

John Finney Student Handbook

2023-2024

Home of the Phoenix



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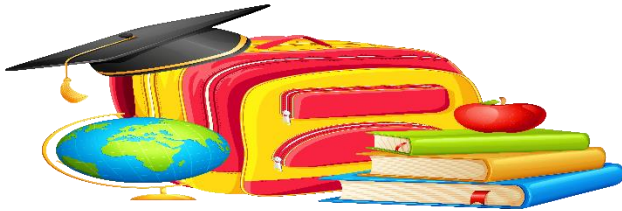
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Principal- Sylvia Whitson

Vice Principal- Scott Bushnell

Counselor- Manisha Barboza

Academic Support Provider-



John Finney School: Vision Statement

- **Our Vision** is for every student to have an opportunity towards graduation and a choice of a vocation and or higher education despite obstacles such as credit deficiency.
- **Our Goal** is that our students have every opportunity to recover high school credits necessary for graduation, defeat obstacles blocking educational goals, and prepare with

skills necessary for vocation and or higher learning.

- **In Support of our Vision** we will target these students and provide necessary opportunity and intervention.

John Finney: Mission Statement

- Our mission is to provide support for highly credit deficient high school students by offering flexible and innovative methods through credit recovery.

VCUSD Graduate Portrait

All students will work toward becoming...

- Communicate Effectively
- Collaborator Skillfully
- Adapt to Change
- Think Critically
- Contribute to the Community

Student Expectations

- All students will enter and exit campus through the main gate on the Amador Street side of campus.
- Academics- students are required to do all assigned work, study all work and pass their tests. Grades are earned not given.
- Attendance- students are expected to be at school in classes on time. Absences must be cleared for appropriate reasons with the attendance office. JFHS is an in-person school.
- Behavior- student's personal behavior is expected to contribute to the positive, safe and inclusive environment we want here. Be respectful to yourself, your schoolmates and all staff. You are to represent yourself, and the professional learning environment of JFHS in a way that supports the goals of our school, the VCUSD and a safe

environment for all. Students who respect the staff, school rules and goals of JFHS will successfully complete graduation requirements.

- Food Delivery from apps such as “Door Dash” are not allowed on any VCUSD campus. The delivery will not be accepted. Parents are may deliver food to their student.
- Prom/ Sports- Students are allowed to participate at their home schools. Students must maintain a 2.0 gpa and have no suspensions or behavior concerns before an administrator can sign off on your attendance. JFHS monitors grades every quarter and the home school is notified if student athletes become ineligible.
- Covid safety measures are encouraged. Facemasks must comply with VCUSD policy. Full head and face coverings commonly called “skevies” or ski masks are not allowed.
- JFHS is a drug free campus. Any drugs including nicotine or vape pens

are prohibited on campus. Students who need to take prescription medications on campus must file a doctor's note with the school office.

- Phones are off and away during all instructional time, unless directed by the classroom teacher at his or her discretion. Put away your phone before you walk into class.
- **Uniforms-** students are expected to be in uniform every day.

ID- School ID is part of the uniform and must be worn on the front of the body. No decorations or adornments on the ID tag or the lanyard.

Shirts- Polo or T-shirts in grey, black or white only.

Shoes- Black, white, tan or grey shoes that cover the majority of the foot must be worn at all times.

Pants/shorts- Khaki colored or black pants, shorts or sweats can be worn. Garments must be worn at the waist. Shorts must reach mid-thigh or longer.

Hats- Black, white, tan or grey beanies only. No scarves, or logos are allowed.

Any items with references to drugs (including alcohol), tobacco or products with nicotine, references to hate, violence or discrimination will not be allowed. If you can't change the item, you will be sent home and it will be an unexcused absence.



Earning Credit

- Students may take 5-6 in-person classes each quarter and 4 credits can be earned in each class. (20-24 credits)

- Students may also sign up for an additional 8 credits of “Edgenuity”, provided they are passing all in person classes. Students who fail any in-person class must reduce the Edgenuity load by the corresponding number of credits. (20-24 + Edgenuity = up to 32 credits/quarter)
- Students may petition the credit advisory committee for increased Edgenuity credit if they are close to graduation by the start of their senior year and passing all in person classes.



PERMITS TO LEAVE **SCHOOL**

John Finney Education Complex is a closed campus. Once you arrive on campus you

may not leave unless your school day has ended, or if 18 you may sign yourself out, but your parent will be called. Students who leave school without authorization shall be classified truant and subject to disciplinary action. (BP5112.5) Leaving campus for lunch or during lunch is not permitted.

Parents/guardians should be prepared to show ID when picking up their student early from school. All students who need to leave school before the regular dismissal time and miss any classes must have a parent call in or write a note telling the desired time and reason for leaving school. This procedure must be followed any time you leave school.

1) Always check out through the Attendance Office before leaving school grounds during the school day. 2) Submit the written and signed note from the parent to the Attendance Office before school or during passing periods. 3) Pick up your yellow Permission to Leave School Premises form during break time, lunchtime or passing periods only.

- If a student attempts to leave the campus without a pass, Site Safety will

ask the student to go to the attendance office and check out.

- If the student refuses to get a pass from the attendance office- Site Safety will report the student's name to the attendance office.
- The attendance office will immediately notify the family that student left without permission. If the parent does not answer, a message will be left or an email sent to the parent or guardian. The attendance clerk will note the time/ period the student left in the attendance record.
- Site Safety and/or attendance office will notify the Site administrator immediately.
- Site administrator will conference with student and parents

Attendance Maintenance

John Finney is a voluntary placement. To maintain your place at JFHS you must:

- Pass at least 5 classes each quarter
- No more than 8 absences per quarter
- No more than 5 referrals per quarter
- No more than 5 days of suspension
- No more than 10 tardies per quarter

Academic Support

All students at JFHS have access to our Academic Support Provider, Mr. BK. His role is to provide students with support in their desire to succeed academically. Mr. BK has a published schedule to be in classes as well as time for individual or small group support. It is up to you as a student to have a voice and ask for support when you need it.

Teaching Staff

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Emergency Information

It is important for every student to have up to date information in our data base. In case of emergency, we must have correct names, numbers and contacts. If you move, change email or any vital changes, please let the office know immediately.

Work Permits

Students who wish to be employed outside of school hours and are not 18 years old must obtain a Work Permit. Below are the steps to obtaining a work permit.

- On the district home page, under “Students” click on “Work Permits”. Follow the steps listed.
- 2.0 gpa and good attendance
- See Mr. B or Ms. Barboza if you need help.

