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**JOE WALKER MIDDLE  
 SCHOOL S.T.E.A.L.T.H.  
 Academy**

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**SCHOOL IDS MUST BE WORN AROUND NECK EVERYDAY**

**Regular Schedule (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday)**

PERIOD	ROOM #	TEACHER	TIME
Period 1			8:00-8:47
Period 2			8:50-9:37
Period 3			9:40-10:27
Hangar			10:30-10:35
8th-Period 6 6/7th-Period 4 (Lunch)			10:38-11:25
6/7th-Period 6 8th-Period 5 (Lunch)			11:28-12:15
Period 7			12:18-1:05
Period 8			1:08-1:55

**Activity Schedule (Thursday)**

PERIOD	ROOM #	TEACHER	TIME
Period 1			8:00-8:39
Period 2			8:42-9:21
Period 3			9:24-10:03
Hangar			10:06-10:13
Period 6			10:16-10:55
8th-Hangar Activity 6/7th-Period 4 Lunch)			10:58-11:43
7th-Hangar Activity 8th-Period 5 (Lunch)			11:46-12:31
Period 7			12:34-1:13
Period 8			1:16-1:55

**Minimum Day Schedule**

PERIOD	ROOM #	TEACHER	TIME
Period 1			8:00-8:34
Period 2			8:37-9:11
Period 3			9:14-9:48
Hangar			9:51-9:56
Period 6			9:59-10:33
8th-Period 7 & 6/7th -Period 4 (Lunch)			10:36-11:21
6/7th-Period 7 & 8th -Period 5 (Lunch)			11:24-12:09
Period 8			12:12-12:46



**JOE WALKER MIDDLE  
SCHOOL 2023-2024 CALENDAR**

**AUGUST 2023**

7 Classes Begin-Minimum Day  
7 First Quarter/First Semester Begins  
8, 28 Minimum Days

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

4 Labor Day Holiday – No School

**OCTOBER 2023**

6 First Quarter ends  
9-13 No School  
10 & 11 Parent Conference-No School  
16 Second Quarter Begins

**NOVEMBER 2023**

10 Veteran's Day Holiday-No School  
20 Lincoln's Day Holiday-No School  
21-24 Thanksgiving Holiday-No School  
27 Minimum Day

**DECEMBER 2023**

4 Minimum Day  
22 Minimum Day  
22 Second Quarter/First Semester Ends  
25-29 **WINTER VACATION – NO SCHOOL**

**JANUARY 2024**

1-12 **WINTER VACATION – NO SCHOOL**  
15 *M.L. King Holiday-No School*  
16 *Classes Resume-Minimum Day*  
16 *Third Quarter/Second Semester Begins*

**FEBRUARY 2024**

19 Presidents' Day Holiday – No School

**MARCH 2024**

15 Minimum Day  
15 Third Quarter Ends  
18-29 **SPRING VACATION – NO SCHOOL**

**APRIL 2024**

1 Classes Resume  
1 Fourth Quarter Begins

**MAY 2024**

27 Memorial Day Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**

**JUNE 2024**

6 Minimum Day  
7 **Fourth Quarter/Second Semester Ends**  
7 **Last Day of School-Minimum Day**

**JOE WALKER ATTENDANCE**

As we enter a new school year, we would like to inform you of our attendance policy at Joe Walker Middle School. As parents, you are a vital part of your child's success and future achievement. We encourage you to support your child by making sure that your student is in school every day on-time. Education is a continuous learning experience.

According to the California Penal Code and Education Code, "...each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years not exempted is subject to compulsory full-time education. Each person subject to compulsory full-time education...shall attend the public full time day school or continuation school or classes for full-time designated as the length of the school day by the governing board of the school district." Failure to comply with Penal Code and Education Code may result in court action. **Education, by law, is a parental responsibility.**

We are always willing to work with you to address issues or concerns which may be preventing your child from attending school regularly. Education is a partnership between the parents and the school. We must all do our part to give our children the best future possible.

**ATTENDANCE**

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## Joseph A. Walker

Joseph Albert Walker was born February 20, 1921, in Washington, PA. He lived there until graduating from Washington and Jefferson College in 1942, with a B.A. degree in Physics before entering the United States Army Air Force. During World War II he flew P-38 fighters for the Air Force, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Seven Oak Clusters.

Walker was a Chief Research Pilot at the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center during the mid 1960's. He joined the NACA in March 1945, and served as project pilot at the Edwards flight research facility on such pioneering research projects as the D-558-1, D-558-2, X-1, X-3, X-4, X-5 and the X-15. He also flew programs involving the F-100, F-101, F-102, F-104 and the B-47.

Walker made his first NASA X-15 flight on March 25, 1960. He flew the research aircraft 24 times and achieved its fastest speed and highest altitude. He attained a speed of 4,105 mph (Mach 5.92) during a flight on June 27, 1962, and reached an altitude of 354,300 feet on August 22, 1963. (his last X-15 flight). Joseph Walker was the first person to enter space twice and was also the first man to pilot the Lunar Landing Research Vehicle (LLRV) that was used to develop piloting and operational techniques for lunar landings.

Walker was the recipient of many awards during his 21 years as a research pilot. These include the 1961 Kinchella Award and the 1961 Octave Chanute Award. He received an honorary Doctor of Aeronautical Sciences degree from his alma mater in June of 1962. Walker was named Pilot of the Year in 1963 by the National Pilots Association. In his early years he was retraced in a 1961 edition of the television program "This is Your Life."

