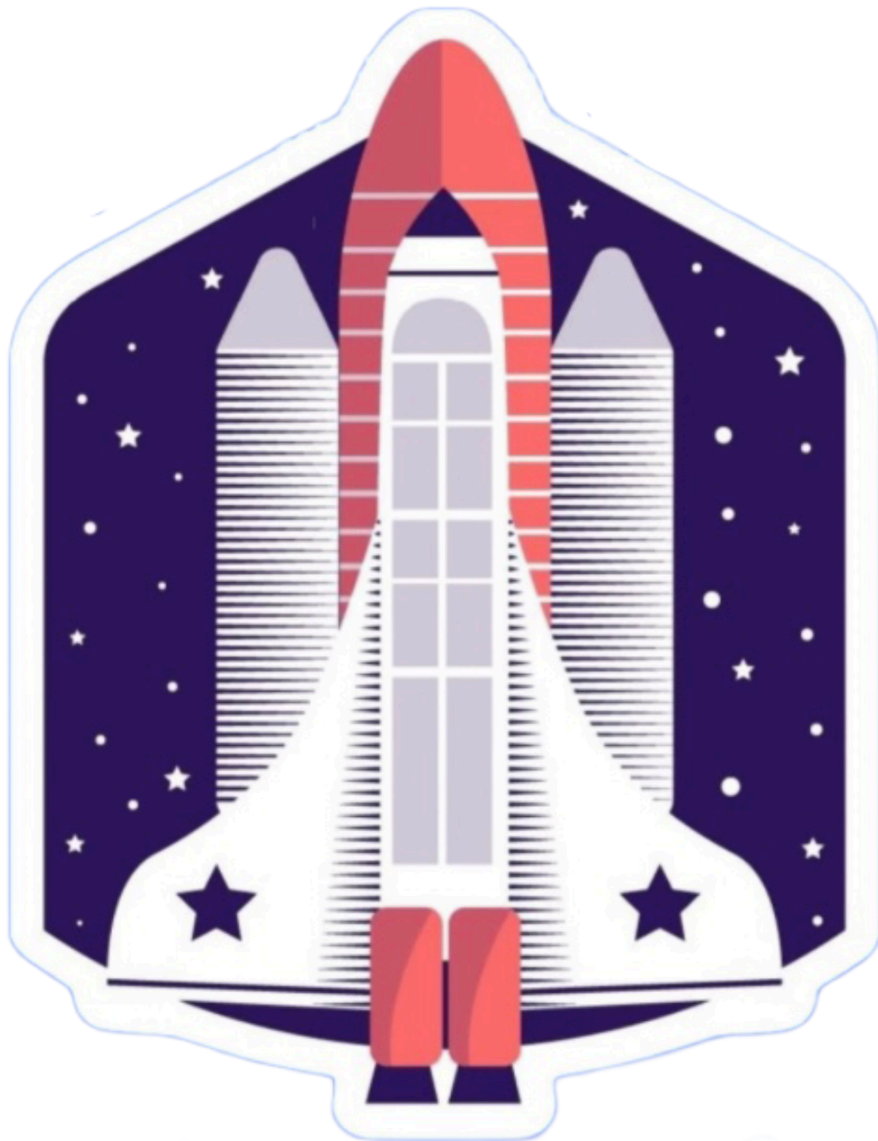


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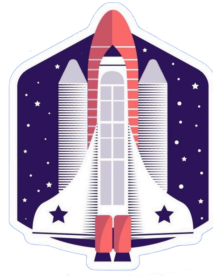
Family Handbook

2025 - 2026



Christa McAuliffe Elementary

"Excellence! Engagement! Empowerment!"



Welcome to Christa McAuliffe Elementary School! We are pleased to have you as part of our school community. Our staff at McAuliffe are very proud to serve our students and will strive for high standards in academics, arts, and athletics which our district has represented over the years.

The information contained in this handbook has been compiled to provide you with helpful information. It is designed to help McAuliffe students and families become informed of school and district rules and policies, special programs such as student council, sports, award programs, and other expectations that will make your years at McAuliffe Elementary School successful and rewarding. For your convenience, this handbook and other resources are available on our school website.

McAuliffe Elementary, along with the entire Panama-Buena Vista Union School District, have a tradition of Excellence in Education. The staff at McAuliffe is committed to continuing this tradition in academics, sports, music, science, and technology through research-based best practices. We believe that families, students, and staff working together will create a school where kids are excited to learn; where they feel safe, supported, empowered, challenged, inspired, and successful in any future endeavor.

Please sign and return the School and District Parent Acknowledgement forms found at the end of the handbook.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ishii

Mrs. Ishii, Principal

Christa McAuliffe Elementary School

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Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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General School Policies

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Staff supervision of the playground begins at 7:15 a.m. Students may not be on campus prior to 7:15 am. If students report to campus before this time, parents/guardians will be contacted.

Students must leave the McAuliffe campus immediately upon dismissal unless they are involved in school sponsored after-school activities. **Any primary student on campus after 2:10 p.m. or any intermediate student on campus after 2:20 p.m. must report to the office, so that parent contact can be made.** Students may not return to school to play on the grounds.

