

# Tenaya Middle School



Noche de  
Información  
para los  
Padres del 8vo  
Grado

8th Grade Parent Information Night  
Thursday, January 23rd

# 8th Grade Graduation      Graduación del 8vo grado

## Agenda

- Welcome
- School Update (Title I & Grant)
- Graduation Requirements
- Graduation Activities
- Dress Code
- Graduation Tickets
- High School Registration
- Questions/ Comments

## Agenda

- Bienvenidos
- TMS Título I & Solicitud CCSPP
- Requisitos para Graduación
- Actividades de Graduación
- Código de Vestimenta
- Boletos para Graduación
- Registro de escuela secundaria
- Preguntas o/ Comentarios



School Updates:

TITLE I



## CCSPP Application

Learn More at our SSC & ELAC Meetings, next one is Wednesday February 5th @ 3:30 PM in Room 1

**CCSPP:** We would like you to know that we are in the process of applying for the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP), an initiative sponsored by CDE to invest significant grant funds into whole-child learning environments and school communities. As a part of this process, we are conducting a SEL screener through Sown To Grow. This assessment is a short survey that students complete to assess their skills in social-emotional competencies such as self-awareness, self-management, and social skills. The survey includes a pre-assessment (beginning of the year) and post-assessment (end of the year) so student growth in these competencies can be measured over time. This assessment also allows the district to better understand and develop instructional materials for students' social and emotional needs (for example, lessons on stress management, anti-bullying, conflict resolution, academic perseverance, etc.).



# Graduation vs. Promotion

**Graduation**: Students who meet all of the MCSD graduation requirements can participate in the school's graduation ceremony, field trip and dance and are promoted to high school.

**Promotion**: Students who fail to meet one or more of MCSD's graduation requirements, but have a GPA of 1.50 or above *may* be promoted to high school, but cannot participate in the graduation activities.

1. Students with a GPA less than 1.50 may be required to successfully complete a program of choice from MUHSD. Those that pass the requirements are promoted to High School.

2. Students who fail to pass or attend the required program may be retained at Valley for another year of 8<sup>th</sup> grade or other alternative program.



# Graduación vs. Promoción

**Graduación**: Los estudiantes que reúnen todos los requisitos del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Merced (MCSD), podrán participar en la ceremonia de graduación, excursiones y bailes escolares serán promovidos a high school.

**Promoción**: Los estudiantes que no cumplan con los requisitos de graduación de MCSD, pero que tengan una calificación promedio acumulativa (GPA) de 1.50 o más podrán ser promovidos a high school, pero no podrán participar en las actividades de graduación.

1. Puede que a los estudiantes con un GPA menor de 1.50 se les requiera completar exitosamente un programa de su preferencia de MUHSD. Aquellos que pasen los requerimientos serán promovidos a la high school..

2. Puede que a los estudiantes que no pasen o no asistan al programa requerido, se les retenga en Valley otro año en el grado 8vo o en otro programa alternativo.



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Graduation Requirements include 4 areas:

- Grades,
- Attendance,
- Citizenship, and
- Clear all financial/book obligations.

MCSD BP #6145

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Los requisitos de graduación incluyen 4 áreas:

- Calificaciones,
- Asistencia,
- Civismo, y
- Obligaciones financieras saldadas.

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## Academic Requirements

- **2.0 Cumulative GPA in the 8th Grade Year**
- **Students may not receive a cumulative failing grade (F) in more than one subject during their 8th grade year.**

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

Parents are notified twice quarterly; Progress Report and Report Card. At risk letters are also sent through the mail to the address on file.

Use the Parent Portal/Aeries Gradebook/ Student Aeries Accounts to monitor your child's grades.

## Requisitos Académicos

- **Promedio Acumulativo de 2.0 en el 8vo Grado**
- **Los estudiantes no deben tener una F en más de una materia durante el grado 8vo.**

Manténgase en contacto con los maestros de su hijo/a, si está preocupado por la elegibilidad de su estudiante.