He was a charter member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, and one of the first to be designed a Fellow. He was fatally injured on what was normally a routine flight on June 8, 1966, in a mid-air collision when an F-104 he was flying collided with the No. 2 XB-70 high over Barstow. Joe Walker was married and had four children. Joseph Walker Junior High opened in April 1972, school board member Milt Stark's son proposed the school be named after the famous pilot.

Dedication ceremony for Joseph Walker Junior High took place on February 26, 1972. Ground size was 18 acres, at the time it included an Administration Building, Library, two pods containing 8 regular classrooms, science labs, two home economic classrooms complete with sewing and cooking, a woodshop and metal shop, resource centers, reading and study areas and multi-purpose centers in each.

Enrollment at Joe Walker in 1972 was 570 students. Cost to build the school was \$1,488,077.00 which included structure, furnishing and improvements. At the time of the dedication ceremony were Superintendent Dr. Roland Lampela, Principal Mr. Andy D. Rutledge Jr., Board of Trustees, Mr. O. Milton Stark, Mr. Jim Skalicky, Mrs. Reva Munz, Mr. Boyd Chaney, and Mr. John Aleso.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Joe Walker Middle School provides a safe and positive environment which promotes academic success in **Science Technology, Engineering, And Learning Through Humanities**. Through the collaborative efforts of school staff, students, parents, and community partners, STEALTH education creates critical thinkers, increases and develops the next generation of innovators to improve the world in which we live. At Joe Walker Middle School, student achievement is measured by a balanced assessment system using formal assessments as well as project based learning.

## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **RIGHTS OF STUDENTS**

1. To attend school and classes unless removed under due process as specified in the Education Code and district rules.
2. To be informed about school and district policy and regulations pertaining to students.
3. To receive appropriate educational programs designed to challenge his/her abilities and talents.
4. To attend school in an academic and social climate that is free from fear and violence and inappropriate disruptions.
5. To receive fair and reasonable treatment from those who are responsible for enforcing standards of student conduct.

### **EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS CODE**

In order for students to succeed at school, students need:

1. To comply with the regulations, pursue the required course of study, and submit to the authority of the teachers of the school.
2. To know and obey school rules and regulations.
3. To punctually and regularly attend assigned school classes.
4. To be prepared to work in class with needed materials and assignments.
5. To deliver correspondence between school and parents such as progress reports, report cards, and notices. (Delivery of notice to student shall constitute parent notification.)
6. To contribute to a positive learning environment through maintaining appropriate behavior.
7. To respect the rights and property of others, including the right to learn.
8. To conserve, enhance, and maintain the appearance of school buildings and grounds, school equipment, and instructional materials.
9. To maintain personal standards of dress and grooming appropriate to class and school activities

as stated in the Westside Union School District Dress Code Policy.

10. To comply with regulations requiring students to stay off any other campus while that school is in session or having an approved school function.

### **HOMEWORK! PARENTS CAN HELP**

1. **Check your student's Binder Reminder daily.**
2. Insist that your child use their Binder Reminder daily.
3. Call the teacher if you feel that your child is getting behind in one or more classes.
4. **Insist your child "teach you" their homework. If they can teach you they are prepared for class the next day.**
5. Check on-line grades weekly! Monitor on-line grades like you would an on-line bank account. (PowerSchool)

### **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL CLASSROOMS**

1. Arrive on time to class with all necessary materials.
2. Listen and follow directions of the teachers.
3. Get involved in class activities and do your best.
4. Show respect to others in the room and their property.
5. Treat school property with respect.
6. Complete assignments.
7. Do not disturb the teacher's teaching or another student's learning.
8. Stay in control of your behavior. Know that you are responsible for your behavior.

### **NEW ADDRESS?**

Please notify the attendance office ASAP if

- New phone number, home or cell
- New address
- Transfer to another school

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**

They provide information needed in case of personal emergencies and in the event of a major disaster. Students are required to have current emergency information on file in the office.

### **ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Low cost accident insurance is available to students. Contact office for more information.

### **MAY I SEE YOUR PASS?**

Students are not allowed out of the classroom during regular class times without a pass. Students also need a pass to be in the office area. This does not include students on medications or who have received an injury on campus.

### **MEDICATION**

The school form "Request for Medication to be Taken During School Hours" must be completed by parents and the physician and be on file before the school can permit medications to be used at school. Any student who is required to take medication

during the school day may be assisted by school personnel if the school receives the completed form. All medications are to be kept in the school office, this includes all inhalers and doctor-prescribed medications, as well as non-prescription medicines. (cough drops, pain pills, Tylenol, Advil, allergy medications, etc.)

### **ATTENDANCE**

Academic progress and success is dependent upon regular attendance. Absences are either excused or unexcused. The **only legally recognized excuses** for absences are student illness, medical or dental appointments for the student who is absent, or death of an immediate family member. All other absences are legally unexcused and have an effect on the district's income from the state and more importantly on your child's education.

All student absences must be cleared within 4 days of the absence. Those absences not verified by the 4<sup>th</sup> day will be considered truant. Students with excessive absences may be referred to SART/SARB. To verify an absence please call the Attendance Office at **661-974-8559**.

1. Bring a note that:
  - a. Has your name (first and last), the reason for your absence, and the date of absence signed by your parent or guardian.
2. If you need to leave school during the day, your parent, guardian, or designated person must pick you up in the office at the time needed. The adult must sign you out and have identification.
3. Report to the attendance office when you return to school to sign in and get a pass back to class.

