to support as well as subject specific teachers. Tutoring is offered in our school library and several science and math classrooms. In addition, VMHS also offers a math and writing lab that can be accessed during 5th period.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

A component of the high school graduation requirements adopted by the Murrieta Valley Unified School District is that every graduate complete forty (40) hours of community service. Community service must be for nonprofit organizations [501(c)3 tax status] – no babysitting or lawn mowing allowed. Current local opportunities are listed in regular email newsletters, as well as in the College & Career Center and announced on the daily news video *BNN*. If you have questions regarding community service hours, please contact your counselor or visit the College & Career Center. Log sheets are available in East/West Hall Student Support offices and at the Reception Desk and must be signed for all hours completed. A log sheet can also be downloaded from the school website from the College Career Center page under forms.

Totals required for graduation may be adjusted due to the Covid school closure.

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Hello Broncos!

Welcome to the Most Spirited High School in America...Vista Murrieta! Whether you're a member of the award-winning Golden Alliance Band, a leader in one of our highly-acclaimed programs such as ASB, Senate, Link Crew, PLUS, Renaissance, BBC, and JROTC, or an athlete out on our highly competitive playing fields, there is definitely something for everyone here at VMHS! We encourage each student to get involved and make the most of their experience at Vista. **CLASS** is our motto and we strive to aim high in each of these core principles: Character, Leadership, Attitude, Scholarship and Service. We encourage you to not just be a student at VMHS, but to join our Bronco family!

Our elected officers and student senators are a group of leaders whose goal is to connect all students to our campus by providing them the best quality service and genuine hospitality. Each student event is planned with care and compassion, as well as with the academic and social needs of our student body in mind. We would love to hear your input and ideas! The Activities Office is A139. Stop by to find out about upcoming events, clubs and organizations. Also make sure to visit the Trading Post (A140), our student store, which is located outside the main gym to purchase Bronco spirit wear, supplies, and snacks.

Have a great year...and do things with CLASS, the Bronco Way!

Shannon Kush- Activities Director

ASB CARDS

ASB Cards are the main source of income for our campus activities, recognition programs and athletic events. The ASB Card is an identification card and provides a variety of discounts for Vista Murrieta High School students:

1. Free admission to all home athletic events (CIF Playoffs and tournaments are excluded).
2. A discount at social events, dances and cultural events.
3. A discount on your yearbook and/or video yearbook when purchased at registration and discounts at businesses in the

community.

The ASB Card is priced at \$40. Activities supported by ASB Cards are social events, academic recognition programs, athletic recognition programs, cultural programs, assemblies, publications, such as the yearbook and newspaper, and academic clubs and organizations. An ASB Card saves money on tickets and purchases of many items such as dances, yearbooks and recognition letters for jackets and you get FREE admission to football and basketball home games. There is a \$5 replacement charge for a lost or damaged I.D. or ASB/I.D. Cards.

GENERAL POLICY FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS

1. Administrators and faculty members have full authority to admit, refuse admission to, or dismiss any student /guest from any event.
2. All VMHS students bringing a guest to VMHS events are responsible for their guest's conduct.
3. Participants at events are to be courteous, friendly, and polite. School regulations apply to students and visitors at all times during the event.
4. All events will be scheduled at the discretion of the Principal, Activities Director, and Student Government.
5. At all events, all students will be asked to present a Student ID card to enter.
6. Guests at school dances will be required to obtain a guest pass before the dance, present a photo ID at the door and arrive with the VMHS student they are a guest of. Guest passes are due with payment to the bookkeeper's office by 4:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the scheduled event. Guest passes will not be issued at the time of a dance. Vista Murrieta High School students must bring their I.D. card when attending school dances and activities.
7. Students are not to loiter on or near campus after school events. At events at other sites, the same rule applies.
8. Students or guests who do not display appropriate behavior at a school event will be required to leave. Parents or guardians will be contacted and must pick up their student immediately. The student or guest will remain with the administrator in charge until the parent or guardian arrives.
9. Any student placed on home or in-school suspension by an administrator may not attend or participate in school events for the duration of the suspension.
10. Any student removed from an event due to poor behavior will not receive a refund if a ticket purchase was required for entry.
11. Students are responsible for keeping their academic and behavioral records in good order. If a student has **any** of the conditions listed below, he/she will be put on the No-Go List for six weeks and is unable to attend school dances, assemblies and other school events:
 - Outstanding fines/fees due (clubs, library, athletics, parking)
 - Overdue library or textbooks
 - Attendance issues (cuts, tardies, truanancies, unverified absences)
 - No-show to Saturday school/s
 - Discipline issues, no-show to Saturday School/s
 - Inappropriate dancing, No-Go List for next dance
 - Suspensions
 - SENIORS ONLY:
 - No-show to detention/s
 - GPA below 2.0

