

# Goleta Valley Junior High School



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**Home of the Mariners**  
**School Colors ~ Red and White**

## **GOLETA VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

**Mission:** To ensure safety, accountability, inclusion, and learning.  
**(SAIL)**

**Vision:** All GVJH Mariners will be engaged learners, culturally aware  
and productive citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global community.

**Values:** Respect, Innovation, Lifelong Learning, Goal Setting, Equity

**Goal:** Higher Order Thinking Skills

# SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

The mission of the Santa Barbara Unified School District is to “prepare students for a world that is yet to be created.” Our vision is to support “students to read, reason, and communicate to contribute positively to an ever-changing world.” The vision statement supports the school district’s commitment to literacy, development of cognitive skills and is aligned with new State standards for college and career readiness.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Board of Education is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on gender, age, sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, linguistic or economic background, sexual orientation or the perception of one or more of such characteristics. The board shall promote programs which ensure that discriminatory practices are eliminated in all district activities.

## PARENTAL AND STUDENTS’ RIGHTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

[Parents’ Rights and Procedural Safeguards - English](#)

[Derechos de Padres y Garantías Procesales - Español](#)

For more information about Special Education, contact GVJH Assistant Principal, James Bedard ([jbedard@sbunified.org](mailto:jbedard@sbunified.org))

## 2025-2026 GVJH BELL SCHEDULES & SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday - Friday / lunes - viernes						
Start time Hora de Inicio	End Time Hora de Finalizar	Monday lunes	Tuesday martes	Wednesday miercoles	Thursday jueves	Friday viernes
8:00 AM	8:55 AM	Period 0	Period 0	Period 0	PLC/ staff mtg	Period 0
9:00 AM	9:53 AM	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	9:00 - 10:03 Period 1 + Advisory	Period 1
9:57 AM	10:47 AM	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	10:07 - 10:55 Period 2	Period 2
10:51 AM	11:41 AM	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	10:59 - 11:47 Period 3	Period 3
11:45 AM	12:35 PM	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	11:51 - 12:39 Period 4	Period 4
12:35 PM	1:05 PM	Lunch/Almuerzo	Lunch/Almuerzo	Lunch/Almuerzo	12:39 - 1:09 Lunch/Almuerzo	Lunch/Almuerzo
1:09 PM	1:59 PM	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	1:13 - 2:01 Period 5	Period 5
2:03 PM	2:53 PM	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	2:05 - 2:53 Period 6	Period 6
2:57 PM	3:47 PM	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7	No Period 7 Sin séptimo periodo	Period 7

Minimum Day Schedule/ Horario del día mínimo*		
Start time Hora de Inicio	End Time Hora de finalizar	Minimum Day Día Mínimo
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Period 1
9:35 AM	10:05 AM	Period 2
10:10 AM	10:40 AM	Period 3
10:45 AM	11:15 AM	Period 4
11:20 AM	11:50 AM	Period 5
11:55 AM	12:25 PM	Period 6

\*Periods 0 and 7 do not meet on minimum days/Los periodos 0 y 7 no se cumplen en días mínimos

[SBUSD 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[GVJH 2025-2026 Bell Schedule](#)



**Goleta Valley Jr. High**  
**Our Mission ≈ SAIL**



<b>SAFE</b>  <b>How are my actions affecting others' right to feel safe?</b>	<i>In the classroom, at lunch, in the hallways....</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use words wisely and think before you act.</li><li>• Keep hands to yourself &amp; respect personal space</li><li>• Seek out your safe adult if you see bullying or unsafe behavior.</li></ul>
<i>In the classroom, at lunch, in the hallways....</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be on time, bring your materials, and do your work</li><li>• Contribute positively to your classmates/ in groups</li><li>• Take responsibility for your work and your actions</li></ul>	<b>ACCOUNTABLE</b>  <b>How do my actions show I consider myself to be accountable to self &amp; others?</b>
<b>INCLUSIVE</b>  <b>How are my actions affecting others' right to feel included, valued &amp; appreciated?</b>	<i>In the classroom, at lunch, in the hallways....</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BE KIND</li><li>• Respect others' ideas &amp; opinions</li><li>• Consider the feelings &amp; different perspectives of each Mariner at GVJH</li></ul>
<i>In the classroom, at lunch, in the hallways....</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be an active listener &amp; participant</li><li>• Have a growth mindset ~ try new things, take risks!</li><li>• Share your creative &amp; unique perspectives and ideas with others</li></ul>	<b>LEARNERS</b>  <b>How do my actions impact my learning &amp; the learning of others?</b>

## **Goleta Valley Junior High School Wide Agreements**

### **SAIL on, Mariners!**

For our GV mission to be successful, SAIL is implemented school wide.

