

# **COPE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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## **WELCOME TO COPE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## WELCOME:

The staff of Cope Middle School would like to welcome new and returning students and families. We believe students are responsible for their own learning, and project an awareness of this responsibility through their attitude, attendance, behavior, and effort, with the ongoing support and guidance of the families and Cope Staff.

We invite family communication, participation, and support to help instill a positive campus environment focused on the physical, emotional, and academic success of all students. We invite families to connect and be involved, and invite communication regarding needs or concerns. We are a family of Cope Eagles and staff, families, and students are all a part of that family.

## **COPE MISSION STATEMENT:**

We, the members of the Cope community, students, families, and staff together are committed to mutual respect, critical thinking, and problem-solving through participation in our own education, demonstration of our own work ethic, and the pursuit of our own personal potential.



## HISTORY OF E.M. COPE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

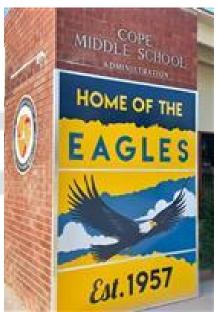
Edward Mitchell Cope, our school's namesake, was born in Germantown, PA, and moved to Redlands in 1898. He bought the Redlands Commercial Co., which later became known as the E. M. Cope Commercial Co., dealing mainly in farming operations, hardware, housewares, paint, and ranch equipment.

In 1918, Cope became chair of the Civilian Relief Committee, which later became known as the Home Service Committee. He also established the Redlands Chapter of the Red Cross. He and others formed a temporary committee on April 21, 1917, to establish the Redlands chapter. Additionally, Cope and his wife donated more than fifteen acres on Terracina Blvd. to build Redlands Community Hospital.

Cope was a strong supporter of public education, serving as a trustee from 1918 to 1947 for the Redlands Public School District. His expertise in school finance fostered the wise use of more than \$16 million. He died in January 1954, at age 79. A year after his death, construction began on a new junior high. Redlands Daily Facts editor Frank E. Moore suggested that the new school be named in honor of E. M. Cope. On April 22, 1957, 457 seventh and eighth grade students met for the first time on the campus of E. M. Cope Junior High School. New buildings were constantly being built and in five years, Cope's enrollment more than doubled to 1184 students. Today, we have more than 1350 eager students and over 50 wonderful teachers.

When Cope opened, Dwight Eisenhower was president. His military background and patriotism inspired Cope students to choose the golden eagle as the school mascot, and gold and white as the school colors. When Cope transitioned from a junior high to a middle school in 1993, students voted on green and blue as their new school colors. In 2010, the colors were changed back to the original gold and white and today, gold, white, and blue are used to represent Cope's school spirit..

Our proud history has been filled with wonderful students, amazing staff members, and strong support from our community. This is why we have always been, and will continue to be, the best middle school in Redlands!



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

The main office is open for visitors from **7:30 AM - 4:00 PM** daily. Hours do vary occasionally due to campus activities or staff professional development. Changes will be posted on the door and communicated on the school website or through Parent Square in Aeries Communication.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

All Cope staff members can be reached by calling the main office line, **909-307-5420**, and either leaving a message or by asking to be transferred to a particular extension. This is also the number to call for general information about athletics, facilities usage requests, making an appointment with a teacher or counselor, or visiting the campus.

Cope staff members can also be reached via email by using their first name\_last name@redlands.k12.ca.us.

#### **COPE WEBSITE**

Cope's website link: <u>https://www.redlandsusd.net/cope</u>

On the website, one can find the daily bulletin announcements, the rotation and bell schedule, reminders, upcoming events, announcements, and the school calendar.

Families are encouraged to bookmark the website and refer to it often as it is updated regularly.

### **VISITOR PROCEDURES**

Family members wishing to visit a classroom (i.e., to observe their child) must provide at least 24 hours notice to the student's counselor and teachers. Other campus visitors who would like to volunteer to assist with school events or assist in a classroom, must be cleared through the RUSD volunteer process. More information about the paperwork and process can be found here: https://www.redlandsusd.net/volunteer

All campus visitors must show valid ID, and must enter through the main office entrance.

### **DROP-OFF OF ITEMS**

Family members may drop off lunch, homework, PE clothes, or other items for their child, but it will be the child's responsibility to come to the Student Center during passing period or lunch for such items. Lunch drop off is only for the individual child and should not be intended for multiple students. (i.e. pizzas, large orders, cakes, etc.) Families should make arrangements for pick-up ahead of time if possible. **Classrooms will not be interrupted for students to retrieve an item in the office.** 

Deliveries of outside food (including by outside vendors such as Uber Eats, GrubHub, or pizza delivery services), flowers/balloons, or other distracting items are not permitted.

### LOST AND FOUND

Lost items found on campus are turned in to the Student Center. Inquire there if you have lost items. Unclaimed clothing and other items are donated to various charities at the end of each semester.

#### **SCHOOL MEALS**

All students are eligible to eat a free breakfast and free lunch every school day. Breakfast is served from 8:15 AM (when the campus opens) until 8:45 AM (when school begins). Students who miss breakfast before school can have breakfast during the Breakfast Break between the first and second hour of the day. Lunch is served at each of three lunches, and a Grab-and-Go After School Snack Program is available for all students. More information about Child Nutritional Services and related programs can be found here: <u>https://www.redlandsusd.net/domain/48</u>

**Cope Middle School** 



## 2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

Campus opens to students at 8:15 AM but 0-Period and ELOP Students should arrive at 7:30 AM. 0-Period classes meet every day, Monday – Friday.