Community Service Hours not completed by 2/28/2023 must be cleared by counselor

Any class grade that is a D or F must be cleared by counselor and administrator

Any Senior Contract violation

- FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORE, & JUNIOR STUDENTS:

Students that receive a failing grade in any course needed for graduation and/or the student falls below the 2.0 GPA, he/she will be added to the No-Go List until the next grading period or until the student is cleared by a counselor and administrator. When the student achieves a 2.0 or above, he/she will become eligible

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

- Marching Band •Jazz Band •Wind Ensemble •Drum line •Color Guard •Drama •Dance Team and Dance Crew
- Concert Choir •Advanced Chorale •Chamber Choir •Synchronize Vocal Jazz •Cheerleading

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Vista Murrieta High School offers a large variety of clubs on campus – over 80! A Club Rush (an information day) is held at the beginning of the first and second semester of each year in the Quad where you can meet members and sign up if you are interested. New clubs can be formed at this time if they meet school and District guidelines. Contact the Activities Secretary if you wish to start a new club. Clubs must have a staff advisor as the sponsor and meet during lunches or before/after school. For details about currently active clubs, view details on the VMHS website at www.vmhs.net or in Canvas on the Bronco Life tile.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

All students involved in co-curricular activities must pass a minimum of four classes and earn a 2.0 (C-average) minimum GPA or he/she is ineligible to participate. Some groups may have a higher GPA requirement. In which case the GPA will be stated on the application. Student grades leaving 8th grade determine initial eligibility and eligibility is determined every six weeks.

BRONCO DANCES

VMHS hosts a variety of dances throughout the year which include the Back-to-School Dance, Homecoming Dance, Prom, and MORP. Students must have I.D. cards to attend any school dance. Students must attend school on the day they attend a dance. The cost of a dance varies and, in most cases, ASB cardholders enjoy a savings. When your guest for the semi-formal/formal dance is not a student of Vista Murrieta High School, you must obtain a guest pass from the Activities Secretary which includes a signature from an administrator. Shoes must be worn at all times. No student shall attend a dance if he/she is on the No-Go list.

REMINDER: All Vista Murrieta High School students are responsible for the actions and behavior of their guests. All guests must be a high school student or under the age of 21. A student who leaves the dance may not return. VMHS ADMINISTRATION has the right to refuse any guest pass.

The Bronco Dance Policy positively impacts student behavior and addresses safety issues at school and district-wide dances by clearly describing dance rules/regulations and the consequences for rule violation. This policy ensures consistency across MVUSD high school sites for the handling of consequences for inappropriate dance behavior and reduces disruption of dance activities due to the actions of some students.

To prevent inappropriate dancing and ensure student safety, students are expected to understand the dance rules and are required to sign the Dance Policy portion of the Acceptable Use contract during registration each year. Please review and familiarize yourself with the following dance policy.

BRONCO DANCE POLICY & BEHAVIOR RULES: VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE DANCE FLOOR OR EVENT

Must be Standing Up

- No lying on the floor
- Both feet must be on the ground

No Groping or Inappropriate Touching

- No touching someone below the waist

No Bending Over

- No hands on the floor; no head below the waist

No Hurting Others (or dancing that could potentially hurt others)

- No jumping on other people
- No "mosh pits" (intentional pushing, crowding, or smashing other dancers)

STUDENTS WHO USE ALCOHOL, ANY ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE, DOES NOT MEET DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS, OR VIOLATES THE ABOVE RULES, WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT. IF A STUDENT IS ASKED TO LEAVE FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN, AND ATTENDANCE AT FUTURE DANCES MAY BE PROHIBITED.

Student Informational Assemblies/Activities will occur at the beginning of each school year to ensure that all students un-

understand the dance rules and consequences and the process required to participate in school-sponsored dances.

ASB Cards may be used for discounts for advanced purchase of dance tickets.

Violation of Dance Rules will result in student removal from the dance and notification of the parent. Repeat violations, which are considered defiance, at subsequent dances may result in the loss of privilege to attend school-sponsored dances for the remainder of the current school year.

Regular Reviews of Dance Rules/Regulations by administration will occur through meetings during the school year with input from students, staff, and/or the community.