Accountability looks like:

- Procedures in place
- Agreements and expectations clearly communicated
- A positive classroom environment

### **Student Agreements**

- Students will arrive to class on time
- Students will turn off (and put away) all personal electronic devices when the first bell rings. ([per cell phone policy](#))
- Students will use the restroom during passing periods, at lunch, and before or after school
  - Will only leave class to use restroom in case of an emergency, but not in the first or last 10 minutes
  - Will go directly to the nearest restroom and will return to class as quickly as possible
  - Will follow the GV Hall pass procedure
- Students will use inclusive language with one another
  - Respectful
  - Non-racist
  - Non-homophobic words

### **Parent/Family Agreements**

- Families will call or text students before or after school or call the front office to communicate a message..
  - Will contact student through the Office in case of an emergency
- Families will check CANVAS once per week and will have ongoing conversations with students concerning academic and behavioral expectations.
- Families will prioritize school by sending students to school daily and on time, and will attempt to schedule trips or appointments outside of school hours.
- Families will respond to teachers when contacted for academic or behavioral concerns

### **Teacher Agreements**

- Teachers will ensure that students are aware of consequences for tardies
- Teachers will closely monitor students both inside and outside of the classroom and ensure that students are aware of expectations for devices in their classrooms
- Teachers will use a sign-in/out protocol for student restroom breaks
- Teachers will model inclusive, respectful, non-racist, and non-homophobic language and speak to students who need reminders of appropriate language
- Teachers will consider implicit bias when managing student behavior to ensure that all students are treated fairly and equitably
- Teachers will respond to families in a timely manner
- Teachers will notice, praise, and reward positive student behavior
  - Verbal affirmations
  - Super SAIL-or raffle tickets
  - Nominations for Student of the Month
  - Nominations for VIP
  - Participation in weekly classroom SAIL competition

### **Administrator Agreements**

- Administrators will implement weekly and monthly positive behavior rewards programs
  - Students of the Month, VIPs, Super SAIL-or, class SAIL competition
- Administrators will follow up with teachers in a timely manner after referrals are submitted
- Administrators will respond immediately when a teacher needs a student removed from a class
- Administrators will visit classrooms and will positively engage with students as often as possible

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Goleta Valley Junior High School. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the new school year. Our wonderful campus has been part of the Goleta Valley community for more than 50 years. As a Mariner, it is important for you to become involved in our comprehensive program, including extra-curricular activities and school events held throughout the year. At GV we are committed to our mission of SAIL.

(Safety, Accountability, Inclusion, Learning)

This student handbook contains important information that will have an impact on your overall success. As a Mariner, we expect that you will show respect for yourself and others and actively participate in our diverse school community. Your engagement in the educational process plays an important role in your development and success. We have an outstanding and dedicated staff that will challenge you academically, provide support, ensure a safe learning environment, and communicate with your parents on a regular basis. As a student at Goleta Valley Junior High School, you are accountable for knowing and understanding our school wide expectations while on campus or attending school-related activities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please come by my office, or I will see you around our school.

Go Mariners!  
Clanci Chiu Merritt, Principal

## HEALTH SERVICES

The health office is located in the school's administration building. Services include assisting students who are ill, first aid, referrals to community agencies, dispensing of medication, and maintenance of health, immunization, and emergency records. If you need to go to the Health Office during school hours, obtain a pass from your teacher before reporting to the health office. ***If it is necessary for you to go home during the day due to illness or injury, parents are required to show identification when picking up a student before the end of the day.***

In case of a serious injury or other health situation, emergency services (911) will be called. We will try to contact parents immediately. Please be sure the school has up-to-date telephone numbers where parents or other designated adults can be reached in emergencies, including cell phone numbers.

If you have a health condition which might affect your studies or activities, please contact the Health Assistant.

