

First Week of school

FAQ

How does my student know where to go the first day?

Lists in the Media Center will have your students' name. This list will show the first period teacher. Maps will be posted and staff will be walking around with map copies. In the first period, each student will receive their full schedule. Students will receive 4 copies of their schedule. Staff and Leadership students will continue to walk around during the first week to assist students with lockers and directions.

Will my child's schedule change?

Classes have to be balanced before the end of the third week of school. Due to enrollment changes, some classes may be added and some classes may be dropped based upon space. We will try to make as few changes as possible but some students' schedules will be changed due to the balancing of classes. If students want a schedule change they will have an opportunity to fill out a schedule change request at the beginning of the new trimester. Changes will be based upon space.

Where is the student handbook? What should my child do with it?

The student handbook is located in your child's agenda and also on the school's website under the "About Us" section on the left hand side. Students will be going over various parts of the handbook during the first week of school and will be bringing home the front page for a parent signature sometime during the first week of school. Please review this handbook with your child before school begins.

How does lunch work? Can my student buy lunch?

Students will have 3 stations where they can purchase lunch. Townsend has two lunches; each lasts 30 minutes. Parents can pre-pay for lunches on the school

district website just like in elementary school. Students will need their student ID number which is listed on the class schedule. Students can purchase lunch at any of these stations. Students do not have to sit with their class and can choose to sit with friends. The lines vary in their selection. Many students qualify for free and reduced lunches. Applications need to be completed every year by the end of September and are available on the CVUSD website under the Students/Parents heading.

When do students buy PE clothes? Do students have to dress for PE on the first day?

Students will have an opportunity to purchase PE clothes sometime during the first week. PE clothes are \$25 for shorts and a t-shirt. The PE Staff will assign a PE locker, pass out PE handbooks, and let the students know when they will start dressing for PE. Students start dressing the second week of school. Students do not shower but must dress out for PE. PE lockers have locks on them. Therefore, students do not need their own lock.

When/where should I drop off and pick up my student?

Students should be dropped off in front of the school on Ilex as early as 7:15. The school bell rings at 7:40 and many students are tardy if parents wait until 7:20 or 7:30 to drop off students in front of the school. Students are tardy if they are not in class, seated and ready to work before the bell rings. Student may also be dropped off or picked up at the side entrance on Duke St. After 2:00 PM, students will be instructed to wait in front of the school only. No students will wait on Duke St. or on the corner of Ilex and Glen Ridge because there is no supervision. After 2:00, there is little traffic in front of the school. Students are not welcome to loiter on campus after school, unless they are part of an after-school activity.

Parents can drop off items for their student in the office. The student's name will be written on the white board outside the office to notify them that there is an item in the office that needs to be picked up during passing period. Classroom disruptions will be minimized.

What should my student bring to school on the first day?

Students need to bring their agenda, backpack, and notebook (Refer to page 9 in the student handbook). Students can leave the textbooks at home that were checked out to them at registration. Individual teachers may have additional supplies that will be used in their classes.

Who do I ask or where do I check if I have questions?

The school website and the agenda are a great place to start for any needed information. Email or call teachers once you have the class schedule. Todd Finkbiner, 7th Assistant Principal, Michelle Usher, 8th Assistant Principal, and Sharyn MacCharles, Principal, can help you. Please feel free to visit, call, or email if you have any concerns or questions. (909) 591-2161