ALTERNATIVE CREDITS

Students may earn alternative credits toward graduation via non-Dual Enrollment college credits while still attending high school (Ed. Code 48800). The following four criteria must be met to earn these credits:

1. The course subject is included in the high school course of study or is approved by the high school Counselor.
2. The student must be in good academic standing at the high school with a minimum 3.0 GPA for academic courses, and a minimum 2.0 GPA for trade/vocational courses.
3. The student applies in writing for the credit. The student must complete the community college's Concurrent Enrollment form and turn it in to their Counselor, this also requires the principal's approval/signature.
4. District board policy limits the number of alternative credits a student may earn.

Out-of-District Instruction The district recognizes that students may desire to augment or accelerate their high school education in order to successfully reach various individual educational goals. As a result, the district has established procedures for students who wish to take courses in designated accredited educational institutions, local public community colleges or public universities. The following procedures apply to the acceptance of credits for Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) students who complete coursework in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in MVUSD. These procedures apply only to outside coursework completed, to be posted on the high school transcript, while a student is enrolled in a MVUSD school.

- a) For credit recovery, students are allowed to earn 10 high school credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university. Students can repeat courses required for high school graduation if the original grade is a "D" or "F" and they receive prior approval from the high school counselor. Ten high school credits per school year, with a maximum of 40 credits towards graduation, will be accepted from a student who takes courses in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in a MVUSD school. The superintendent or designee may approve an additional 10 credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university.
- b) For acceleration, high school students are allowed to earn 10 high school credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university to fulfill high school graduation requirements in the following areas: Visual and Performing Arts, second year of Physical Education and Electives. Incoming ninth grade students (the summer before the student enters high school) are allowed to earn 10 high school credits, which must be approved by the assigned high school counselor, from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university to fulfill high school graduation requirements in the area of Visual and Performing Arts only. The Visual and Performing Arts course must meet UC/CSU "a-g" entrance requirements. Ten high school credits per school year, with a maximum of 40 credits towards graduation, will be accepted from a student who takes courses in other designated accredited educational institutions while enrolled in a MVUSD school. The superintendent or designee may approve an additional 10 credits per year from a designated accredited educational institution, local public community college or public university.

POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

The VMHS counseling team offers a comprehensive guidance program addressing academic and career planning components. In conjunction with our College and Career Center and Guidance Technician, we have developed a purposeful agenda throughout the school year for each grade level. Systematically, students meet with their counselors at least twice each year developing their academic plan with a view towards post-secondary ambitions and possible pathways. Our counseling section on the school website and the VMHS Counseling Canvas addresses tasks and resources to assist students in post high school planning. This guidance process includes each student taking the ICT (Career/College) course their freshman year. We seek to amplify their pathway vision by providing a variety of presentations, fairs, workshops, post -secondary planning, and counselor facilitated labs. Students are

given tools which offer select web links and resources encouraging our students to investigate College majors, AA/AS degree programs, Career Certificate programs, college and community college searches, Vocational School, Art Institutes, Apprenticeships, and the Military.

Aligned with the national career development organizations and the nation's top university models, we assist and encourage our students to learn about themselves and their developing strengths and values through career assessments and expand their ability to explore the world of work by investigating career pathways in depth, matching education to career, and formulating career plans. There are many methods available to investigate occupations, their trends and related industries with the latest versions of software, and a multitude of resourceful websites. Our calendar of activities for each grade level includes those listed below.

Keep up to date on parent and student events which will provide you with essential information regarding post-high school planning and important dates by checking the website at www.vmhs.net, examining information on the VMHS Counseling Canvas, watching for AERIES communications, listening to announcements on BNN and reviewing the school email and newsletters.

SENIORS

Senior/Junior Night (Fall)

College Placement Exams-SAT, ACT (Fall)

Transcript & Senior Timeline Reviews (Early Fall semester)

College Application Workshops (October & November)

Financial Aid Support October-March

California Colleges Guidance Initiative – College/Career Planning (CCGI)

FAFSA Line by Line lab (January, February)

ASVAB assessment (Fall/Spring)

Cal Grant Applications-Inclusive with FAFSA online application (School submits GPA)

Registering for AP Exams (Oct.- Nov.)

AP Exam Administration (May)

Murrieta Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Application (Jan.-Feb.)