**P.E. excuses** must be written by the parent or doctor's medical note and turned into the health office.

Clearance does not exempt you from dressing, unless noted by a physician.

***For your protection and for the protection of others, do not come to school if you are ill. You should stay home if you have any of the following symptoms:***

- Fever: Greater than 100.3 degrees. Can return when fever free without medication for 24 hrs.
- Upper Respiratory: Cold/cough with symptoms of tiredness, sore throat, earache, fatigue or fever.
- Symptoms of diarrhea/nausea, or vomiting.
- Green or yellow nasal discharge.
- Too ill or uncomfortable to concentrate or function well in the classroom.
- Undiagnosed skin conditions that may be contagious.

[CDPH Guidelines for When to Stay Home from School](#)

**Medical equipment:** The use of such as wheelchairs, crutches or scooters, during school hours must be accompanied by a physician's note stating the reason and duration of use on school grounds for the safety of students and staff.

**Medication Policy:** If you must take any prescribed or over the counter medication during the school day or during school sponsored trips/outings/events, please have your parent notify the school to obtain the "Authorization to Administer Medication(s)" form.

The physician and parent must complete the "Authorization to Administer Medication(s)" form and return it to the Health Assistant **before** any medications can be administered.

The parent must bring in the medication in the pharmacy labeled container matching the medications and instructions on the "Authorization to Administer Medication(s)" form.



### CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW

California school immunization law requires all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade to be immunized with a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine booster called Tdap. A copy of your student's immunization record is required upon enrollment.

Required immunizations and more information can be found at [CDPH - Immunizations for 7th Grade](#)

## ATTENDANCE

### **To report an all-day absence:**

- Call **before 10:00 am** on the day of the absence, or prior to **(805) 967- 3486 x 2504**
- Email Ms. Porter

([dswanson-porter@sbunified.org](mailto:dswanson-porter@sbunified.org) )

All student absences must be reported by a parent/guardian within 72 hours, or they will be considered truant and detention may be assigned. 18 or more periods of truancy will be reported to the District's Truancy Program.

**Excused absences:** per Education code Section 48205 include: illness, medical/dental appointment, funeral of immediate family (limited to 1 day in state, 3 days out of state) and other reasons pursuant to board policy. Excused tardies must be signed in or a note provided. Excused tardies include: illness or medical/dental appointments.

### **Appointments during school hours/Early**

**dismissals:** Requests by a parent/guardian for a student's early dismissal should be made **at least 2 hours prior** to the appointment time. The student must bring a note, or the parent may email or call the attendance line stating the time the student will need to leave campus. Students will only be released to a parent/guardian, unless prior authorization is given by the parent. Anyone picking up a student from the office for early dismissal must bring a photo ID. When returning to school, the student must check in at the office before returning to class.

**\*Please note: failure to provide advance notice of an early dismissal may result in a longer wait time at the office.**

**Extended trips:** Please provide advance notice for planned extended absences, including dates of the trip, by sending a note, emailing, or calling the attendance line.

**Please make every effort to have your child attend school on time, all day, every day as attendance goes hand-in-hand with learning and achievement.**

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS/TARDIES

The tardy bell marks the beginning of class. Students should be lined up at the classroom door with their iPad and other materials, ready to enter when the bell rings. Students are to enter and leave rooms in an orderly manner. Running and pushing are not allowed nor tolerated. Students are not to leave until they are dismissed by the teacher.

Students with excessive tardies will be referred to the Dean of Student Engagement for intervention.

## HALL PASSES

While classes are in session, students must complete the online MINGA pass and have the classroom hall pass with them any time they leave the classroom. Students are expected to be responsible, or pass privileges will be revoked.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you move during the school year, it is important to report the new address and telephone number to the counseling office.

## STUDENT CONFERENCE

Students may make an appointment with their counselor by completing a "Request for Conference" form, which is available in the counseling office, by emailing their counselor directly or by using the QR code posted in classrooms.

## PARENT CONFERENCE

The education of your child requires a high degree of home-school cooperation. To make an appointment for a conference or to contact personnel, call GVJH at 967-3486 or contact faculty members directly by email. A list of faculty telephone extensions and e-mail addresses will be available on the GVJH website, <https://gvjh.sbunified.org/>.

If you have a question about a behavior or attendance concern, call and ask for the Dean of Student Engagement.