## Otherwise, students should not arrive to campus earlier than 8:00 AM.

REGULA	R DAYS	COLLABORATION/MINIMUM DAYS							
Tuesday	- Friday	Mon	day						
Warning Bell	8:38 AM	Warning Bell	8:38 AM						
First Hour	8:45 AM - 9:44 AM	First Hour	8:45 AM - 9:25 AM						
Breakfast Break	9:44 AM – 9:51 AM	Breakfast Break	9:25 AM - 9:32 AM						
Second Hour	9:51 AM - 10:45 AM	Second Hour	9:32 AM - 10:09 AM						
Third Hour 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:50 AM - 11:44 AM	FIRST LUNCH 6th	10:14 AM - 10:44 AM						
FIRST LUNCH 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:50 AM - 11:21 AM	Third Hour 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:14 AM - 10:51 AM						
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Fourth Hour 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:49 AM - 12:43 PM	Fourth Hour 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:56 AM - 11:33 AM						
Fourth Hour 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	12:25 PM - 1:19 PM	Fourth Hour 6th & 7th	11:31 AM - 12:08 PM						
THIRD LUNCH 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:48 PM - 1:19 PM	THIRD LUNCH 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:38 AM - 12:08 PM						
Fifth Hour	1:24 PM - 2:18 PM	Fifth Hour	12:13 PM - 12:50 PM						
Sixth Hour	2:23 PM - 3:17 PM	Sixth Hour	12:55 PM - 1:32 PM						

NOTE: Classes with both 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be assigned to either Second Lunch or Third Lunch based on the period teacher. Students may have different lunches on some days due to the rotating schedule.

August	December	April
7 – Regular Day 12, 19, 26 – Collab/Min Day	2, 9, 16 – Collab/Min Day 20- Report Card Day- No Students 23-31 – Winter Break	1-4 Spring Break 7, 14, 21, 28 – Collab/Min Da
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October	February	June
7, 14, 21, 28 – Collab/Min Day	3, 10 – Collab/Min Day 17– President's Day 24– Collab/Min Day	2 – Collab/Min Day 5 – Minimum Day – Last Day of School
November	March	
1- Staff Professional Day- No Students 4 - Collab/Min Day 11 - Veteran's Day 18– Collab/Min Day 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break	3, 10, 17 – Collab/Min - Day 24-31 Spring Break	

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## **ATTENDANCE**

### Call: (909)-307-5420 press 1 Email: (Attendance Clerk)

### Office Hours are 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

### **REPORTING AN ABSENCE**

To report an absence, a family member should call the school (909-307-5420) each day a child is absent. Families may also email Cope's Attendance Clerk at (Attendance Clerk) to report an absence. If an absence is not reported via phone call or email, a signed note is required to be provided when the child returns to school.

After two days, unexcused absences will be recorded as truancies, and show as a C in the attendance record. Attendance can also be checked and verified in Aeries Parent Portal. For any discrepancies, please contact the child's teacher or the Attendance Clerk directly.

If a student needs to be absent for **five or more consecutive days** for a trip or personal reasons, families should call the office and ask for the student to be placed on Short Term Independent Study (STIS). For shorter absences, families are encouraged to check the teacher's Google Classroom page and/or contact the teachers directly.

### **CLOSED CAMPUS**

Cope Middle School is a closed campus which means once students arrive at school, they must remain on campus; this applies to before school, lunchtime, passing periods, and class time. Students must remain on campus unless signed out by their parent/guardian, or given permission to leave by an administrator.

### **CHECKING OUT STUDENTS**

If it is necessary for a student to leave campus during the school day, students must check out through the attendance office and must be picked-up by a parent or guardian.

For any parent/guardian picking up their child, a valid picture ID of a name listed on the student's emergency card is required. All information will be verified in Aeries prior to the release of any child so please be sure all information is accurate and up to date.

## TRUANCY

Truancy is defined as any intentional unauthorized or illegal absence from compulsory education. It is absences caused by students of their own free will, and does not refer to legitimate "excused" absences, such as ones related to medical conditions. Students who don't come to school without a legitimate excuse, or leave campus without written parent permission, will be considered truant. Initial truancy violations will result in a parent phone call/conference. Additional truancy violations will result in a referral to the district SARB committee.

\*\*Truancy violations may also result in a citation issued through the Redlands Police department.

## **TARDY POLICY**

#### TARDINESS TO SCHOOL

Students who are tardy to their first hour class should go directly to class unless they are more than five minutes late in which case, they must report to the Attendance Office. Teachers will record students' tardies and all non-medical related tardies are considered unexcused.

<u>Tardy:</u> A student is tardy to class if they are not seated in their assigned seat and ready to work when the bell rings, signaling the start of a class period.

**Tardy Accumulation:** Tardies are combined from period 1-6. Tardy accumulation runs per quarter. Any discipline issued during a quarter is effective until the discipline has been completed.

**Tardy Exclusion List:** Once a student has 7 or more tardies he/she will be placed on the exclusion list. The student is not allowed to participate in school events (dances, fairs, field trips, etc.) until assigned consequences and tardies are cleared. The exclusion list for tardies runs each semester. An updated exclusion list will be posted outside the Student Center every Friday, when an event is scheduled.

**Removal from the Tardy Exclusion List:** Students must fulfill their tardy consequence that is assigned by the assistant principal to be removed from the exclusion list. All tardy consequences must be served one week prior to an event, before a student is taken off the tardy exclusion list. Attending detention does not clear a tardy in attendance, only clears a student from the exclusion list.

It is the student's responsibility to attend detention if they choose to remove their tardies from the exclusion list. Detention notices will not be issued.

#### <u>1-Lunch Detention = 1-Cleared Exclusion List Tardy</u>

NOTE: Lunch Detention will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at all lunches. **DO NOT wait until the last minute to clear tardies.** 

#### **After School Detention**

After School Detention will be held on Wednesday afternoons on Collaboration/Minimum Days one Wednesday per month. A schedule will be posted; detention will be held from 1:35 PM - 2:30 PM and this will make-up 3-tardies. Students must meet by the Safety Office no later than 1:35 PM in order to attend the detention.