ARTICLES FROM HOME

All personal property (backpacks, jackets, lunch boxes) should be labeled with your child's name. Toys, sports equipment, electronics. The school is not responsible for any loss of personal items brought by students from home. Items taken away from students may be returned to parents/guardians.

ATTENDANCE

We ask for your cooperation in seeing that your child attends school each day. It is important that students are at school on time every day to ensure that they have an opportunity to learn grade-level skills and standards. Absence from school places a hardship on the student and hinders learning.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, **please contact the school via ParentSquare text, email, or call at 661-665-9471 within 72 hours to report each absence and to give the reason for the absence.** Absence notifications can be viewed within the ParentSquare App. When the school does not receive a call and/or note regarding the absence within 72 hours, the absence is marked as unexcused and treated as truancy. By law, an absence may be excused only for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Doctor's appointment
- Death in the family

California law requires children to attend school and to be on time every day. Absence from school for **three or more days per year** for unexcused reasons will result in a child being declared legally truant from school. Truant students are reported to the School Attendance Review Board and/or appropriate agencies such as Child Protective Services.

Unexcused absences, including family trips for pleasure/recreation and business purposes or failing to provide proper verification for an absence for more than 10 consecutive days can result in the student being dropped from the class and the risk of the student not returning to the same class or school. If absences become excessive, the administration will reach out to parents to schedule a meeting.

If your child will be absent for at least 3 consecutive days but no more than 14 days, you may request an Independent Study contract. Your child may be approved for Independent Study. Please call the office 5 days in advance of the absence for more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL & OPEN HOUSE

Back to School Night, in September, is designed for parents to meet their child's teacher and learn classroom procedures and grade-level expectations for academics and behavior. Teacher presentations are for parents only. In May, families are encouraged to attend Open House to celebrate academic growth over the year.

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, & ROLLERBLADES

The Bakersfield Police Department suggests that kindergarteners to 2nd graders **NOT** ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or rollerblades to school. Most of these accidents happen to children at this age. Students in grades 3-6 may ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or rollerblade to and from school. To do so, a student must have a [Bicycle, Scooter, Skateboard, or Rollerblade Permit](#) filled out and on file. These items may not be ridden on campus or on the sidewalks adjacent to the school. Bicycle riders should park their bicycles in the rack and lock them securely. **BY LAW, BICYCLE, SCOOTER, SKATEBOARD, AND ROLLERBLADE RIDERS MUST WEAR AN APPROVED HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHEN RIDING.** Students are responsible for the care and storage of their helmets. Students must obey all traffic and bicycle rules to and from school. A student who fails to use good judgment when riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or rollerblade may lose the privilege of riding them.

BELL SCHEDULE 2025-2026

Christa McAuliffe Elementary School <u>2025/2026 Bell Schedule</u>	
7:15	Campus Opens/TK-6
7:38	Instruction Begins-Grades TK-6
Recess	
9:00 – 9:15	TK & K Grade
9:15 – 9:30	K & K/1 Grade
9:30 – 9:45	Primary Grade
9:50 – 10:05	Intermediate Grade
Lunch	
10:20 – 11:05	TK &K Grade
10:50 – 11:35	K & K/1 Grade
11:20 – 12:05	Primary Grade
11:50 – 12:35	Intermediate Grade
Dismissal	
* 2:00 (*12:30 Wednesdays)	TK – 3 rd Grade (Primary) Dismissal
* 2:10 (*12:40 Wednesdays)	4 th – 6 th Grade (Intermediate) Dismissal
<u>Every Wednesday is an Early Dismissal TK-3rd @12:30 and 4th-6th @12:40</u>	

CAFETERIA BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Our nutrition services department offers a balanced nutritional breakfast and lunch program. For the 2025-2026 school year, all students will be eligible for free breakfast and lunch. In order to maintain our school funding, families will be asked to complete an Education Benefit Form. State law requires children to eat lunch every day when they are at school. Unless we have a note from the parent to the contrary, all children in grades TK through 6th grade must eat lunch each day. Please contact the Cafeteria manager with any questions.

CELL PHONES/DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

A District Cell Phone Agreement must be on file before a student brings a cell phone to school. **Phones must be in backpacks and powered off while on campus.** Students may wear smart watches, but the sound for notifications must be turned off, and the watch cannot be a distraction during the school day. Taking pictures or videos while on

campus is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action. Students must follow the District's Acceptable Use Policy and classroom procedures when using any technology on campus. Students may not listen to music on school computers. Students may not access YouTube from school without teacher permission and direct supervision for each use. Students may not use the "chat" function, even if it is enabled. Students may only use school technology for learning purposes. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action such as a reflection, and possible suspension from technology use.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Classes are balanced each year to ensure the maximum educational potential for each student. The principal will exercise prudent judgment to ensure each class is properly balanced based on intellectual, behavioral, social, emotional, physical, and other concerns. To maximize learning for all children, McAuliffe Elementary does **NOT** accept or guarantee specific teacher placements.