You may also schedule a conference with the Teacher, Counselor, Assistant Principal, Dean of Student Engagement or Principal.

## GRADING

Grades are given for each subject in **both** achievement and citizenship.

### **Achievement**

A	Outstanding
B	Above average
C	Average
D	Below average, but passing
F	Little or no achievement
CR	Credit
NC	No credit
I	Incomplete*

\*An incomplete is given to students when circumstances are beyond their control and they are unable to complete work on time for the grade report. The usual cause is illness. Work must be completed within three weeks after the close of the grading period.

## CITIZENSHIP

- O - Outstanding
- S - Satisfactory
- N - Needs Improvement
- U - Unsatisfactory

Grade reports are issued in November, January, April, and June. Semester grades (January and June) are recorded in the student's cumulative record as a part of their transcript.

[Goleta Valley JH Citizenship Rubric](#)

## PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS	
English/Reading	4 semesters
Social Studies/American Studies	4 semesters
Mathematics	4 semesters
Science	4 semesters
Physical Education	4 semesters

### UNIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION

7-8 Grade – 110 units in 2 years

**Must pass** > 15 units each of English, Math, Social Studies and Science in 2 years

## CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Participation in Promotional Activities may be denied if a student:

1. Has accumulated twelve (12) days of suspension and/or has frequent disciplinary interventions on their record;
2. Has received two (2) or more "U" marks in citizenship or a combination of three (3) or more unsatisfactory citizenship grades ("N" or "U"). In short, a student should maintain satisfactory citizenship each semester.
3. Owes money to the school for lost or damaged books, locks, materials or fundraisers.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is required that each student be responsible for completing his or her own class work and homework. Consequences for academic integrity violations may include lowered academic and/or citizenship grades and progressive disciplinary action.

## HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an essential part of a quality school program. It helps to reinforce classroom learning and

is an important part in determining the grade. Parents are urged to take an active part in seeing that homework assignments are completed and returned. Parent interest helps students realize the value of education.

**NOTE:** GVJH's policy is in alignment with the Santa Barbara Unified School District's policy. (BP 6154 and AR 6154)

## ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

See the District Website for the complete policy at:

[SBUSD Acceptable Use Policy - Secondary](#)

## SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED DRESS CODE POLICY

[SBUSD Dress Code Policy](#)



## LIBRARY INFORMATION

### YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN THE LIBRARY:

Our library contains many resources to support students with projects and to promote independent reading! Our library staff, Ms. Hatcher-Day, encourage all students to visit the library!

**HOURS:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (unless closed early for a meeting). PEAC Tutoring is available in the library Monday-Thursday from 3:15-5:00 PM.

**CHECKING OUT LIBRARY MATERIALS:** Bring your ID card and books to be checked out to the Circulation Desk for processing.

**LOAN PERIOD:** The loan period for books is for three weeks. The **DUE DATE** is stamped on the inside of most books.

**RENEWALS:** Books may be renewed by presenting them at the Circulation Desk. Additional renewals must be approved by the librarian.

**RETURN OF BOOKS:** All library materials are returned to the Circulation Desk.

**CARE OF BOOKS:** Each student is responsible for taking good care of all library materials. A charge for unreasonable damage will be made. Lost books



should be reported at once, and if not located in a reasonable time, replacement cost will be charged.

**YOUR LIBRARIAN IS ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP YOU IN USING THE LIBRARY.**

## **IPADS**

All students will receive a district-issued iPad. Students are expected to come to school with their iPad fully charged each day. iPads should be used for educational purposes only, as explained in the Acceptable Use Policy.

If the iPad is damaged, not working properly, lost or stolen, please submit a support request to ETS at [support@sbunified.org](mailto:support@sbunified.org).

## **LOST/DAMAGED TEXTBOOKS OR LIBRARY RESOURCES**

A student is responsible for his or her own books. If a book is lost, the student must pay for it. If the book is found within that same school year, the student (or parent) will be reimbursed.

If a book is damaged, charges will be assessed for minimal, excessive or permanent damage. Charges will range in price from \$5.00 up to the actual cost of the book. Newer textbooks range in price from \$60 to \$100. Charges will be made for the following types of damages: writing in book; torn bindings; bent covers; excessive wear; torn and missing pages; and water damage. The amount of damages charged will depend on the extent of the damages in each of these categories. Damages made in multiple categories will be added together to determine the final damage charge. In no instance will the student be charged more than the cost of the book.