#### Period Tardies

Are monitored by each teacher through the following progressive discipline:

- 1 3 Tardies: Verbal Warning; Documented in Aeries Attendance;
- 4 5 Tardies: Teacher-Parent Notification via email or phone call; Documented in Aeries Attendance; Automated Attendance Phone Call
- **6+ Tardies:** Counselor-Parent Notification via email or phone call; Documented in Aeries Attendance; Refer to Administrator

#### **School Wide Cumulative Tardies**

Are monitored by the office through the following progressive discipline:

- 1 6 Tardies: Documented in Aeries Attendance
- 7 + Tardies: Documented in Aeries Attendance; placed on the extracurricular exclusion list
- 8 + Tardies: Documented in Aeries Attendance and assigned lunch or after school detention; parents notified
- 12 + Tardies: Documented in Aeries Attendance; Student Attendance Review Team (SART) Meeting and/or Intervention Study Team (IST) Meeting Scheduled; After school detention assigned

## **COPE COUNSELING**

## **COPE COUNSELORS**

Counselors are on campus from 7:45 AM - 3:45 PM. Please call the main Cope Office Line - 909-307-5420 - to set up an appointment if you need to meet with a counselor during school hours.

All students are assigned a Cope Counselor based on their last name. Cope Counselors are assigned as follows:

Last Name A - Go:	Mr. Ethan Helenihi - ethan_helenihi@redlands.k12.ca.us
Last Name Go - O:	Ms. Amy Aument - amy_aument@redlands.k12.ca.us
Last Name P - Z: 🦯	Mrs. Cassidy Klohr - cassidy_klohr@redlands.k12.ca.us

## **ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

Cope Counselors are available to assist students with their academic, social/emotional, and behavioral needs. Counselors assist students with class and high school scheduling, resolving peer-to-peer conflicts, support when in crisis, providing skills for success, finding alternative ways to solve problems, and just being a listening ear when needed.

Cope Counselors can also be found outside at lunch and on campus during passing periods. They often organize outreach activities to support students during these times.

Counselors are available to support families with connections to outside resources as well. Families that are struggling in any way are encouraged to connect with their child's counselor as a first step.

## **COUNSELING RESOURCES**

The Cope Counselors and School Psychologist maintain a website of resources for families - the COPEing Corner. Please visit the website for additional information and resources, including crisis hotlines, parent resources, self-care, and mental health. <u>https://sites.google.com/redlandsschools.net/copeingcorner/home</u>

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

Cope also utilizes an on-campus School Psychologist and two part-time Academic Case Carriers to further support students.

School Psychologist - Mrs. Kristen Williams - <u>kristen\_williams@redlands.k12.ca.us</u> Academic Case Carrier - Ms. Ruth Sotomayor - ruth sotomayor@redlands.k12.ca.us

### **EAGLE OASIS - COPE'S WELLNESS CENTER**

The wellness center will be a place for counselors to meet with students in small groups, hold restorative circles, provide training/support for staff and families, and to serve as a resource center on a variety of topics. This is a new program so additional information will be provided as the program develops.



## **SOAR Like an Eagle!**

### What is SOAR?:

At Cope Middle School, we expect all students to conduct themselves in a positive, respectful manner while on campus, in the classroom, and in the community. To support all students on campus in their social, emotional, and academic success, Cope has implemented a Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) entitled **SOAR**, which reinforces students to be **Safe**, **O**rganized, Accountable, and **R**espectful at all times.

SOAR posters of behavioral expectations in the classroom, on campus, and online, are posted in every teacher's classroom on campus. Additionally, posters of

Cope's emphasis on SOAR is intended to foster and promote a safe and positive school learning environment. SOAR enhances student learning by establishing high behavioral expectations and interventions for all students, and serves as a reminder for students to *SOAR in all they do*!

#### **Recognition and Awards**

Students who SOAR are recognized each quarter for their achievements and positive contributions to the Cope campus culture and community. Students are recognized and awarded by their teachers for demonstrating the SOAR expectations. This year, we will be emphasizing positive rewards for students who SOAR, and will be opening the *SOAR Store* for students to utilize their earned *SOAR Bucks* for purchases.

## **SOAR Card Guidelines**

- ★ SOAR Incentive/Recognition Cards
  - Given at any time to students who exemplify our SOAR values.
  - The card is to recognize those students who do more than just follow the rules, they go above and beyond.
  - Each card awards them points towards prizes, spirit items, incentives etc.
- ★ SOAR Store
  - Students can redeem their SOAR points for incentives.
  - Open each Friday during both lunches.
  - Every SOAR card that is redeemed will be entered into a monthly drawing for more prizes and recognition.
- $\star$  How cards are handed out
  - Adult on campus will sign the card and mark the area of SOAR that is being recognized
  - Student being recognized will have their name on card
  - When a student is presented with a card; the student will be told why they are being selected and what SOAR trait they exemplified.



### **SOAR Classroom Expectations**

#### SAFE

• Follow the classroom rules; keep your hands and feet in your space; make others feel comfortable and welcomed in the things you do and say; use positive language ad responses toward others

#### ORGANIZED

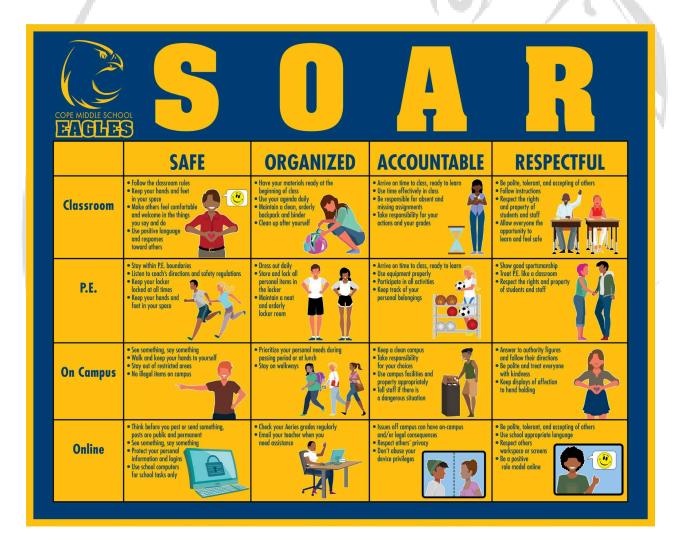
• Have your materials ready at the beginning of class; use your agenda daily; maintain a clean, orderly backpack and binder; clean up after yourself