### **TARDIES**

All excused tardies must be verified with the Attendance Office with a note at the time of the tardy or the parent must accompany the student into the office to sign them in.

Tardies are excused for the following reasons only:

- Personal illness
- Student Medical or Dental Appointments

All tardies which occur during class-to-class transitions will result in a lunch detention.

### **TRUANCIES**

Absences that are not cleared or unexcused tardies in excess of 30 minutes, or a combination thereof, are considered truancies. Any combination of three or more truancies may be referred to a school site SART (School Attendance Review Team) or SARB (School Attendance Review Board). If the student does not comply with the SART contract, the student

will be referred to the SARB where a truancy ticket may be issued.

The following absences are also classified as truancies and will result in a five (5) demerit referral and referral to SARB.

1. Absences from school without the knowledge and consent of the parent or guardian.
2. Leaving the campus during the school day without permission.
3. Staying out of class without permission.

### **CLOSED CAMPUS**

Joe Walker is a closed campus school. Once on campus, students are required to stay at school until dismissal time or unless signed out by a parent or guardian in the office.

### **VISITORS ON CAMPUS**

All visitors are required to check into the office and scan ID through the Raptor System. All scanned IDs will be verified through a national database to verify individual is safe to come on campus. A visitor's badge must be worn at all times.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Proper care and use of textbooks is each student's responsibility. Fines will be assessed for loss or damage to textbooks and library books. You are responsible for all of your textbooks at school and at home.

### **LIBRARY**

Students may visit the school library with their language arts class or with signed permission from another teacher. Our library houses over 9,000 volumes providing a large selection of books. Students may check out one book for a two-week check out period. Students who lose or damage library books will be required to pay for them.

### **SAFE TRANSPORTATION**

Bicycles are allowed as a means of transportation to and from school and must be locked in the bicycle area. The school is not responsible for damage or loss at school. **You must wear a helmet when you ride your bicycle to school and on the way home. Skateboards, skates, roller shoes and scooters of any kind may not be used for transportation to and from school** and will be confiscated.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Lost articles are kept in a "lost and found" barrel by the office. If you have lost clothing or personal possessions, inquire in the office before or after school.

### **WE CARE**

Requests to schedule time to meet with the

principal, vice-principal or counselor may be made by students, parents, or school staff. They can advise students about such things as school-related issues and problems, disciplinary problems, class schedules, personal concerns, testing or general school adjustment.

### **PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS**

The Board of Trustees for the Westside Union School District requires students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade to earn a total grade point average of 2.0 with no grades of "F" each semester.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Students must maintain a total grade point average of 2.0 with no grades of "F," and maintain 80 merits or more each quarter in order to participate in extracurricular activities and athletics.

### **CONFERENCES**

Conferences with parents and school staff are encouraged during scheduled conference weeks to discuss academic achievement or concerns related to behavior. Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences as questions or concerns arise. Communication is essential to student success. If you have concerns regarding your student's performance, directly e-mail your child's teacher.

### **SCHOOL LUNCH**

Our school cafeteria prepares and serves a hot lunch each day. Meals may be paid for on a daily basis or online at [www.mypaymentplus.com](http://www.mypaymentplus.com). Free and reduced priced meals are available for qualified students who apply. Applications for free/reduced meals must be submitted each year. Eligibility for free/reduced meals carries over for only one month into a new year.

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Joe Walker student activities are governed and planned by a Student Council consisting of a student body advisor, elected officers, and classroom representatives. All decisions of the Student Council are subject to final approval of an administrator.

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Annual fundraisers are conducted to raise funds for student projects, activities, dances and sports programs. The school yearbook is published by the yearbook class. School pictures are taken by a professional photographer each year and sold to students. These pictures are used for the school yearbook and the student body ID cards.

### **ID CARDS**

Student ID cards are required to be worn each day for identification and are also required for admission

to dances and other school events. Students will be issued ID cards and a Joe Walker lanyard at the beginning of the year. Students are required to wear ID's daily on their Joe Walker lanyard. If a student forgets their ID, they may get a temporary ID card at the student window behind the office. Students in need of a temporary ID must bring their binder to the back window with them. Every fifth temporary ID issued to a student will receive a lunch detention. If a student loses his or her ID card, a \$2.50 replacement fee will be charged. School issued lanyards must be worn with the ID card. Replacement costs for lanyards is \$2.50. Plastic ID holders may be purchased for \$2.00.

### **PTA**

The Joe Walker PTA is a key element in the life of our school. Memberships are available to all parents and provide a modest operating fund. Parent members also provide valuable support to school fundraising efforts. One primary purpose of this organization is to provide recognition to those students who achieve distinction in their studies, provide service to the school, display exemplary behavior, or serve in other noteworthy ways. Parents also represent our school at district functions, provide supervision at dances, and other valuable services.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Please make sure that you remind your students before they leave for school about any appointments they have during the day. Students must make their own arrangements before school on matters outside of the school day. Please do not disrupt classroom instructional time.

**No flowers or balloons can be delivered to the classrooms during the day; it is too much of a distraction.**

**Students are not allowed to receive personal phone calls during the day; however, we can get a message to them.**

### **MERIT & ASSERTIVE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM**

In an effort to help your student have a meaningful and successful year at Joe Walker, we use a merit system. Students begin each new semester with 100 merits. Merits are lost for violations of school rules, no shows at detentions, office referrals and inappropriate behaviors referred to the office, confiscations of cell phones, and accumulation of lunch detention.