MSJC Applications (Fall/Spring)

JUNIORS

Junior/Senior Night (September)

Grade Level Expectations & Transcript Review (early Fall)

PSAT, ACT, & SAT (Fall & Spring)

Dual Enrollment Applications

Course Selection for senior year (Spring)

ASVAB assessment (Fall/Spring)

Career Education Fair (Spring)

Registering for AP Tests (Oct.- Nov.)

AP Exam Administration (May)

California Colleges Guidance Initiative – College/Career Planning (CCGI) 11th grade milestone

SOPHOMORES

9th/10th grade Parent Night (Oct)

Career Planning, Pathways and program of study

Course Selection for junior year (Spring)

Career Education Fair (Spring)

Registering for AP Tests (Aug-Oct.)

AP Exam Administration (May)

California Colleges Guidance Initiative – College/Career Planning (CCGI) 10th grade milestone

FRESHMEN

9th/10th grade Parent Night (Oct)

Course Selection for sophomore year (Spring)

AP Exam Administration (May)

California Colleges Guidance Initiative – College/Career Planning (CCGI) 9th grade milestone

LIBRARY INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

The library is open from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday for all students use. The library remains open all day, during breaks and lunches, and during scheduled class time for those students with passes. A current VMHS student ID is required to check out text/library books or devices. Library books are checked out for a 4-week period. If a library book should become overdue, please stop by and we are happy to renew it for you. Overdue notices are sent out from time to time as a courtesy to make students and parents aware there may be an issue. If you receive a notice, please take care of it by visiting the library. We offer desktop computers on the library floor for students along with printing (for a fee). All students log in using their school-issued Office 365 account. Textbooks, devices, and calculators are also checked out through the library. A technology agreement will need to be signed prior to device check-out. Students are issued a copy of their core textbooks to be kept at home. Additional textbooks are in class, and copies of textbooks are available for use in the library when students need to do homework. All books must be returned or paid for at the end of the school year. See the Textbook Policy for more information on textbooks. Additional information can be found at the school website.

MVUSD TEXTBOOK POLICY FOR GRADES 6-12

Textbooks become the student's responsibility from the moment that the student checks the book out until the moment he/she checks it back in to the library. Giving a textbook to a teacher or friend does not constitute turning in a textbook. Textbooks must be returned in person to the library before the end of the school year. Leaving textbooks in classrooms or outside is not recommended. If the book is stolen or damaged, the student is still responsible for the loss or damage. It is the students' responsibility to protect textbooks from rain, moisture, and from damage by siblings or pets. Students will be fined if their textbook is returned with torn pages, underlining, or writing in or on the book. If a textbook is lost or damaged beyond use, full replacement cost (the current price of the text) will be charged. For a damaged and repairable text, a replacement cost will be charged. Students have two weeks to look over the textbooks they are initially issued and if there is damage in a text, to notify the library staff. If students do not return their textbooks at the end of the school year, they will be billed for the replacement price of the textbooks, per *Board Policy 6161.2 and Ed Code 48904.3*, and their grades, transcripts, or diploma may be withheld.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TWO-HOME FAMILIES: No additional text sets will be issued before September 17, 2022 for families with two homes. Parents wishing for a second set must contact administration with details of extenuating circumstances for approval, but only if extra books are available. If school need arises, student must return 2nd set. The student is responsible for both sets.

WILLIAMS DECISION: Per the Williams Decision, all students are entitled to textbooks for basic core subjects to access homework. Any student who does not return textbooks, thereby denying other students access to these materials for homework, will not be issued a 2nd set, unless the 1st set is returned or paid for. Textbooks are available in the library before/after school and during lunch. There will also be textbooks available in class for in-class assignments. Arrangements can be made for other restitution, if the student is unable to pay for lost or damaged textbooks.

HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

A Health Technician is staffed in the Health Office during school hours to care for students. It is primarily a health office, not a health clinic, which means that we treat injuries that occur at school and only illnesses generally requiring a student to be sent home (vomiting, fevers, etc.). Health Technicians are unlicensed personnel who have CPR and First Aid Training. The Credentialed School Nurse (Registered Nurse with a bachelor's degree and post graduate credential in school nursing), Lucie McCarthy R.N., may be contacted at VMHS any time if needed @894-5750 x6796.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Please keep this information current. It is the only way to locate parents in case of an emergency or if a student is ill.

Students are not dismissed from school due to illness unless a parent, guardian or designated person is notified. Call 894-5750 x6793 to update emergency contact names and home, work or cell phone numbers. Parents should have at least two local phone numbers that we can call in an emergency. When registering online, please make sure to complete the medication information section with any health concerns or medications for your student that we or emergency personnel should know. This is information that should be updated annually either with an updated Emergency Card or with online registration.

