

Cruickshank Middle School

8th Grade Parent Information Night
Wednesday January 22, 2025
5:30pm - MPR



8th Grade Graduation

Agenda

- Welcome
- Graduation Requirements
- Graduation Activities
- Dress Code
- Graduation Tickets
- Questions/ Comments

Academic Requirements

MCSD BP 6146.5/ AR 6146.5

2.0 Cumulative GPA in the 8th Grade Year

Please, be proactive if GPA falls below 2.0 at any point in the year. Make an appointment with teacher or administrator to discuss grades.

Stay in contact with teachers if you're concerned about your student's eligibility.

Parents are notified twice quarterly, by mail, if students are at risk. Progress Report and Report Card.

Those at severe risk will receive a **return/receipt** letter that must be signed for in the mail.

Use the Parent Portal/Aeries Gradebook/ Student Aeries Accounts.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Example

Grade point average of at least 2.0 for the entire 8th grade year.

Grade Point Values

A= 4 points

B= 3 points

C= 2 points

D= 1 point

F= 0 points

No failing grade in more than one subject for the school year.

56 Points Needed = 14 points/ Quarter

GPA Example

Math – B (3)

ELA – C (2)

SS – A (4)

PE – A (4)

Intervention C (2)

Technology – B (3)

Science – B (3)

$$21 / 7 = 3.00$$

Behavior Requirements

“High degree of citizenship”

Must not be suspended for more than eight (8) days.

A home suspension within the **last 20 days of school** will result in the student being ineligible in participating in the graduation ceremony, class trip, and the graduation dance.

Must not be expelled from any MCSD school during his/her eighth grade school year.

Any Suspensions in the 4th Quarter may result in the loss of some or all of the graduation privileges (which could include Graduation Dance, 8th Grade Trip, and/or the Graduation Ceremony).

Attendance Requirements

Must not acquire more than eight (8) days of unexcused absences or 18 days of total absences. (In unusual circumstances, exceptions may be approved by the principal.)

Obligations

Debt-Free

Clear all debts and obligations at least five (5) school days prior to graduation. Debts and obligations may include, but are not limited to, owing money for lost or damaged books, materials, P.E. locks or school equipment. (Exceptions may be approved by the principal.)

Graduation Activities

- ★ 8th Grade Awards Night - Tentatively Scheduled - Week of May 19th
 - Invitation Only
 - Individual Awards - Academics
- ★ 8th Grade Graduation Dance
 - Friday May 30 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 - Formal Attire Only - Must have a ticket to attend
 - Must be eligible for all graduation activities.
- ★ 8th Grade BBQ
 - Monday June 2, 2025
- ★ 8th Grade Graduation Trip - Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
 - Tuesday June 3 - Depart @ 7:30 am - Arrive by 7:30 pm
 - Tickets on Sale - February 10th.
 - Included: Ticket, bus, meal voucher, snack voucher, all day drink bottle.

Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday June 4, 2025

7:00 pm - Ceremony Begins

6:00 pm - Gates Open

All Graduates are to be dropped off/ enter the main Gate no later than 6:00 pm. Graduates will then report to the gymnasium.

After ceremony and return of gowns, students will return to field. Only students and staff will be allowed in the interior of campus.

Graduation Reminders - Ceremony

Please be respectful! All parents, students, and guests want to hear the names of ALL graduates being called as diplomas are presented and when speeches are given.

Absolutely NO limos, balloons, noisemakers

Dress and Grooming

All MCSD Graduates will be required to wear the **MCSD Blue Gowns**. Caps are not permitted.

Leis and other attire over gowns may not be worn. Only students who have earned a “**cord**” may wear them.

Remember, it's about the achievement!

This is not the prom or a wedding. Please do not spend large sums of money on attire for graduation. This is one of many important events in your student's life.

Dress and Grooming

Girls- Casual cotton dresses recommended, slacks are allowed.

No strapless or spaghetti straps: Straps must be 2 inches minimum.

No “cocktail” type attire (excessive sequins, beading or feathers).

Dresses must fall to “fingertip length” from the side and may not fall below ankle length for safety reasons.

No spike heels or flip flops, as students will walk in the grass.

No hats, gloves, parasols, purses, or jeans/denim.

No cell phones, jewelry, or other accessories that may interfere with the student’s ability to be “hands free” when receiving their diploma.

Dress and Grooming

Boys-Casual or dress slacks

Long or short sleeved light colored dress shirt with a tie.

Casual leather or clean sports shoes (Solid Red or Blue Shoes will not be allowed).

No “sagging”, tuxedos, sports coats/suit jackets, vests, wallet chains, canes, hats, or gloves.

No cell phones, jewelry, or other accessories that may interfere with the student’s ability to be “hands free” when receiving their diploma.

Tickets and Accessibility

Tentative Plan - Pending Securing enough folding chairs.

Students will receive a total of 10 tickets. Tickets will be given to students on the last day of graduation practice.