Parents are an important asset to the merit & discipline system. Praise and encourage your son or daughter when they maintain their merits. You may receive a phone call when your child is disciplined by an administrator and loses merits.

Students maintaining 100 merits may be treated to special reward activities at the end of each semester. **Students who drop below 80 merits will lose their privileges to extracurricular activities.**

Citizenship Grades are determined as follows:

A= 95-100 Merits

B= 85-94 Merits

C= 75-84 Merits

D= 65-74 Merits

F= 64-0 Merits

### **STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

A student attending Joe Walker Middle School may rightly expect that the faculty and administrators will maintain an environment in which there is freedom to learn. Student conduct is expected to conform to district and school rules and regulations. Violations of such rules and regulations will result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, the following:

1. Lunch Detention (LD)
2. Demerits
3. Parent contact (letter or phone)
4. After School Detention (ASD)
5. Schedule modification
6. Campus clean-up; ie: paper pickup, etc.
7. Parent conference
8. Counseling
9. Loss of extracurricular activities
10. Restricted lunch (time and place)
11. Suspension
12. Saturday School
13. Modified day
14. Campus Change
15. Expulsion

### **DETENTIONS**

All detentions should be viewed as an alternative to merit loss or at-home suspension. Rescheduling of detentions should occur before the required detention. Students are expected to attend all detentions assigned. Failure to attend detention will result in a loss of merits and further consequences, including but not limited to: multiple lunch detentions, after school detention, or Saturday School.

### **SATURDAY SCHOOL**

Saturday School is provided as an alternative to suspension. Joe Walker has one Saturday School per month as a behavior intervention. Saturday School starts at 8:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm.

### **SPECIFIC SCHOOL-WIDE RULES**

Every Joe Walker student will be expected to:

1. Wear school ID on a Joe Walker issued lanyard around the neck, outside the clothing, at all times.

2. Dress appropriately. Student dress must follow the dress code standards outlined below.
3. Only leave class for legitimate business with approved pass.
4. Refrain from bringing to school any objects that are of no reasonable educational use, that are considered to be weapons, or that tend to create a nuisance. Such objects include but are not limited to: toys, electronic games, aerosol cans and marking pens.
5. No use or possession of all forms of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or vape pens and related items on campus. Violators will be suspended or expelled.
6. No use of chewing gum and candy.
7. No use of profane or vulgar language.
8. No trading, selling or buying any goods or items to/from another student.
9. Walk bikes across the campus. Helmets are required.
10. Eat only in the designated areas and avoid areas identified as off limits for students during the lunch period. No food or drink items are allowed in the library or classrooms unless allowed by a supervising staff member.
11. Refrain from annoying students at neighboring schools/parks.
12. Refrain from any inappropriate demonstrations of affection including handholding, hugging, kissing, etc.
13. Report to an adult if you are being threatened or harassed by another student or students. Fighting will not be tolerated, and offenders will be suspended. This includes hitting back after someone hits you first.
14. No throwing objects.

### **WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE**

1. All students shall wear shoes at all times. Sandals may be considered shoes provided that they have a strap over the top of the foot and around the heel.
2. Shirts/blouses which reveal bare midriff, chest or back are unacceptable. Shirts/blouses should meet the waist or top of trousers or skirt when the student's arms are up.
3. No student may wear articles of clothing, jewelry, paraphernalia, hairstyles, or accessories which pose a threat to the physical and/or emotional well-being and safety of the student or others on campus or at school activities.
4. Clothing, jewelry, or items which are obscene, sexually explicit, or gang related, promotes violence, or which downgrades a positive educational climate may not be worn or carried



- on campus or at school activities.
5. Clothing or articles of clothing (including but not limited to gloves, bandannas, shoestrings, wristbands, jewelry) which are likely to provoke others to acts of violence, cause others to be intimidated by fear of violence, or are disruptive to the educational process, may not be worn on campus or at any school activity.
  6. No gang-related jewelry, insignia, colors, paraphernalia, materials, apparel, clothing, hair styles or attire may be worn or carried on campus or at school activities.
  7. All hats must be worn facing forward and be taken off when entering a building.
  8. Items identified as gang-related clothing, apparel, attire, jewelry, insignias, colors, paraphernalia and materials may vary from school to school, may change from year to year and may be different from grade level to grade level.
  9. Piercings are allowed in the ears only. No long or dangling, or large hooped earrings are allowed.
  14. The principal or principal's designee shall enforce the student dress policy. School employees will assist the principal or his designee in the enforcement of the Westside Union School District Student Dress Policy.

- in the air, no skin should show around the waist)
2. No shirts that are too tight, too low, or too revealing or see through. Sheer or "see through" shirts/dresses must have shirts under them that meet dress code.
  3. No underwear/straps showing at any time
  4. No backless tops/dresses
  5. All tank tops must be the width of an ID card (approximately 2" wide).
  6. No inappropriate symbols, pictures, slogans on clothing.
  7. No short-shorts (no shorter than a 4" inseam)
  8. No sagging, baggy clothing (pants should stay up without a belt AND without holding onto the pants.)
  9. Pants waistband should be no lower than hip area.
  10. Platform and high heeled shoes are not recommended.
  11. No slides, flip-flops, or slippers. All footwear must have a back strap.
  12. No hats, hoods, durag, shower caps are to be worn indoors.
  13. No jewelry which could be a hazard to the student or other students such as spike earrings, gauges, stretchers or plugs.
  14. No rips, tears, or holes in clothing.

