

Student Walkouts Expected April 20

At 10 AM tomorrow, April 20th, students across the country are again planning to walk out of their classes to protest gun violence in schools.

Some students at some AUSD schools have told us they are planning to participate in these walkouts. We think it's likely that students at other schools will also walk out.

As a reminder, AUSD supports our students' rights to collective action and free speech. Students won't be disciplined for their activities tomorrow, but middle and high school students will receive "unexcused" absences for the periods during which they are out of class, as is mandated under state law. In some cases, unexcused absences can also lead to other consequences. Please check with your principal if you have questions about this.

We appreciate the work our students are doing to engage in the political process and raise their voices to affect change. Please know, however, that AUSD won't be providing the same level of supervision as it did during the March walkouts. Please do talk to your students about the importance of being respectful and constructive if they choose to participate in activities tomorrow. We want our students to be politically aware and civically engaged. We also want them to be responsible and safe.