IMMUNIZATIONS

A student enrolling in a California School must show proof of immunizations. For information regarding immunizations required, go to www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/ For further questions regarding immunizations, contact the health office at VMHS or the Riverside County Immunization Hotline at 1-888-246-1215

MEDICATION

California Education Code 49423 states: **Any student taking medication during school hours must fill out a special form in the health office and the form must be signed by the doctor and parent.** Please contact the Health Office if your student needs to take medication at school. Medication must be brought by the parent/guardian to school in the original prescription container. **Medications CANNOT be brought to school and kept in purses or pockets.** This also pertains to any over-the-counter medications (Tylenol, Advil, etc.) State Law does allow students with asthma to carry inhalers and students with severe allergies to carry epi-pens as long as the student's parents and doctor give permission, which must be on file in the Health Office. Forms are available in our Health Office or visit the Parents/Health Services page on the district website.

HEALTH CONCERNS

If a student has any health concerns, we need to be aware of, such as arthritis, scoliosis, hearing loss, heart problems, diabetes, allergies etc., please notify the School Nurse, so we can work together in making necessary adjustments to ensure the student's success at VMHS.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

As a reminder, injuries frequently occur with students and your medical insurance may not cover all the costs. A low-cost accident insurance policy is available for parents to purchase to help offset those costs. Please review your medical coverage and consider accident insurance if your family has a need. This information is available at the beginning of the school year in the school's main office.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2022-23
OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES PROGRAM AWARDS 2005-2021

ASB President.....	Luke Files
ASB Vice President.....	Cole Walker
ASB Secretary.....	Jigar Patel
ASB Treasurer.....	Fatima Saadat
Speaker of Senate.....	Gordon Uhler
Senate Parliamentarian.....	Eryn Arun
Secretary of Senate.....	Kai Wallace
Senate Social Ambassador.....	Katie Rodriguez

CLASS OF 2023 ~ SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Advisor: Debbie Rausa & Cara Finch

President.....	Travis Keeler
Vice President.....	Jalyn Julian
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Ava Dittmar

CLASS OF 2024 ~ JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Advisors: Jackie Moran, Michelle Morris & Paulina Paulson

President.....	Ai Takashima
Vice President.....	Christian Frey
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Talia Ott

CLASS OF 2025 ~ SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Advisors: Ashley Harper & Kaysha Smith

President.....	Jett Bunch
Vice President.....	Rachel Barrios
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Isabella Acosta

CLASS OF 2026 ~ FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

Advisors: TBD

P. E. / ATHLETICS

P.E. CLOTHING

Success for a physical education student begins with attendance and preparation for class. All students are expected to “dress out” each class meeting in appropriate clothing. Clothing utilized must be different than that worn to a classroom for hygienic and movement purposes. A student’s choice in a PE uniform must take into account the environmental conditions as well as lesson for the day. PE specific clothing or “uniforms” consisting of a grey VMHS T-shirt (\$15) and navy gym shorts (\$15) may be purchased from the school bookkeeper and then obtained from the physical education staff. Appropriate student footwear includes shoes and socks and must be closed toed, non-marring, laced, rubber soled athletic type shoes. UGG boots or work type boots are not athletic shoes. Dress or casual pants, jeans, jackets and flannels are not allowed. Nonsuited students will be sent to the security office for appropriate discipline and possible Saturday school assignment. Students may wear VMHS sweats (bought through the bookkeeper) on inclement weather days. All other sweats must be of a single color; navy, black, gray or white, and may not be cutoffs or have any lettering or design other than VMHS logos/designs. Navy blue sweatpants (\$18) and hooded matching sweatshirts (\$30) are available for purchase through the bookkeeper. Waterproof backpacks can be purchased for \$17 or save \$8 when you buy a PE package for \$45 (Includes PE shorts, shirt, and backpack). Appropriate attire is expected to be worn for any class utilizing the pool, as well as dance classes (individual teachers will cover these specific requirements). The PE staff will not accept half-shirts, torn or altered shirts or inappropriate sized tops. A student’s name should be permanently written on all clothing to help prevent theft or loss. Borrowing or sharing uniforms is prohibited. Head wear or hoods are allowed when worn appropriately for sun protection or from extreme cold/wet weather. A limited supply of clean loaner clothes is available on a single period basis for students with a picture ID. Please see your coach for assistance with loaners or any economic concerns regarding PE clothing. All school dress code expectations are applicable in PE also.