**JOE WALKER SCHOOL DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

In addition to the above listed Westside Union School District Dress Code, Joe Walker follows a "Dress for Success" program which includes the following specifics:

1. No short shirts (with hands held straight up

**VOLUNTEER QUALIFICATIONS**

Volunteers providing supervision or instruction of students pursuant to Education Code 45349 shall give evidence of basic skills proficiency. (Education Code 45344.5, 45349)  
*(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*

Any volunteer working with students in a district-sponsored student activity program shall obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate or criminal background check in accordance with Board policy. The Superintendent or designee shall determine which volunteer positions in the district are subject to this requirement.  
*(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Background Check)*

"Student activity programs" include, but are not limited to, scholastic programs, interscholastic programs, and extracurricular activities sponsored by the district or a school booster club, such as cheer team, drill team, dance team, and marching band. This requirement shall not apply to volunteer supervisors for breakfast, lunch, or other nutritional periods or to volunteer nonteaching aides under the immediate supervision and direction of certificated personnel pursuant to Education Code 35021.

## Preventing Problem Behavior - Boys Town Social (Life) Skills

### **Following Instructions**

1. Look at the person.
2. Say "Okay."
3. Do what you've been asked right away.
4. Check back.

### **Accepting Criticism or a Consequence**

1. Look at the person.
2. Say "Okay."
3. Stay calm.

### **Accepting "No" for an Answer**

1. Look at the person.
2. Say "Okay."
3. Stay calm.
4. If you disagree, ask later.

### **Greeting others**

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a pleasant voice.
3. Say "Hi" or "Hello."

### **Getting the Teacher's Attention**

1. Look at the teacher.
2. Raise your hand and stay calm.
3. Wait until the teacher says your name.
4. Ask questions.

### **Disagreeing Appropriately**

1. Look at the person.
2. Raise your hand and stay calm.
3. Wait until the teacher says your name.
4. Ask your questions.

### **Making an Apology**

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a pleasant voice.
3. Tell why you feel differently.
4. Give a reason.
5. Listen to the other person.

### **Making an Apology**

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a serious, sincere voice.
3. Say "I'm sorry for..." or "I want to apologize for..."
4. Explain how you plan to do better in the future.
5. Say "Thanks for listening."

### **Accepting Compliments**

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a pleasant voice.
3. Say "Thank you."

### **Having a Conversation**

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a pleasant voice.
3. Listen to what the other person says.
4. When there is a break in the conversation, ask a question or share your thoughts.

### **Asking for Help**

1. Look at the person.
2. Ask the person if he or she has time to help you.
3. Clearly explain the kind of help that you need.
4. Thank the person for helping.

### **Asking Permission**

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a calm and pleasant voice.
3. Say "May I...?"
4. Accept the answer calmly.

### **Staying on Task**

1. Look at your task or assignment.
2. Think about the steps needed to complete the task.
3. Focus all of your attention on the task.
4. Stop working only when instructed.
5. Ignore distractions and interruptions from others.

### **Sharing Something**

1. Let the other person use the item first.
2. Ask if you can use it later.
3. When you get to use it, offer it back to the other person after you're finished.

### **Working with Others**

1. Identify the task to be completed.
2. Assign tasks to each person.
3. Discuss ideas in a calm quiet voice and let everyone share their ideas.

### **Listening**

1. Look at the person who is talking and remain quiet.
2. Wait until the person is finished talking before you speak.
3. Show that you heard the person by nodding your head, saying "Okay," or "That's interesting," etc.

### **Appropriate Voice Tone**

1. Listen to the Level of the voices.
2. Change your voice tone to match.
3. Watch and listen for visual or verbal cues and adjust your voice as needed.

## **BULLYING PREVENTION POLICY**

Joe Walker Middle School believes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy school environment and have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance and acceptance.

Joe Walker Middle School will not tolerate behavior that infringes on the safety of any student.

Bullying and hazing are serious matters. **Bullying** is any mean or disrespectful behavior that is done on purpose to hurt someone physically or emotionally. **Hazing** is any initiation into a team or group that may cause humiliation, physical or emotional harm. A student shall not intimidate or harass another student through words or actions. Such behavior includes: direct physical contact, such as hitting or shoving; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; and social isolation or manipulation. Students who bully are in violation of this policy and are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

There are different types of bullying and misconduct including, but not limited to:

**Physical Bullying:** hitting, kicking, pushing or other unwelcome physical contact. *Serious physical bullying may be regarded as a criminal act, such as battery or assault.*

**Cyberbullying:** using electronic devices to embarrass, spread rumors, threaten or intimidate. This includes posting or sending inappropriate messages or images by text, cell phone or on social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. *Sending nude or sexual images may be considered distribution or possession of child pornography, which is a crime.*

**Social Bullying:** leaving people out, rejecting, manipulating relationships, rating or ranking people, or trying to ruin the reputation of another.

**Verbal Bullying:** name calling, teasing, spreading hurtful rumors or gossip, making threats or rude noises. *All threats are taken seriously and may be reported to law enforcement.*

**Non-verbal Bullying:** posturing, dirty looks, stalking, damaging property, graffiti, making gang signs or other efforts to intimidate or pressure someone.