Los padres reciben notificación dos veces por término; los reportes, calificaciones y cartas se mandan por correo a la dirección archivada.

Use el portal para padres Aeries Gradebook/Student Aeries Accounts para monitorear las calificaciones de su hijo(a).

# 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

## **GPA Example**

Math – B (3)

ELA – C (2)

SS – A (4)

PE – A (4)

5<sup>th</sup> Skills - C (2)

Technology – B (3)

Science – B (3)

$$21 / 7 = 3.00$$

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

**56 Points Needed = 14 points/ Quarter**



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# FREE TUTORING

*Provided by Bali Tutoring in Merced*

**Now Tutoring 7th-8th Grade MCSD Students  
Online and In-Person**

## TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD:

Please call or text

(209) 201-6850

or

(209) 819-7196



**Para español (209) 494-7452**

## STUDENTS CAN GET HELP IN:

- Reading, Writing, Math, and Science
- Homework Help
- Classwork
- Test Prep
- Concepts



### MCSD Contact Person

Kristal Russell, Title I Family & Student Engagement Coordinator  
(209) 385-6617



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# TUTORÍA GRATUITA

*Proporcionado por Bali Tutoring en Merced*

**Ahora brindamos tutoría a estudiantes de  
MCSD de 7º a 8º grado en línea y en persona**

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llame o envíe un mensaje de texto al

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or

(209) 819-7196



**Para español (209) 494-7452**

## LOS ESTUDIANTES PUEDEN OBTENER AYUDA EN:

- Lectura, Escritura, Matemáticas, y Ciencia
- Ayuda con las Tareas
- Trabajo en Clase
- Preparación de Exámenes
- Conceptos



### Contacte a la Persona de MCSD

Kristal Russell, Coordinadora del Título I Participación de Estudiantes y Familias  
(209) 385-6617

# Paper Education Tutorials Partners with MCSD

Free, 24/7 access to 1-on-1 tutoring and writing support for 7th & 8th grade students. Paper's Educational Support System includes:

- 1:1 live-chat tutoring sessions with subject-matter experts in over 200 subjects and four different languages,
- Engaging educational videos and math games to expand student learning in and out of the classroom,
- Expert review on any written work (essays, creative writing, poetry, lab reports, etc.),
- Reading fluency and comprehension practice,
- And so much more!

Your student(s) will be able to access this incredible resource! To access, they will go to [app.paper.co](https://app.paper.co), search for their school, and login to start a tutoring session. You and your student will also be able to download the [Paper mobile app](#) for additional access anytime, anywhere.

**Services Available Starting October 2023**





## Student Assistance

### What help is available if my student is struggling or failing?

#### **After school Tutorial/ AVID Tutoring**

- Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:45 to 5 PM

**ParentSquare or Email Teachers/Set up a conference and be sure to have your child attend**

**At least once per week have your student show you his/her grades on Aeries. \*Look for missing assignments\***

**Check your child's agenda nightly**



# Asistencia Estudiantil

## Ayuda disponible para los estudiantes que tienen dificultad

### **Tutoría BRAVE después de la escuela**

- Lunes, Martes y Jueves después de la escuela de 3:45 a 5:00 pm

**Envíe un ParentSquare o correo electrónico al Maestro(a)/haga una cita y asegúrese de que el estudiante asiste con usted a la junta.**

**Pida al estudiante que por lo menos una vez a la semana le muestre sus grados en Aeries. \*Esté pendiente de los trabajos no entregados (*missing assignments*)\***

**Revise la agenda de su hijo(a) todas las noches.**



## Attendance Requirements Requisitos de Asistencia

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

\*Los estudiantes no podrán acumular más de ocho (8) ausencias injustificadas o 18 días con ausencias justificadas. (En circunstancias inusuales, las excepciones tendrán que ser aprobadas por el director o directora.)



## Positive Citizenship Requirements

Students who have major discipline incidents this year may lose the privilege to participate in graduation procedures. \*Students must not be suspended for more than 8 days.