#### ACCOUNTABLE

• Arrive on time to class, ready to learn; use time effectively in class; be responsible for absent and missing work; take responsibility for your actions and your grades

### RESPECTFUL

• Be polite, tolerant and accepting of others; follow instructions; respect the rights and property of students and staff; allow everyone the opportunity to learn and feel safe



## **SOAR On Campus Expectations**

#### SAFE

• See something, say something; walk and keep your hands to yourself; stay out of restricted areas; no illegal items on campus

#### ORGANIZED

• Prioritize your personal needs during passing period or at lunch; stay on walkways

#### ACCOUNTABLE

• Keep a clean campus; take responsibility for your choices; use campus facilities and property appropriately; tell staff if there is a dangerous situation

### RESPECTFUL

- Answer to authority figures and follow their directions
- Be polite and treat everyone with kindness
- Keep displays of affection to hand holding

### **SOAR Online Expectations**

#### SAFE

• Think before you post or send something - posts are permanent and public; see something, say something; protect your personal information and logins; use school computers for school tasks only

#### ORGANIZED

• Regularly check your grades in Aeries; email your teachers when you need assistance

### ACCOUNTABLE

• Issues off-campus can have on-campus and/or legal consequences; respect the privacy of others; use devices appropriately; keep phones off and put away during school hours

#### RESPECTFUL

• Be polite, tolerant, and accepting of others; use school appropriate language; respect workspaces and screens of others; be a positive online role model

## **SOAR in All You Do!**

Students who remember to focus on learning, treating others with respect and kindness, and following SOAR expectations in the classroom, on campus, and online, will have an amazing year full of positivity and success! We hope all students will choose to **SOAR in all they do!** 

Cope Middle School expects students to foster a positive campus culture focused on learning and respect for self and all others **at all times**. We believe that proper behavior on the part of every student is essential in order for students to learn to their maximum potential.

### **GENERAL RULES**

In addition to following the SOAR expectations, Cope has specific policies regarding some other behaviors on campus. All students are expected to follow the following general rules at all times:

- 1. Know and follow all SOAR Expectations.
- 2. Move in a calm and orderly manner throughout the campus.
- 3. Be on time to school and all classes Do not arrive on campus prior to 8:15 AM.
- 4. Remain in designated areas for breakfast, lunch, and during passing periods.
- 5. Use appropriate language toward other adults and other students; treat everyone with respect.
- 6. Follow the directions of all staff members on a daily basis, including lunch time, safety drills, assemblies and other campus activities, and within any classroom or campus building.
- 7. **Respect all personal and school property**, including classroom materials, textbooks, desks, interior and exterior of campus buildings and grounds, and the property of Cope's neighbors and businesses.
- 8. Comply with the school dress code standards while on campus or off-campus at other school events. Pajama onesies or costumes are only allowed on school dress-up spirit days.
- 9. Exit the campus within 15 minutes after school is dismissed unless involved in a school activity or practice, or waiting for the bus. Loitering on campus, in restrooms, or restricted areas will not be allowed.
- **10. Maintain a clean campus** by throwing away trash and recycling in the appropriate containers during lunch and around campus. Clean up after yourself and encourage others to do the same. Show pride in being a Cope Eagle.
- **11.** Stay in designated areas at lunch by sitting at a table. Students are not allowed to sit on the ground, grass, or brick walls, or leave the lunch area without a pass granting permission to do so. Food and drinks (aside from water) are not allowed on the upper fields.
- 12. Maintain orderly behavior during lunch by sitting to eat and walking to move. Use the ramp to go to the restroom and do not cross fencing or other barriers meant to keep students in the lunch area. Throwing food and horseplay is not allowed. Students who wish to run and "play" need to do so on the upper field area.
- 13. Participate in activities safely when on the fields or in PE. Students may not bring their own sports equipment (i.e., footballs, basketballs, bats/gloves, baseballs, etc.) and should check out sports equipment at lunch only. IDs are required to check-out all sports equipment. Tackle football is never allowed.
- 14. Possess a campus pass whenever out on campus, and show the pass to the adult when asked.
- 15. TAs should wear a TA badge when on campus as well.
- **16.** Keep phones and all other electronic devices off and in backpacks during the school day unless teachers give permission for their use.
- **17.** Keep displays of affection to holding hands. Hugging and kissing are NOT appropriate at school or school sponsored events, and parents will be contacted and detention assigned.
- **18.** Bring only necessary items to school. Weapons, real or simulated (including camping type knives), lighters, laser pointers, cameras, audio players/portable speakers, iPods, electronic items, toys (spinners), animals, liquid white out, super glue, permanent markers, paint pens, slime, glitter, gum, personal sports equipment, or any other item(s) that may disrupt the educational process, are not appropriate at school and should be left at home.
- 19. GUM IS NOT ALLOWED to be chewed while on campus.
- 20. Selling of any item (i.e., candy, drinks, snacks, etc) is not allowed unless part of an approved fundraiser.

### **CELL PHONE ISSUES**

The use of cell phones on campus results in incidents of cell phone cyberbullying, threats to students and staff, and unwanted videotaping of fights or individual students or staff members. Cell phones are often at the center of many student issues involving gossip, relationship drama, and mean or inappropriate language/behaviors. These situations take away from the academic integrity and learning environment in the classroom. They impact the overall positive campus culture at Cope Middle School.

### **CELL PHONE-FREE CAMPUS**

Cope is a cell phone-free campus, like the other middle schools in the RUSD. This means students are no longer allowed to have their cell phones out once they enter campus. **Students will be expected to have their phones silenced and put away in their backpacks during the entire school day.** Teachers will maintain the discretion to have students use cell phones in their individual classes for educational purposes only, and students may do so only with teacher permission.