**Indirect Bullying:** getting someone to do something mean or hurtful to someone else on your behalf.

**Sexual Harassment:** any unwanted or demeaning behavior about someone's sex, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity or gender expression. *Sexual harassment may require additional investigation.* (Even if I like the person I must be respectful at all times.)

**Discrimination:** targeting someone based on their real or perceived race, color, national origin, religion, disability or medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or gender expression may be considered an act of hate and may be a crime.

Joe Walker Middle School expects students, parents and/or staff to immediately report incidents of bullying to the principal or designee. Each complaint of bullying shall be promptly investigated. This policy applies to students on school grounds, while traveling to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, during the lunch period, whether on or off campus and during a school-sponsored activity.

To help ensure bullying does not occur on our school campus, Joe Walker Middle School will provide staff development training in bullying prevention. Students will participate in campus-wide bully prevention lessons which will take place during designated class times.

We have reviewed the Bullying Prevention Policy.

**\*\*PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER\*\***

We have read and discussed the bullying prevention policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, and all Electronic Devices

The Board of Education at Westside Union School District has the obligation to insure a safe, secure, and orderly campus that provides the opportunity for all students to learn. At each school, students have the right to learn and teachers have the right to teach. To insure that these obligations are met, WUSD Board Policy states:

- Cell phones, including those with any image capturing capabilities, are to be, **powered off and put away**, while on school grounds. These devices may only be used with the permission and in the presence of an administrator or designee.
- If the device is not “**powered off and put away**”, the school employee shall confiscate it and turn it over to an administrator or designee who **will release the device to a parent or guardian only.**
- Possession of cell phones at after-school activities or extra-curricular activities will follow the same policy of “**powered off and away**” and will only be allowed with permission and in the presence of an administrator or designee or parent/guardian present at the activity, as long as it is not a disruption to the activity.
- A student who violates this policy may be prohibited from possessing a cell phone at school or school-related events and will be subject to disciplinary action.
- All other electronic devices, such as **Smart devices, AirPods, iwatches, headphones, digital music devices, and cameras are prohibited at all times** except with specific permission from an administrator or designee. If any student is found in possession of any such device, except with specific permission from an administrator or designee, it shall be confiscated and the student will be subject to the school disciplinary policy.

In keeping with this policy, the Joe Walker Administration will be issuing the following consequences for student violations at school, on school grounds, and within the campus gates:

**Cell Phones and other electronic devices on campus that are confiscated and given to the office will only be released to a parent and the student will receive a (5) merit loss for each offense.**

**After two offenses, students may lose the privilege of having a cell phone at school.**

**ALL CELL PHONES NEED TO BE  
POWERED OFF AND AWAY.**

**DO NOT USE CELL PHONES UNTIL YOU  
ARE OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION CHART**

Students on our campus are expected to present themselves in a manner that reflects self-discipline, citizenship, courtesy, and eagerness to learn. If we are to have a safe and controlled environment for learning, it is essential that we have the cooperation of all students. We acknowledge that penalties alone will not deter disruptive behavior, however it is extremely important that students understand their role in creating an educational environment that is positive and conducive to allowing all students to learn. This chart of disciplinary measures has been created to allow a student to understand that every form of disruption to the educational process has a consequence. Some of the minimum consequences are left up to the discretion of the site administration under the "MINIMUM" column. However, those that show only one consequence in the table leave no room for discretion and are enforced at the district level and will result in the mandatory action listed within the box. These areas are shown in bold type.

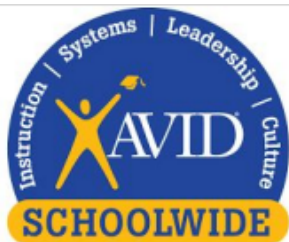
These penalties are within the guidelines set by the California Education Code [48900-15], and/or Adopted Board Policies of the Westside Union School District [BP 5131].

The infractions are arranged alphabetically, and certain education code violations may occur more than once. The actual wording of the education code may be found at the following website:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?codesection=edc&codebody=&hits=20>

<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
Alcohol- Possession/under influence EC 48900{c} 48915(a)(3)	Suspension: 5 days & referral to law enforcement, & referral to a diversion program or counseling.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement.
Battery (Hands-off violation) EC 48915 (a)(5) EC 48900 (a)(k)	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement
<b>Bullying/Electronic means EC 48900(r)</b>	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement
<b>Burglary EC 48900(g)</b>	<b>Suspension: 5 days &amp; recommendation for expulsion &amp; referral to law enforcement.</b>	
Cheating/plagiarism BP 5131	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-3 days	Suspension: 5 days, possible expulsion.
<b>Controlled substance</b>		
a. Drug paraphernalia EC 48900(j)	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement
Possession/under the influence EC 48900{c} EC 48915 (a)(3)	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement	
<b>Selling/providing, (including look-alikes). EC 48900 (c)(d) EC 48915 (a)(3)</b>	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement	
Controlled substance: <b>SOMA EC 48900(p)</b>	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	<b>Suspension: 5 days &amp; recommendation for expulsion &amp; referral to law enforcement.</b>
disrespect/refusal to obey/defiance/ class disruption/school disruption/horseplay EC 48900(k)	Alternative to suspension, Suspension: 1-5 days	Suspensions: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion.
Dress code violation EC 48900(k)	Warning, alternative to suspension, Suspension: 1-5 days	Suspensions: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion
<b>Explosives EC 48900(b)</b>		
False fire alarm EC 48900(k)	Alternative to suspension, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion.
Fights EC 48900(a)(2)(k)	Suspension: 3-5 days, possible change of campus (Principal discretion)	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion.
<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
<b>Firearm EC 48900(b) EC 48915{c}(1)</b>	<b>Suspension: 5 days &amp; recommendation for expulsion &amp; referral to law enforcement.</b>	