P.E. attire may be purchased from bookkeepers at break/lunches (no personal checks accepted) or from the VMHS website www.vmhs.net at the Trading Post On-Line

LOCKS/LOCKERS

Each student is responsible for transferring and securing their own belongings. Sharing of locks/lockers is not allowed and students should not give their combination to others for any reason. Larger street lockers are available for a single period only for storage of backpacks and street clothes. These lockers must be cleared out at the end of the period for utilization by the next period classes. Items that will not fit in the lockers, such as band instruments, can be placed in the coaches’ office for the period with permission. Unfortunately, theft is a reality and students must use a school provided lock to utilize the larger VMHS lockers. All VMHS students are provided a VMHS lock at no cost to the student to use in the locker room, as the PE staff may retrieve items from lockers in case of injury or for security reasons using master keys cut for these locks. Assigned lockers are the property of VMHS and are on loan to students. Each student assumes the responsibility for the care and security of his/her assigned locker. The school accepts no liability for lost and or stolen clothing or belongings. Students are responsible for locking their belongings daily. Taking home clothing to wash will be encouraged!

ATHLETIC PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To participate in competitive athletics at Vista Murrieta High School a student must:

1. Have earned a minimum 2.0 or "C" grade point average on a 4.0 scale. (See Board Policy 6145 A&B) Students first entering high school from the eighth grade and not meeting initial eligibility requirements due to a grade point average below 2.0 will be allowed one probationary period to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. The probationary period shall not exceed the Fall progress report period or be allowed for any other time other than the period from the start of the school year to the first 30-day progress report.
2. Complete the athletic clearance process on athleticclearance.com

SPORTS PHYSICALS

A physical examination is required by CIF for each student prior to the beginning of the school year. Any student planning to participate in a sport (including cheer and dance) must have a sports physical. The athletic department will notify students and parents in the spring regarding athletic physical clinics for the coming year held on the Vista Murrieta campus.

PARENT NIGHT SPORT MEETING DATES

All sports will have a pre-season Parent Meeting that will be publicized in advance.

SOUTHWESTERN LEAGUE TEAMS AND TRAVEL DIRECTIONS:

Chaparral Pumas: 27215 Nicholas Rd, Temecula. I15 south, exit Winchester Rd, east to Nicholas Rd, left to school.

Great Oak Wolfpack: 32555 Deer Hollow, Temecula. I15 south, exit Hwy 79, south toward Indio, turn right on Pecharanga Parkway, left on Deer Hollow.

Murrieta Mesa Rams: 24801 Monroe Ave, Murrieta. Exit I15 Cal Oaks, go east to Monroe, and turn right to school.

Murrieta Valley Nighthawks: 24105 Washington Ave, Murrieta. West on Clinton Keith Rd, left on Palomar (turns into Washington), right on Nighthawk Way to school entrance.

Temecula Valley Bears: 31555 Rancho Vista Rd, Temecula. I15 south to Rancho California Rd, left on Rancho California, right on Ynez, left on Rancho Vista.

<i>FALL</i>	<i>WINTER</i>	<i>SPRING</i>
<u><i>August-November</i></u>	<u><i>November-February</i></u>	<u><i>February-March</i></u>
Football	Boys' Basketball	Softball
Girls' Volleyball	Girls' Basketball	Baseball
Co-ed Cross Country	Girls' Water Polo	Co-ed Track & Field
Girls' Golf	Boys' Soccer	Boys' Tennis
Girls' Tennis	Girls' Soccer	Boys' Golf
Boys' Water Polo	Boys' Wrestling	Co-ed Swimming
Cheer	Girls' Wrestling	Boys' Lacrosse
	Cheer	Girls' Lacrosse
		Boys' Volleyball
		Sport Cheer (Stunt)

GRADUATION REGALIA

Did you know you can earn special cords to wear at graduation? Cords are awarded in four areas - Commitment, Service, Academic & Military Enlistment. The commitment cord is for a 4-year commitment to a program on campus (or the max of any program, for example Link Crew is two years). Service cords can be applied for if a student has reached and documented over 200 hours of community service. These hours must be completed outside of the school day and in the community. Academic cords will be given to students who have earned a 4.0 or higher weighted GPA and have completed at

least four semesters of Dual or AP coursework. This will be confirmed by counselors and delivered to students by administration. Red, white and blue cords will be given to students who have committed to the military. Students can submit a copy of their military enlistment to the college career center.