## **CELL PHONE / ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

We recognize that many parents rely on cell phones to communicate with their children and that students use smart watches to gain access to social media. However, both situations are a distraction to the educational learning environment. The following guidelines are in place to address cell phone/smart watch/electronic device usage:

- 1. Student possession on campus of any electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, smart watches, iPods, iPads, AirPods, earbuds etc.) is strongly discouraged. If students choose to bring these items to school, they should be silenced and should be in a backpack at all times. "If we don't see it or hear it, we don't know you have it." **Electronic devices may NOT be used during school hours for any reason.**
- 2. In the morning cell phones and other electronic devices should be **put away before coming on campus**; if we see devices being used, **they will be confiscated.** This includes looking at the time, checking messages including messages from parents, etc.
- 3. At the end of the day, once the bell rings and students leave the classroom, phones may be used to contact families.
- 4. **Violations of these guidelines will result in confiscation.** Confiscated items will be kept in the Student Center for pick up by the student (1st offense) or by the parent/guardian (2<sup>nd</sup> offense).
- 5. There may be times at school when students are given permission to use a phone (i.e., classroom, special activity). Guidelines must be followed exactly as stated. Good judgment must be used keeping in mind privacy laws. Using a phone to video other students/adults can be an invasion of privacy. If students violate "bullying" or harassment/intimidation laws, they are subject to consequences specified by the CA. Education code and/or other criminal violations.
- 6. Cell phones are always a target for theft. **It is a student's responsibility** to secure the cell phone, smart watch, or other electronic devices at all times, as the school cannot take responsibility, nor are we required to conduct an investigation, if items are missing or stolen.

NOTE: Education Code 48901.5, AB 272 became effective January 1, 2020 and explicitly authorizes the governing body of a school district to limit or prohibit the use by its pupils of smartphones while the pupils are at school site or while pupils are under the supervision of an employee or employees of that school district.

### **DRESS CODE**

A student may not remain at school dressed in a manner which (1) creates a safety hazard for said student or for other students at school, and/or (2) when the dress constitutes a serious and unnecessary distraction to the learning process or tends to disrupt campus order.

When the site administrator/designee determines that a student's attire is in violation of this policy, the student will be required to modify his/her clothing and/or apparel in such a manner that it no longer violates this policy. If necessary, the student may be taken or sent home with parental permission to modify unacceptable dress and return to school. Refusal to take steps as described in this policy shall be cause for disciplinary action against the student. Any such disciplinary action shall be handled pursuant to existing student disciplinary policy.

Parents/guardians have primary responsibility to see that students are properly attired for school. School district personnel have the responsibility for maintaining proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning. Hence, the following guidelines will be implemented in all district schools.

- 1. Shoes will be worn at all times. A substantial sole is required and enclosed toe and heel footwear are highly encouraged.
- 2. Extremely brief garments that are distracting to the educational environment are not appropriate. Clothing shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times, and shirts should be long enough to reach the waistband of the pants.
- 3. Clothing or accessories shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, violent, obscene or sexually suggestive or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice or the use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol.
- 4. Earrings, jewelry, or accessories which present a safety hazard to the wearer or others are not suitable for school wear.
- 5. Only prescription sunglasses may be worn in class. Other types of sunglasses may be worn on campus outside of class.
- 6. Identified gang attire such as bandannas, haircuts or hair rollers, or any gang paraphernalia are prohibited.
- 7. Students are allowed to wear sun protective clothing, including hats, while outdoors during the school day. Each school site will develop a policy indicating the type of sun protective hats that are permitted. All students are expected to follow the Dress Standards.

#### Failure to comply with the school dress code policy may result in the following:

1st Offense – Warning, change of clothing

2nd Offense – Confiscate item of clothing, parent contact

3rd Offense - Confiscate item of clothing, parent contact, lunch detention

4th Offense - Confiscate item of clothing, parent contact, after school detention

### **BUS RIDERS**

Students who ride the bus must show their bus pass daily and must ride to/from their assigned bus stop. Families needing student transportation to school need to apply for a bus pass through the RUSD Transportation Department. More information can be found here: <u>https://www.redlandsusd.net/transportation</u>

The bus driver's first concern is safety. Respectful behavior on the bus is essential, and all school rules apply to bus riders on the bus and while waiting for the bus. Bus riders must maintain orderly and safe behavior while waiting at bus loading areas on and off campus The opportunity to ride the bus may be revoked for misbehavior.

Students who ride the bus in the afternoon should be at the bus pick-up area no later than 5 minutes after school ends. Bus drivers will not wait for students.

#### Students who receive bus referrals will be given the following consequences:

- 1st Referral Warning, parent contact, and lunch detention
- 2nd Referral Parent contact and 3-day suspension from the bus
- 3rd Referral Parent contact and 5 Day Suspension from the bus
- 4th Referral Parent contact and suspension from bus for the duration of the semester
- 5th Referral Parent contact and suspension from the bus for the duration of the year

#### NOTE: Severe misbehavior may result in immediate suspension of bus privileges.

The bus driver, by State Board regulation, is responsible for the orderly conduct of pupils transported. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation.

#### BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS/ROLLERBLADES

Students who ride bikes, skateboards or scooters to school must know and follow the guidelines below. If the rules are not followed, students will not be allowed to ride to school.

**Riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters, or rollerblades is not allowed on campus.** Campus includes the parking lot and sidewalks at the front of the school. These items should be parked and secured in the Cope Middle School bike lock-up area as soon as students arrive on campus. Students should not expect to leave them in offices or classrooms. If a student is riding on campus - the bike, skateboard, scooter or rollerblades will be confiscated and returned only to the parent/guardian.

Every effort is made to safeguard bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc. while parked in the bike lock-up. However, as with other personal property, the school cannot assume responsibility for theft or damage.

**Students riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, or rollerblades must wear a helmet.** If a student does not have a helmet, he/she will not be allowed to ride home. A helmet will need to be brought to school or the item will need to be picked up. This is a state law – see Section 21212 of the CA Vehicle Code.

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY

Students should write their names on all personal belongings including backpacks and PE clothes. Students should refrain from bringing to school anything that is not school-related, or anything of high sentimental or monetary value. Students are responsible for all personal belongings brought to school, and the school cannot assume responsibility for theft or damage of such items.

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

At Cope Middle School, we expect students to SOAR in all they do. We expect all students to conduct themselves in a positive, respectful manner while on campus, in the classroom, and in the community, and to follow all classroom and school rules.