<b>Firearm, Imitation</b> EC 48900(m)	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement
Firecrackers/possession EC 48900(b)	Suspension: 5 days	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion.
Forgery EC 48900(k)	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement
Gambling EC 48900(k)	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement
Graffiti EC 48900(f)	Alternative to suspension, Suspension: 1 – 5 days.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement. Student to pay damages.
<b>Harassment/Intimidation</b> EC 48900.4(o)	<b>Suspension: 5 days &amp; recommendation for expulsion &amp; referral to law enforcement.</b>	
<b>Hate violence</b> EC 48900.3	<b>Suspension: 5 days &amp; recommendation for expulsion &amp; referral to law enforcement.</b>	
Hazing EC 48900(q)	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement
Internet-violation of policy BP 5131	Suspension of use: School Suspension: 1 – 5 days	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion.
<b>Knife (brandishing), Weapon / Dangerous object/Look-alike possession, sale, furnishing.</b> EC 48900(b) EC 48915(c)(2)	<b>Suspension: 5 days &amp; recommendation for expulsion, possible referral to law enforcement.</b>	
Over-affection EC 48900(i)(k)	Warning, Alternative to suspension	Suspension: 1 – 5 days. (Principal discretion)
Possession of lighter/matches EC 48900(b)	Suspension: 1day.	Suspension 5 days.
Profanity/vulgarity/obscenity EC 48900(i)	Alternative to suspension, Suspension: 1 – 5 days.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion.
Property damage/vandalism EC 48900(f) Damage to electronic files/databases EC 48900(u)	<u>Personal</u> : Alternative to suspension, Suspension: 1-5 days, restitution. <u>School</u> : Alternative to suspension, Suspension: 5 days, restitution.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & restitution, possible referral to law enforcement.
<b>Robbery/Extortion</b> EC 48900(e) EC 48915(a)(4)	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement
<b>Sexual assault or battery</b> EC 48900(n) EC 48915(c)(4)	<b>Suspension: 5 days &amp; recommendation for expulsion &amp; referral to law enforcement.</b>	
Sexual harassment [grades 4-8] EC 48900.2	Suspension: 1 – 5 days, counseling as appropriate.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion, possible referral to law enforcement.
<b>Terrorist threats</b> EC 48900.7	<b>Suspension: 5 days &amp; recommendation for expulsion &amp; referral to law enforcement.</b>	
Theft/receiving stolen property EC 48900(g)(1)	Suspension: 1 –5 days, restitution, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement & restitution.
Throwing objects	Alternative to suspension.	Suspension: 1 – 5 days.
Tobacco/tobacco products (possession/use) EC 48900(h)	Suspension: 1 – 5 days.	Suspension: 5 days, recommendation for expulsion, cessation program.
Truancy/Class cuts EC 48900	Alternative to suspension. Possible citation from deputy.	Suspension: 1 –5 days and citation from deputy, referral to SARB.
Witness intimidation EC 48900(o)	Alternative to suspensions, Suspension: 1-5 days, possible referral to law enforcement.	Suspension: 5 days & recommendation for expulsion & referral to law enforcement



# MARKING THE TEXT

## AVID Critical Reading Strategy

Read the text all the way through without making any marks or highlights.



Number the Paragraphs



**CIRCLE** or highlight in **YELLOW** the key ideas, names, dates, places, ideas, important terms.

**UNDERLINE** or highlight in **BLUE** essential/important information, including claims.

Re-read the text a second time for a deeper understanding.



Use **QUESTION MARKS** or highlight in **PURPLE** for places where you have questions or are needing clarification for a better understanding.



Use **ARROWS** or highlight in **GREEN** to make connections. This includes Text to Text, Text to Self, Text to World, etc.



**BOX** or highlight in **RED** unknown words

Use an **EXCLAMATION point** or highlight in **ORANGE** when you come across answers or evidence



### **ASTHMA AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)**

Your child has asthma....and your child also has P.E. in middle school. How can we help assure that your child's health needs are met, your child's asthma management plan is followed at school, and still provide your child with a safe physical activity experience? We can do this by communicating between home and school, following your physician's medication plans, allowing your child to self-administer inhaler medication as prescribed, and encouraging your child to take other actions that will improve his or her health *and* decrease the chance of an asthma episode at school.

#### **What parents / guardians can do:**

- Get the "Physician's Authorization for Inhaled Medication" form completed and signed by your child's health care provider. Once signed by the physician, bring or fax the form to your school's Health Office.
- Notify your physician if your child's asthma becomes worse, so that controller medications can be prescribed to prevent or lessen an asthma episode.
- Encourage your child to get adequate *sleep* each night, bring a *water bottle* to school, *eat* breakfast, and take allergy medications and controller medications at home, if prescribed.
- Notify the school nurse if your child is absent or hospitalized due to asthma or other illness.