## **FAILURE TO PAY CAN RESULT IN WITHHOLDING OF TRANSCRIPTS, YEARBOOK, REPORT CARDS AND DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION IN PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

## **HARASSMENT**

The Santa Barbara Unified School District prohibits harassment on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, handicapping condition, or physical appearance in the school environment by employees, students, or others.

Any student (or parent of a student) who feels that they are being harassed on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, handicapping condition, or physical appearance should immediately report such harassment to a staff member. SB Unified also has [the Uniform Complaint Procedure](#).

Students (and parents of students) wishing to file a complaint of harassment may do so verbally or in

writing. The complaint should be addressed to the principal or another site administrator.

Any staff member who received a report of harassment must immediately (the same day) report the incident to the principal or site administrator. If the site administrator receives the harassment complaint, they must immediately notify the principal. Upon notification of a harassment complaint, the Assistant Superintendent will be notified.

Complaints of harassment will be investigated immediately, no later than the same day that the complaint is made known to the principal or site administrator.

## **BULLYING**

The Governing Board recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student well-being, student learning, and school attendance and desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students from physical and emotional harm. No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, visual, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel, or retaliate against them for filing a complaint or participating in the complaint resolution process.

Students should report concerns about bullying to a trusted adult (teacher, counselor, administrator or other school staff) or through the online reporting system.

[SBUSD Board Policy - Bullying](#)

## **SAFE2SPEAK UP**

All students have the Safe2Speak Up app installed on their district iPads. The app allows students to make reports about safety concerns such as bullying, drug/alcohol use, etc. Students may use their name or make anonymous reports. Reports are sent immediately to the principal and site administrators for follow up.

## **DISCIPLINE & DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES**

Goleta Valley Junior High School follows the policies and guidelines established by the SBUSD for student discipline.

SBUSD [Board Policy](#) and [Administrative Regulation](#) for Student Discipline

[SBUSD Discipline Guidelines](#)



## ACTIVITIES

There are many clubs and activities for students to participate in at GVJH, including clubs, ASB/Leadership, and After School Sports. A Club Day is held near the beginning of the school year for students to find out more about school activities.



### ASB STUDENT COUNCIL

Both grades are included in Goleta Valley's student government. ASB Elections are held in the spring. All ASB officers must also enroll in Leadership as an elective. To be placed on the ballot, candidates for office must obtain teacher recommendations. Eighth grade candidates must have a 2.0 academic and citizenship average (with no "N" or "U") on their last report card and never been suspended from school.

Student council positions are elected in May for the following year. Students interested in the GV Leadership class must complete the application process in the spring for the following year. Student council is composed of the student body officers and the leadership class.

Participating in ASB Student Council means becoming involved in planning school dances, theme days and service learning projects, as well as acquiring the qualities of leadership.

## STUDENT RECOGNITION

### Super Sail-ors

Ms. Chiu, administrators and GV staff recognize students who are demonstrating aspects of the mission of SAIL (Safety, Accountability, Inclusion & Learning). Raffle tickets are submitted and winners are announced every Friday in the morning announcements.

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month, teachers nominate a Student of the Month. Six students are chosen each month for their overall contributions to our school and for maintaining their academic marks, punctuality, character,

courtesy, respect, responsibility, productivity, sportsmanship, and helpfulness.

### VERY IMPROVED PERFORMER

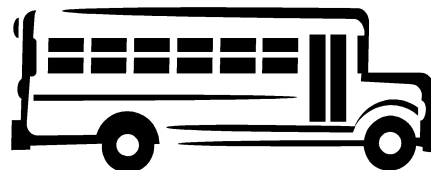
Four times throughout the year, students are honored by the Assistance League of Santa Barbara as a VIP (Very Improved Performers). Students are recognized as VIP's who have shown improvement in academics, attendance, or attitude.

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

GVJH students have the opportunity to take part in after-school sports. All that is required is a willingness to attend practices on a regular basis. Our school competes with other local junior high schools. Bus transportation is offered when competitions take place off-campus. Students have options including flag football, basketball, pickleball, track, volleyball, softball, soccer or Ultimate Frisbee.

