



Paseo Hills Rattlers
7TH GRADE Social Studies
2022-2023

Welcome to the start of an exciting year at Paseo Hills! We have high expectations for all of our students and are looking forward to a great and successful school year.

This packet will outline general expectations and rules that you will be responsible for throughout the year. You will also be receiving a subject-specific syllabus for each of your core classes that will provide more detailed information for that class. Remember that each class is different and there will be expectations and class rules that go beyond these guidelines.



Schedule: You will have 4 core classes - Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies - RTI-A, an exploratory and a specials class.

RTI: Response to intervention is a class period dedicated to responding to student needs. This could include pre-teaching, reteaching, test retakes, gap remediation, and extension.

Grading: Paseo Hills will be utilizing PowerSchools for grading and attendance. 7th teachers will use the following grading codes:

M- missing (assignment has not yet been turned in). **Missing assignments will be counted as a 0 in the gradebook.**

A- absent (assignment can be turned in for full credit upon student's return)

Students can log in to PowerSchools with their school username and password. Parents/guardians can obtain login information through the front office. This program will allow parents/guardians and students to check grades online on a daily basis. If you are not able to access the internet through home, work, or the library you may request a progress report, but you will need to make that request to each teacher each time you would like one. Teachers will make every effort to update the gradebook weekly. Please understand that

current assignments take grading priority over late assignments. Therefore, in order for PowerSchools to be up-to-date, please ensure that all assignments are turned in on time. Please see specific teacher syllabus for more information on grading.

Data: This is a very important communication tool for home and school. Students will be tracking their grades for each class in their agenda. Please review the data with your student weekly.

Assignment Expectations:

- Turned in on time
- Writing must be legible - if teachers cannot read it, they cannot grade it
- According to district policy, there will be no extra credit assignments

Plagiarism/Cheating: According to Encyclopedia Britannica Online, plagiarism is defined as *"the act of claiming to be the author of material that someone else actually wrote."* Cheating is not only copying work from another student, but also giving your work to another student to copy. Anything obtained from the internet needs to be appropriately cited, with credit given to the author. Cheating will not be tolerated and may result in a zero for the assignment and disciplinary action. *****I check every assignment, quiz, etc. for cheating & plagiarism*****

Absent Work: District policy states that students will have one day for each day they were absent to make up their work. Long-term absences will be handled on an individual basis. **It is the student's responsibility** to obtain and complete their missing work within the allotted time.

Behavior Expectations: All district and school policies will be strictly enforced. Paseo Hills will be using the ROCK expectation matrix posted throughout campus, in the student agenda, and on our school website. The following are common middle school behavioral expectations:

Gum: Zero tolerance, steps will be assigned if caught with gum.

On Time: Students are expected to be in class on time. All core classes are located in close proximity to each other and the restroom. Students will have 3 minutes between classes to get a drink and use the restroom.

Beverages: Only water is allowed in the classroom. Energy drinks and to-go cups are not allowed on campus and will be confiscated.

Appropriate Dress: The dress code for Deer Valley Unified School District is clearly stated in the handbook. All teachers at Paseo Hills will enforce this dress code. If you choose to wear inappropriate clothing you will be given a change of clothes when possible. If a change of clothes is not available, parents/ guardians will be expected to bring more appropriate clothing.

Appropriate Use of Electronics: Electronic devices may ONLY be used at the direction of the teacher for an academic purpose. Otherwise all electronic devices and earbuds should be turned off and put away in backpacks. Devices will be confiscated if a student has it out without permission. Refer to the student agenda for more information.

We reserve the right to amend these, and create new policies throughout the year. Students will be informed of changes.

Parent/ Guardian Information:

Parents/ guardians PLEASE make sure your current contact information (including phone numbers and email address) is updated with the front office. The teachers will be relying on that information to contact you as needed.



Please sign and return to your homeroom teacher by Monday, August 12, 2019.

We have read and understand the policies outlined in the 7/8 team packet. We understand that everyone on campus will be treated with respect at all times. We will work together to ensure a great school year for all.

Student name (Printed)

Student Signature

Parent/ Guardian name (Printed)

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Parent/ Guardian Email