#### **What students with asthma can do:**

- Take morning and evening controller medications at home, if prescribed. These asthma-controlling and allergy medications are imperative to managing your asthma, and decreasing the need to use fast-acting [Albuterol] inhaler so frequently.
- *Bring your inhaler to school each day*, if the doctor has given permission to do so.
- Self-administer inhaler medication before P.E., if you have exercise-induced asthma.
- *Communicate with your P.E. teacher*: let him or her know when you're having asthma and/or allergy symptoms, when you need to "warm up" before you run, when you need to drink water, etc.
- Participate in P.E. with your *best effort*. Your P.E. teacher has been informed by the school nurse that you have asthma. Your teacher knows that there are days you may need to walk instead of run. Dress out each day, give each activity your best effort, rest when you need to (this is especially important during extended or strenuous activity), and let your P.E. teacher know immediately if you are having difficulty breathing. If you begin to have asthma symptoms while exercising, *stop the activity and give yourself an inhaler treatment*.
- If your breathing does not improve after self-administering your inhaler medication, or your asthma symptoms becomes worse, *go to the Health Office*. You have been given a "Health Office Hot Pass," so you won't have to delay getting help.

#### **What school personnel will do:**

- Allow your child to carry self-administered emergency ("rescue") inhaler medication as prescribed.
- Provide trained staff (health clerk, school secretary, P.E. teacher) to assist your child during an asthma episode. The school nurse will be contacted if your child needs further assistance.
- Contact you (the school nurse will do this) if we notice that your child has been requiring the use of his/her inhaler more frequently, or if your child's inhaler becomes empty or passes the expiration date.
- Contact you (the P.E. teacher will do this) if we notice that your child is having difficulty participating in P.E., either due to asthma, or due to other behavior (reluctance to participate, poor effort, not arriving prepared for P.E., not dressing out, etc.)

Our goal is to let your child participate in physical activities without triggering his/her asthma. Your child's health and safety are very important to all of us. With your help, we can reach this goal.

### **Westside Union School District Board Policy 6142.7**

The physician's note must state the length of time the student is to be excused and the extent to which the student can participate in physical education activities. A physician's written recommendations describing a student's physical limitations, restrictions, or specific permitted activities will be implemented for the length of time the physician states. A physician's note is required for a student to return to school with crutches or in a wheelchair. **Students will be expected to participate in P.E. to the greatest extent possible.**

*A parent's/guardian's note excusing a student for no more than three consecutive calendar days from P.E. due to a health condition will be accepted. Students excused with a parent's/guardian's note will be expected to participate in the activities of the physical education activities to the greatest extent possible.*



## **SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

Elementary and middle school counselors support student growth in the areas of academics, career and personal/social development. These services may address a variety of topics such as: friendship problems, goal setting, academic progress, study skills, bullying, self-esteem, working with others, decision making, managing/understanding feelings, peer relationships, career exploration, social skills, etc. It is important to establish respect and trust with students, therefore student confidentiality will be respected, with possible exceptions to high-risk behaviors, harm to self or others, or neglect requiring immediate outside services and/or law enforcement. Counseling services can be delivered in a variety of formats such as one-on-one, small group, classroom sessions, and/or large settings. School counseling services are provided on an as needed basis throughout the school year, however these services are not intended as clinical therapy.

School counselors can assist parents with understanding the developmental changes of childhood, facilitating collaboration between parents and teachers, and providing community resources. Please contact the school if you would like to refer your student for counseling services.

## **HOTLINES AND HELPLINES**

<b>EMERGENCY</b> .....	<b>911</b>
<b>GENERAL CRISIS</b>	
Child Abuse Hotline.....	800-540-4000
Domestic Violence Hotline.....	800-978-3600
Safe Helpline (Military).....	877-995-5247
Military One Source.....	800-342-9647
LA County Suicide Prevention Center.....	877-7-CRISIS (727-4747)
National Parent Helpline.....	855-4A PARENT
Family University Foundation, Inc. & Yes2Kids Parenting Classes.....	661-538-1846
Families in Action Cooperative Parenting .....	661-361-5222
Families United: New Beginnings.....	661-538-1099
Grace Resource Center.....	661-945-7524
Homeless Solutions Access Center.....	661-942-2758
<b>ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE</b>	
Tarzana Treatment Center.....	661-726-2630
West Coast Drug and Alcohol Education Program.....	661-951-8200
Substance Abuse Alanon/Alateen.....	661-274-9353
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	
Mental Health Crisis Hotline.....	800-854-7771
Children's Bureau, Lancaster.....	661-949-0131
Palmdale.....	661-272-9996
Children's Center of the Antelope Valley.....	661-949-1206
Child and Family Guidance.....	661-265-8627
Penny Lane .....	661-266-4783
<b>TEEN ISSUES</b>	
California Youth Crisis Hotline.....	800-843-5200
Angels Flight Youth Hotline.....	800-833-2499
Teen Line.....	800-TLD-TEEN
Hoffman Hospice Non-Profit.....	661-272-2355
(Grief Support/Crisis Intervention)	
Los Angeles Sheriff's VIDA.....	661-949-6585
(Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives)	
Trevor Line LGBTQ Support.....	800-850-8078
Anger Management – A Change of Faces.....	661-948-5312
Youth Support Association (Teen Talk).....	661-949-6615
Nat'l Eating Disorders Association Helpline.....	800-931-2237
SAFE Alternatives (Self-Abuse Finally Ends).....	800-DONT-CUT