### Other activities and groups

To make junior high school a well-rounded and more social environment, students are encouraged to participate in school activities. There are a variety of clubs and activity groups that welcome student participation and involvement. The following are some of the clubs available: Advanced Band, Chess Club, Dance Team, Peacebuilders, Math Counts, Salsa Club, Science Club, Tech Club, Yearbook Club, GSA, Maker Mondays, Engineering and Robotics Club, Homework Club. Please visit <https://gvjh.sbunified.org> for more club information.



### BUSES-MTD

Bus service to the school is provided by the MTD on a pay basis. Information about routes, schedules, and ticket prices can be found on the MTD website <https://sbmtd.gov/routes/booster-services/>

Bus regulations should be respected at all times. **Riding the bus is a privilege.** Passengers are asked to remain seated until the bus stops, to keep all objects within the bus, and to avoid causing any disturbance. If the driver feels you are violating a regulation, he or she has the authority to ask you to get off temporarily or permanently and possibly refer

you to the Police Department. Parents are financially responsible for acts of vandalism on the bus caused by their child. Also, disciplinary action may be taken by the school.

## **BUS PASS SALES**

Bus passes for the MTD buses are sold on Tuesday & Wednesday at lunch outside the main office. The cost is \$8.25 for 10 rides. The school accepts cash and checks for bus ticket sales. Checks should be made payable to Goleta Valley Junior High School and must be in the correct amount. No change will be given on checks.

Reduced price bus tickets are available for students who are approved for the Free and Reduced Meal Program, are not intra-district transfer students and live at least three miles away from Goleta Valley JH. All eligible students must apply each year for the Reduced Bus Ticket program. Applications are available in the GVJH front office. The cost for a reduced bus ticket is \$6.00 for 10 rides.

## **DROP OFF/PICK UP**

Students are **NOT** to be dropped off at school before 8:00 a.m. unless assigned to a specific class. Students must leave campus promptly after school and are not permitted to loiter on campus.

## **GOLETA VALLEY JH WEBSITE**

The Goleta Valley JH website, <https://gvjh.sbunified.org/>, is the place to obtain up-to-date information regarding all aspects of Goleta Valley life. The home page has a listing of news articles regarding the school, along with an updated calendar of events. There are sections devoted to parent news, student news and information from teachers.

## **WEEKLY MARINER MESSAGE**

The Daily Announcements is published each school day and is read over the intercom system by a student. The Daily Announcements contains information for students about club meetings, lunchtime activities, assemblies, performing arts and musical presentations, after-school sports practices and games, along with other campus events.

Parent Mariner Message is sent out every Sunday via Parent Square. Please make sure the school has the correct email address or cell phone number to receive these messages.

## **VISITORS**

Parents are always welcome, but must report first to the office to sign in and obtain a visitor badge. Parents requesting to visit a classroom or meet with a teacher should schedule an appointment in advance.

***STUDENT VISITORS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CAMPUS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE PRINCIPAL.***

## **CLOSED CAMPUS**

No student may leave campus during the school day without clearance through the office. In case of illness, the office will notify parents before excusing a student from school. ***Parents are required to show identification when picking up a student before the end of the day.***

For dental or medical appointments, students may obtain an early dismissal pass in the office before school by presenting a note signed by a parent. Upon returning to school, he/she is to report to the office for a pass to the next class.

## **STUDENT/FAMILY CONTACT PROCESS**

### **Parent/Guardian > Student during school day**

1. Call the office. Office staff will take a message and deliver it to student in class.
2. If dropping off an item for a student, parent/guardian may come to the main office and fill out a message form to notify the student that the item is waiting in the office.
3. Parent/guardian can message student through Canvas. Students may reply to these messages.

### **Student > Parent/Guardian during school day**

1. Students can use a phone in the office to contact a parent/guardian.
2. Students can use their cell phone in the office under the supervision of a staff member. Students must keep their device in the assigned pouch until they are in the office.

## **LUNCH CONDUCT**

Everyone is asked to cooperate in keeping the campus clean by disposing of all litter in trash containers provided on the grounds. No food is to be taken out of the designated lunch areas. Students must make their **OWN** purchases in the snack line. Students are not permitted to loiter in the restrooms,

between the 300 and 400 wings or locker hallways during lunch.

## CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students.

### BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served every morning in the cafeteria. This meal includes an entrée which changes daily, milk, juice, fruit or yogurt and cereal.

### LUNCH

Lunch is served each day in the cafeteria. The daily lunch menu can be found here: [SBUUSD Food Services Menu](#)

Students may purchase a la carte items such as chips, juice, cookies and other healthy snack items from the cafeteria windows and/or lunch carts.

Parents/guardians are permitted to drop off lunch in the main office. **Meal delivery services (pizza delivery, DoorDash, etc.) are not permitted during the school day.**

## FREE AND REDUCED PRICED MEAL PROGRAM

Application forms for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program are mailed to each student's home during the summer by the Santa Barbara School District. This form must be completed and returned to the School District each school year for a student to be eligible for this program.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

If a natural disaster or fire occurs while students are at school, students are to follow the specific directions of the teachers and staff.

In the event of a school disturbance, students are requested to stay inside the classrooms or get to safety as soon as possible. The key to our success will be a result of communication and teamwork. Discussion and drills will be conducted throughout the school year.

## PE CLOTHES

- Goleta Valley or Ash Gray T-shirt – mandatory
- Goleta Valley or Black Shorts with 8" inseam – mandatory
- Goleta Valley or Black Sweatshirt - optional
- White gym socks and Running shoes
- Goleta Valley or Black Sweatpants - optional

PE clothes will be sold in August before school begins and during each student's P.E. class.

**NOTE: Students are strongly advised to not share their P.E. Locker combination and/or locker for security purposes. ALL VALUABLES MUST BE SECURED IN LOCKED LOCKERS DURING THE P.E. PERIOD.** Every article of gym clothing must be labeled with the student's first initial and full last name. Students are responsible for keeping locks on their PE lockers - and locking them. Locks are issued by the PE Department. A fee of \$6.00 will be charged to replace lost locks.

## LOST AND FOUND

All clothing, books, notebooks, and other personal belongings should be labeled with the student's name. If articles are found, they should be taken to the office. Textbooks and library books should be taken to the library. If a student loses personal property, he/she should check in the "Lost and Found" in the office.

## BICYCLES

For safety reasons, students riding bicycles and e-bikes to school **MUST WALK** their bikes **AT ALL TIMES** while on campus. This includes the black top area, sidewalks and paths at the perimeter of the campus.. Park and lock your bike in the bicycle racks. Do not leave helmets or other personal items in the bike corral. To protect the bicycles, students are not permitted in the bike rack areas during the day.

## INSURANCE

Student accident insurance is available on a voluntary basis through a private company. Check the district website for details. [www.sbunified.org](http://www.sbunified.org)

## PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CELL PHONES, SMART WATCHES, HEADPHONES)

Personal electronic devices, including, but not limited to cell phones, smart watches and headphones (including AirPods) are not required for students to participate in the educational program. To promote positive student engagement and a safe and healthy school environment, **personal electronic devices are not permitted during the school day. Students are only permitted to use their devices before or after school.**

Students are expected to turn their devices OFF when the first bell rings and keep them in their backpacks for the duration of the school day.

**Goleta Valley Junior High School is not responsible for damage, loss or theft of personal electronic devices or any other personal item. If**

**students bring these items to school, they are responsible for ensuring that they are secured.**

Student and parent/guardian expectations regarding the use of personal electronic devices are outlined in the [SBUnified Personal Electronic Device Agreement](#).

## **SKATEBOARDS, INLINE SKATES, AND SCOOTERS**

**Skateboards, inline skates, and scooters are NOT permitted at any time on campus.** Students who use any of these modes for transportation to/from school must walk once on campus. Skateboards should be brought to the front office and scooters locked in the bike cage. Having a skateboard is a privilege. Students who do not meet the agreements for skateboards may lose the ability to have one on

campus. The riding or use of skateboards, inline skates, and scooters on school campuses and District owned/operated property is prohibited at any time of day or night, whether school is in session or not. These items will be confiscated by school administrators/campus security. Violation of this policy is an infraction punishable by fine. (Vehicle Code Section 21113, Board Policy 3515.1)

## **SELLING ITEMS ON CAMPUS**

Only school-approved fundraisers are allowed on campus. Students are not permitted to sell items (such as candy, food, toys, etc.). Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the principal.