If students choose to break the rules or interfere with the learning process of other students, then they choose to accept the consequences for their actions.

### **CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

The following corrective measures may be utilized by administrators, teachers, counselors, or safety officer(s):

- 1. The student may be warned regarding inappropriate behavior, counseled regarding appropriate behavior, participate in a restorative practices activity, and may receive classroom detention, lunch detention, campus beautification, after school detention, on-campus suspension, or an off-campus suspension.
- 2. Serious violations will result in immediate suspension. *Students may also receive a citation for serious violations.* A citation is processed through the Redlands Police Department and requires that the student and parent attend a court session. (Violations of Ed. Code. 48900 (a)-1 and (a)-2 causing physical injury, and/or fighting will most often result in a citation.)

#### **CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION**

Campus beautification may include such activities as picking up trash, lunch table clean up, wiping down desks/walls, organizing shelves, sweeping, pulling weeds, or other similar activities. Students will be provided with gloves and appropriate cleaning materials or tools as appropriate.

#### **RESTORATIVE PRACTICES**

Counselors or administrators will lead students through a restorative practices activity when appropriate. Restorative circles, for example, bring multiple students together to resolve conflict by building and restoring a relationship through equal opportunity sharing and listening. Restorative practices help students learn how to navigate conflict resolution, take ownership of their behavior, and practice empathy, perspective-taking, and forgiveness.

#### LUNCH DETENTION

Teachers may assign lunch detention to be served in their classrooms. Administrators or safety officers will assign lunch detention to be served in room B-1. Students must be in B-1 within the first five minutes of the lunch period. Students assigned to lunch detention are still given an opportunity to eat lunch and use the restroom as needed.

#### AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

Administrators or safety officers will assign after school detention as needed. The location will be determined based on the availability of facilities and students must report to detention no later than 3:20 PM in order to be admitted. Students who fail to attend after school detention on their assigned day will serve an on-campus suspension the following school day.

#### **ON-CAMPUS SUSPENSION**

Students assigned to OCS are to report to the office to check-in with an administrator. Students will most often serve OCS in B-1 but may occasionally be in the main office, library, or Wellness Center. Students will have access to Chromebooks and are expected to complete their missed classwork. Students will remain in OCS the entire school day, with restroom breaks and lunch provided.

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

### **SUSPENSION**

Suspension Education codes 48900 and 48915 identify the behaviors which can lead to student suspension and/or expulsion. **Some of the reasons** a student may be suspended are (**Note: list below is not complete**):

- 1. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
- 2. Possessing, selling, using, or otherwise furnishing or being under the influence of any controlled substance alcoholic
- beverage, or intoxicant of any kind; Including drug paraphernalia.
- 3. Possession of any firearm, (including imitation) knife, explosive or other dangerous object.
- 4. Committing robbery or extortion.
- 5. Committing an obscene act or engaging in profanity or vulgarity.
- 6. Knowingly receiving stolen school or private property.
- 7. Intimidation, harassment (bullying), sexual harassment.
- 8. Disruption of school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, or administrators.

# Students who are suspended may not be on or near campus at any time for any reason during the time of suspension.

# A student may be suspended or expelled for the above offenses if the offense occurs at any time including but not limited to:

- 1. While coming to or going home from school (school jurisdiction).
- 2. While on school grounds.
- 3. During the lunch period, whether on or off campus.
- 4. During or while going to or coming from any school-sponsored activity either on campus or off campus.

## **EAGLE ACADEMY - ON CAMPUS ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION**

Cope utilizes *Eagle Academy*, an on-campus alternative to suspension program, for some suspendable offenses and for students who continue to violate school/classroom rules and policies. *Eagle Academy* may not necessarily be appropriate for use in all situations.

*Eagle Academy* is a site-operated classroom for students who have committed Education Code 48900 violations, or have been placed in the class by an administrator in lieu of suspension. The administrator will decide whether *Eagle Academy* is an appropriate setting based on the egregiousness of the violation and will review the contract with families prior to placing a student in *Eagle Academy*. The students will be under the supervision of credentialed teachers, counselors, and administrators who will present a restorative program that offers a proactive approach to instilling the skills, habits, and behaviors necessary to be successful in school and life, and hopefully prevent the related behavior from being repeated.

During the restorative program, students may engage in role playing activities, restorative circles, reintegration action planning, academic planning, campus beautification, and other behavioral activities.

The program is designed to give students a second chance and opportunity to learn from and reflect on their behaviors. Students who successfully complete the program will not reflect a suspension from school on their attendance or behavior record unless the student is pending expulsion. An absence by the student on an *Eagle Academy* day is a violation of the contract and the school reserves the right to implement a suspension for the original education code violation.

## **SAFETY**

### **SAFETY OFFICERS**

Safety officers and Campus Monitors are on campus to look out for the safety of everyone on campus – students and adults. They work along with the counselors and administrators to solve difficulties and investigate issues as they arise. Feel free to go to a safety officer with your concerns. Get to know our safety officers. They are here for you!

#### **SUPERVISION**

There is no supervision on campus before 8:15 AM. Students should not be dropped off or arrive at school before that time unless they are attending 0-period PE.

### **IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Students are required to wear their Cope Middle School student identification card at all times. Students will be provided with a lanyard for this purpose. The ID card is needed for campus passes, to check out books, to purchase tickets for school related activities, and to attend school activities. There is a \$5.00 charge for a replacement card. Students are expected to present their ID card whenever asked by any school staff member.

#### VISITORS

All visitors must enter through Cope's one point of entry - the main office. All visitors must check in to the main office and wear a RAPTOR visitor's pass the entire time visiting on campus. (See General Information section.)

### **DISTRICT TIP LINES**

Redlands Unified School District maintains an anonymous tip line where students are encouraged to report vandalism, graffiti, or other crimes. **The phone number is: 1-800-78- CRIME or <u>www.wetip.org</u>** Families may also use the **Sprigeo app** to report safety-related concerns to themselves, other students, or the campus.