4 tickets are seated - wristbands

6 tickets are standing - wristbands

You must have a wristband on wrist to enter campus and the graduation area.

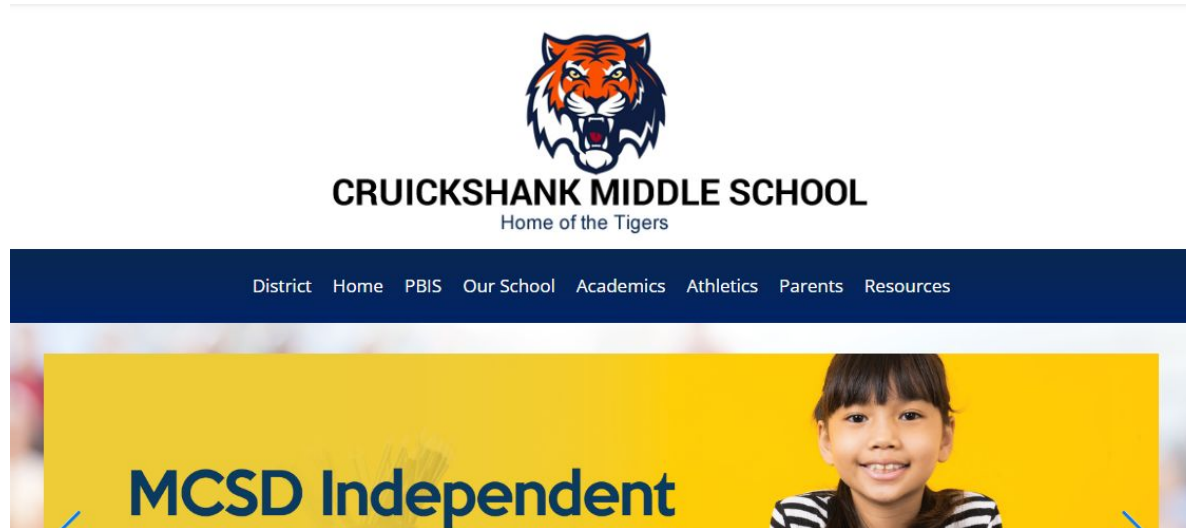
If you have someone who will be in a wheelchair or needs handicap access please let administration know in advance.

Gates open at 6:00pm and there is no “reserved seating” except for working staff members.

Cruickshank Website

Check the Cruickshank website for important information and updates:

<http://www.mcsd.k12.ca.us/Cruickshank>



A large, stylized blue hat with a wide brim and a band. The hat is rendered in various shades of blue with concentric circles on the crown and brim. At the bottom of the hat, a pair of eyes is visible, looking forward. The background is a solid blue color.

Welcome Class of 2029

El Capitan Gauchos

Registration Week

Jan. 27-31

- 1/27 - Course Fair,
5:30-7pm - ECHS Gym
- 1/28 - All ECHS bound
students visit campus,
10am-noon (they will need a device)
- 1/30 & 1/31 - ECHS
counselors visit feeder
school sites to meet with
students who have not
completed the course



GAUCHO COURSE FAIR - Jan 27

Important Links and Information

- For Parents and Students attending ECHS
- See the different course offerings, athletics, and club offerings
- Explore our Career & Technical Education Pathways
- Talk with teachers
- Talk with a counselor

GET PRIORITY ELECTIVE CLASS REGISTRATION

[Course Fair Flyer \(English\)](#) [Course Fair Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

[ECHS Digital Course Catalog](#)

[List of Courses Available to Incoming Freshmen](#)

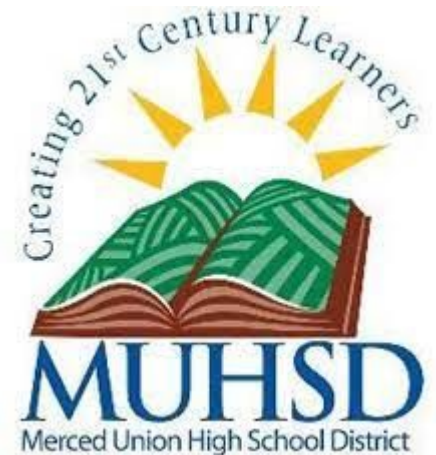
High School Information

Merced High- <https://mhs.muhsd.org/merced-high-school>

Golden Valley- <https://gvhs.muhsd.org/gvhs>

El Capitan- <https://echs.muhsd.org/echs>

Buhach Colony- <https://bchs.muhsd.org/bchs>



High School Registration Week - 1/27/25 - 1/31/25

January 27-28 - Priority Registration

January 27 - Evening Course Fair - Golden Valley, Merced High, El Capitan
(students will need a device to scan QR code - registration form)

January 28 - Feeder school will visit each High School site course fair - 9:30am - 12:00pm



Questions/ Comments

Thank you for taking the time to join us this evening.

Our Tigers ROAR!