*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).*

The Admin team will review student discipline records two weeks prior to graduation to make a final decision on whether students will get to participate in graduation. Students and parents will be notified.

**Any student suspended from school within the 20 days prior to the graduation ceremony will not be eligible to participate in any end of year activities including the graduation ceremony.**

**ALL FIGHTS will result in placement in Site Day School per student handbook. Students who remain in SDS during 4th quarter will not qualify for the graduation ceremony. \*It takes approximately 25 school days of earning all points to exit SDS and earn back privileges.**



# Obligations / Obligaciones



## ***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.)

## ***Sin-Deudas***

Los estudiantes tendrán que saldar todas las deudas y obligaciones, cinco (5) días escolares antes de la graduación. Las deudas y obligaciones pueden incluir, pero no son limitadas a deudas por libros perdidos o dañados, materiales, candados o equipo escolar.

# Graduation Activities

*\*All Dates and Times are Tentative\**

- ★ 8th Grade Awards Assembly- Tentatively Scheduled - May 21st
  - By Invitation Only (Students may have 2 guests)
  - Individual Awards - Academics
- ★ 8th Grade Graduation Dance-Tentatively Scheduled - May 30th 6:30-8PM
  - Dress Attire & Ticket & ID Required, NO Cost to Graduates
- ★ 8th Grade BBQ- June 2nd
  - Students Only, following Graduation Practice
- ★ 8th Grade Graduation Trip - Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
  - Tickets go on sale Feb .10th (8:30-9AM & 3:45-4:15 PM in front office)
- ★ Graduation Ceremony, June 4th
  - Ceremony at 7 PM, Gates Open at 6:15 (Ticket Required)
  - Graduates must be here by 6:15 to participate





**Tickets go on sale 2/10/25**

**When: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025**



Scan here for Park information

- ★ **Cost: \$130.00**
- ★ **Admission Ticket**
- ★ **Charter Bus**
- ★ **Mega Meal Voucher**
  - Redeem Meal Voucher at any of the participating food locations in the park.
- ★ **Snack Voucher**
  - Redeem Snack Voucher at any of the participating food locations in the park.
- ★ **One All-Day Drink Bottle**
  - Free refills all day

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE**

150 Seats Available

**Accepting cash or check only.**





Payment Plan Available:

**Feb. 10th- March 7th:**

**\$50 to reserve a space.** \*First come, first served. \*Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to reserve a space.

**March 10th- \$40 Due**

**April 10th- \$40 Due**

April 11th: ALL Balances must be paid in full or refund will be issued and seat will be made available to students on the Waiting List.

# What will Graduation Day look like?

## **Wednesday June 4, 2025**

Graduation Practice 9 AM- 12 PM, Students released at Noon

All Graduates are to be dropped off/ enter the Gym at 6:00 PM. Graduates will then report to the MPR. \*Graduates MUST arrive by 6:15 to participate!

Gates open for family & friends at 6:15 PM, Graduation Ceremony begins at 7 PM

After ceremony and return of gowns, students will be dismissed to the basketball courts behind gym to meet family and friends.



## 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 and Stoles**.

Caps are not permitted.

Leis and other attire over gowns may not be worn. Only students who have earned a “**cord**” or “**medal**” 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 collared shirt. Tie optional.

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*

ALL students will receive a total of **4** tickets. ***Tickets will be given to students on the last day of graduation practice.***

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

Gates open at 6:15 pm and there is **NO “reserved seating”** except for working staff members and those who have won VIP reserved seating.

# High School Information

**MONDAY, January 27th**

Course fair at your child's high school

GO register for classes and meet high school staff.

5:30-7PM in the Practice Gym at GVHS,  
MHS & El Cap

This is an important night!

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>

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**Thank you for coming!**

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**Welcome Class of 2029**

**El Capitan Gauchos**

# Registration Week

## Jan. 27-Jan.31

- 1/27 - Course Fair,  
5:30-7pm - ECHS Gym
- 1/28 - All ECHS bound  
students visit campus,  
10am-noon



- 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](#)

[ECHS Digital Course Catalog](#)

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