### BULLYING / HARASSMENT / INTIMIDATION / RELATIONAL AGGRESSION

Bullying can be defined as the use of intimidation, aggression, and/or cruelty with the result of hurting another person. Bullying carries the ramification of causing pain and stress to the victim. Bullying is never justified and is not excusable as "kids being kids," "just teasing" or any other rationalization.

Specific types of bullying may include, but is not limited to: physical, verbal, mental/emotional, racist/intolerant, and sexual. It may also include the use of social networks and cell phones. **If a student believes they or another student is being bullied or harassed, they should report it to a counselor, administrator, or safety officer.** Students will be encouraged to fill out the Redlands Unified School District Bullying/Harassment form for ongoing issues. Each report will be investigated, and students will be referred to their counselor for support/resolution.

The Redlands Unified School District Board of Education has established the following: "No student or group of students shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any other student or school personnel." Those who choose to bully will be disciplined according to district policy and the California Education Code. (48900)

## **ACADEMICS**

### LIBRARY AND BOOKS

The library opens at 8:15 AM for students to use and is open during lunch with a campus pass. The library is also open after school until 4:00 PM. Students must use their Cope school identification card to check out books, Chromebooks, and textbooks. Students are expected to return books and Chromebooks in the condition they are received.

## **INTERNET/MOBILE DEVICES USE AGREEMENT**

Students at Cope Middle School have access to the Internet through classroom, library, and lab computers for educational purposes only.. To gain access students must have the **RUSD Acceptable Use Policy** form signed by a parent or guardian and the student. Students must abide by the terms outlined in the agreement or lose privileges to use the Internet. If the agreement is not signed and turned in, the student is not allowed to use the Internet anywhere on the campus as per District policy.

As outlined in Redlands Unified School District Board Policy 6162.7, the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems, or networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folder, work, or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

If students use computers or other electronic devices inappropriately or otherwise cause a disruption to the classroom learning environment, a student will be disciplined accordingly.

## ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

To ensure the integrity of Cope Middle School's educational program, a strict policy of academic honesty is enforced school wide.

Students will be expected to:

- 1. Do their own academic work unless authorized to work in groups.
- 2. Avoid plagiarism (copying another author's writing and claiming it as yours).
- 3. Adhere to classroom academic standards when testing.

Failure to adhere to the above standards may result in the loss of credit for an assignment and/or the lowering of an academic grade. (See the full Academic Integrity Policy on the next page.)

### **REPORT CARDS**

Grade reporting occurs eight times per year - once midway through the quarter and at the end of each quarter. The semester grades are the only grades posted on a student's permanent record. Parents may view grades in Aeries Parent Portal as report cards are no longer mailed home.

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Students are recognized by teachers through their Student of the Month selection and end of the year Honor Roll. Semester Assemblies are held to recognize high-achieving students in each grade level.

# **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

### PHILOSOPHY/RATIONALE

Academic honesty is highly valued at Cope Middle School. Our school is committed to advancing the pursuit of intellectual excellence and to maintaining the highest standards and expectations for academic integrity among all students. We believe in establishing a school climate and educational environment that promotes ethical and responsible student conduct. Each student is responsible for helping to keep this environment intact. Teachers and administrators at Cope understand that pressure to get good grades might create the incentive to cheat. However, we are also certain that neither pressure for grades, inadequate time for studying or completing an assignment, nor unrealistic parental expectations justify students acting dishonestly. As a professional learning community, we affirm that "learning for learning's sake" is intrinsically valued, and we will not tolerate any infractions that create or result in an unfair academic advantage for one student, or a disadvantage for another. Additionally, Cope Middle School asserts the need to prepare our students for the reality created by the technology explosion for the world of high school, college and beyond, where cheating and plagiarism have dire consequences.

#### What is academic integrity?

#### Having *academic integrity* means valuing and demonstrating positive regard for:

- Intellectual honesty
- Personal truthfulness
- Learning for its own sake
- The creations and opinions of others (i.e., intellectual property)

#### You are acting with *academic integrity* to the extent that you demonstrate these values, and in particular:

- Take full credit for your own work, and give full credit to others who have helped you or influenced you, or whose work you have incorporated into your own.
- Represent your own work honestly and accurately.
- Collaborate with other students only as specifically directed and authorized by your teacher.
- Report breaches of academic integrity to a teacher, counselor, or administrator.

In a nutshell, *academic integrity* means doing schoolwork honestly. *Cheating* is gaining an unfair advantage and is dishonest; *plagiarism*, a form of cheating, is presenting someone else's words or ideas as if they were your own. Students are sometimes legitimately unsure about what is acceptable, and what isn't. Teachers should clearly communicate their expectations to students, and make every effort to avoid situations in which students are confused about how they are expected to meet assignment requirements. Likewise, if a student is confused about what is acceptable, they should consult their teacher before handing in the final version/draft of the assignment in question.

#### **INSTANCES OF MISCONDUCT:**

#### Examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- *Plagiarism:* defined as the representation, intentionally, or unintentionally, of the ideas, works or work of another person without proper, clear, and explicit acknowledgement (ex. properly citing information)
- *Collusion:* supporting academic misconduct by another student, for example allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another
- **Duplication of work**: the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or core requirements (ex. submitting the same work for two assignments)
- Any other behavior that gains an unfair advantage for a student or that affects the results of another student (for example, sharing assessment questions, disclosure of information to and receipt of information from another student about the content of an examination via any form of communication/social media either before, during or after an exam/quiz).

#### **Misconduct in Exam Sessions:**

#### Incidents of misconduct include, but are not limited to the following:

- Bringing unauthorized material into an exam room
- Misconduct during an exam including but not limited to impersonating another student
- Supporting, or attempting to support, the passing on of exam related information
- Copying the work of another student
- Failing to comply with the instructions of the adult facilitating the exam
- Stealing an exam (before/during/after an exam)
- Using an unauthorized calculator or other smart device during an exam

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### **LEVEL 1 INFRACTIONS:**

These are primarily situations dealt with at the **classroom level**. Occurrences at this level include, but are not limited to, possession of a cell phone or other unauthorized device on a student's person during an exam, wandering eyes on exams/quizzes, repetitive missing of exams (without documentation such as a medical note), habitual absences on assignment due dates, and infractions involving copying classroom and homework assignments, including lab assignments. It is the **responsibility of each teacher** to clarify expectations about homework, research papers and projects with their classes, preferably in writing on their course syllabi. It is the **responsibility of the student** to be aware of what constitutes any infraction in a particular course.

**Consequences:** 

- The student will have a reduction in grade/credit (up to, and including "0" credit) on the assignment, exam, test, or quiz based upon the teacher's grading system; student must re-do assignment/assessment or alternative assignment/assessment if required by teacher.
- Teacher will confer with the student and contact the parent/guardian by phone or e-mail to review the academic integrity incident within two school days of becoming aware of the incident.
- Teacher will submit a written referral, with appropriate documentation, to an assistant principal who will meet with the student and/or counselor, and document the incident/follow-up action in Aeries; assistant principal will notify all the student's teachers of the infraction.
- Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, lunch detentions and campus beautification service. All students who commit a Level 1 infraction, will receive a verbal warning and the student and parent will be required to sign a statement/contract that acknowledges the violation/penalty and indicates an understanding of further consequences for any subsequent offenses.

## **LEVEL 2 INFRACTIONS:**

These are situations involving **more serious ethical violations.** Occurrences at this level include, but are not limited to, deliberate exchange/copying of information from another student including during a test/quiz, flagrant copying of a secondary source, internet site, web-based information, and any work of another person, use of a "cheat sheet" - including on an electronic device, attempting to obtain points by modifying a previously marked paper, knowingly allowing someone to look at one's work product during a test or quiz, giving or receiving test information to or from students in other periods of the same teacher or same course OR **a second or repeated instance of a Level 1 violation** (previous violations of Level 1 need not have occurred in the same class or academic year).

Consequences include those listed under LEVEL 1 Consequences and ONE OR MORE of the following:

- A teacher may decline to write a letter of recommendation or report it in a letter. A teacher may also rescind a recommendation after it has been sent.
- In the grading period directly after the incident, the teacher may mark "U" for the student's Citizenship mark.

### **LEVEL 3 INFRACTIONS:**

These situations involve serious ethical violations and/or deliberate failure to adhere to the Cope Academic Integrity Policy. Occurrences at this level include a **3rd offense of Level 1**, a combination of a Level 1 and a Level 2 offense or 1st offense at Level **3** (previous violations at any level need not have occurred neither in the same class nor academic year). Other occurrences at this level include, but are not limited to, clearly premeditated cheating; involvement in cheating conspiracies; involvement in blatant or extensive plagiarism or cheating beyond that of a Level 2; distributing unauthorized papers or projects to other students; Air-Dropping and/or mass sharing or distribution of exam/quiz material to other students; theft of assessment, instructional or administrative materials; receiving payment or paying for unauthorized papers or projects; and altering grades on a computer database, gradebook, or returned work.

Consequences include those listed under LEVEL 1 and 2 Consequences and ONE OR MORE of the following:

• Exclusion from extra/co-curricular activities, including disqualification from all ASB activities.

#### **PROCEDURES:**

Parents and students should understand that the teacher's professional judgment in conjunction with administrative guidance will determine whether a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy has occurred.

<u>Appeals Process:</u> Students wishing to contest decisions/consequences resulting from an Academic Integrity Policy violation may submit their *written* appeal to the Cope Administration within 5 days of the initial consequence.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

## ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Attendance at extracurricular activities is a privilege and students must meet certain behavioral expectations in order to attend. A school suspension in the previous 45 school days, 45 period absences during the semester (letters A, B, C, D, S and H in attendance), or a total of 7 or more tardies (attendance code T), will exclude students from any extracurricular school activity.

Students who are excluded from a field trip or extracurricular activity are required to attend school where alternative instruction will be provided. Failure to attend school simply because the student is not participating in a field trip or special activity will be considered truant unless the absence is cleared through the attendance office by a parent or guardian.

## SCHOOL PARTIES, FIELD TRIPS, AND ACTIVITY RULES

Cope ID Cards are required to enter campus for any event.

#### The following rules apply:

- 1. Cope parties, dances, reward events, field trips, and other activities are for Cope students only. No guests are allowed.
- 2. Students are required to have a filled out and signed ASB School Event Contract and the District's Acknowledgement and Assumption of Liability form to purchase a ticket and be admitted to any school event on file.
- 3. Students must uphold the expectations listed in the ASB School Activities Contract and the District's Acknowledgement and Assumption of Liability form, or the privilege to attend future events and activities will be revoked.
- 4. If students are absent the day of the activity or have been placed on the school activities exclusion list, they will not be permitted to attend the event/activity.
- 5. Prior to any school event or activity that extends the normal school day, all students must arrange for prompt transportation home. Students who have not been picked up within 30 minutes after the advertised end time of the event, will be excluded from the next activity.
- 6. All Cope and District policies apply to all school sponsored events and activities. Please see the Cope website and the ASB event contract for full details.

## **REDLANDS STUDENT CONNECTIONS LEAGUE (RSCL)**

The following boys and girls team sports are offered district wide to ALL middle school students:

\* 1st Quarter: Volleyball \* 2nd Quarter: Softball \* 3rd Quarter: Soccer \* 4th Quarter: Basketball

Students wishing to participate must complete and return to the main office, the Athletics Clearance Packet and Preparticipation Physical Form, which can be found at <u>https://www.redlandsusd.net/domain/5672</u>. These items must be completed prior to trying out for the team. Student athletes must maintain a 2.0 GPA and have satisfactory behavior and attendance, as determined by site administration and coaches.

## LUNCHTIME INTRAMURALS

Each quarter, Cope PE teachers offer lunch time intramurals for students to compete against one another at both first and second lunch. Students will receive more information in their PE classes and through the Student Bulletin.

## CLUBS

A variety of clubs and extracurricular activities are available at Cope. Students should listen to the daily bulletin, refer to the school website, or ask individual teacher advisors for more information.

## **HAVE A GREAT YEAR, EAGLES!**