CLASSROOM PARTIES

Classroom parties are allowed twice per year. Each grade level may have a celebration at the end of the year. Food items brought to school for celebrations/parties must be commercially prepared, packaged, and sealed, due to food allergies. Foods prepared in a home are not allowed. Individual birthday celebrations are not allowed, this includes treats, balloons, flowers, and gifts for children delivered to the classroom as it disrupts the learning environment.

CLOSED CAMPUS

To increase the safety and security of all students, we have adopted the following policies. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in creating a safe environment for all students!

- After the first day of school, parents with students in grades 1-6 are no longer able to walk students to class. After the first week of school, parents with students in grades TK-K are no longer allowed to walk their children to class.
- Restrooms are not accessible to the public.
- Raptor ID Scan: In an effort to increase safety, all visitors will need to scan a valid ID to be allowed on campus or to pick up any students.

DRESS CODE

Compliance: All Dress Code compliance issues are addressed in the District Handbook available online or by request in the school office. The District Board and administration reserves the right to declare any mode of dress that in their estimation inhibits the educational process or threatens the safety and protection of students as unacceptable. If students are dressed in an unacceptable manner, parents will be notified and corrective measures must be taken before the student will be allowed to return to class or the playground.

EARLY PICK UP

At McAuliffe, instruction is bell to bell. Our teachers teach until dismissal. Please try to schedule appointments after school. We understand that sometimes students must be picked up early. However, when students leave early, they miss out on valuable grade-level skills and standards. That being said, we will not call students out of class for the last 30 minutes of the day. Students being picked up for an appointment must provide documentation of the appointment to be considered cleared. Students who are picked up early more than 3 times during a month will be required to meet with the administration. If your child needs to leave early from school, the adult's name must be on the white enrollment card and show proper identification.

***Please be prepared to show I.D. when removing a child from school.*

ELAC

ELAC, English Language Advisory Committee, and parent involvement meetings are held at least three times a year to present parenting tips and resources to help your child succeed in school. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback and suggestions on strengthening the relationship between home and school, as well as desired program.

EMERGENCIES & EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Contingency plans and supplies are in place to deal with any emergency or disaster situation that may arise. Students regularly participate in emergency drills. In the event of a major disaster, students will be held at the school in a safe location until they are picked up by parents or other designated adults.

In the event of serious accidents or injuries at school, students are given first aid; and every effort is made to contact the parents immediately. If the parent cannot be reached, we will call the person named on the emergency card to act on your behalf. It is **EXTREMELY** important that we have current home and work emergency contact telephone numbers. Please call us immediately if there is a need to update these numbers.

ENROLLMENT CARDS

Enrollment cards are completed at the beginning of every school year. Updated contact information is essential. Any changes throughout the year, can be made in the Office and with proper identification and cannot be made over the phone. Please make sure our office has up-to-date contact information.

FIELD TRIPS

Our teachers frequently arrange field trips that are intended to extend and enhance the curriculum. You will be advised in advance of any planned field trips. Your **written** permission will be required before your child will be allowed to participate; district policy does not allow us to accept verbal consent. Please return permission slips promptly. Teachers and students will ride the bus to and from the field trip location. Parent chaperones will also be encouraged to ride the bus as space permits. If you are interested in chaperoning, you must sign and submit a Chaperone Agreement prior to the trip. Chaperone spots are limited and based on the needs of the class.

FOG DELAY

Fog Delays are 2-hour for Bus transportation only. If you transport your child to school, he/she may be on campus at 7:15 a.m. and supervised in the cafeteria. Attendance will be taken at 9:38 a.m. on these days. Local stations will broadcast "all schools in the Panama Buena Vista Union School District" to inform families of a fog delay.

LIBRARY

The McAuliffe Library houses hundreds of books for all interests. Students are welcome to come to the Library during regular scheduled class time, or recess with their teacher's permission. They may check-in/out books, do research for school projects, take Accelerated Reader tests, or just read in a quiet environment. To borrow materials, each student is required to sign a Library card agreeing to pay fines or replacement fees for lost, stolen, or destroyed items.

LOST & FOUND

Inquiries regarding lost articles may be made by our students during recesses and before and after school. A "Lost and Found" hanging rack is located near the Multipurpose Room for articles of clothing that remain unclaimed. We strongly encourage that all clothing, coats, sweaters, caps, etc., as well as lunch boxes be clearly marked with your child's **first and last name**. Information will be sent home each quarter asking parents and students to claim their lost items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

MAINTAINING SAFE SCHOOLS

To maintain safe and orderly schools, the State of California authorizes school districts to suspend or expel students for the commission of serious offenses. Suspension is defined as exclusion from school and all school activities for a period of one to five days. Expulsion is defined as the removal of the students from all schools in the Panama-Buena Vista Union School District for an extended period of time. In some instances, the period of expulsion may cover one school year. Students considered for expulsion are brought before the District's Administrative Hearing Panel where evidence regarding the cases is presented. The District's Board of Trustees reviews the Panel's findings and determines whether or not to issue an expulsion order.

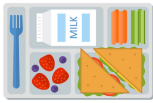


In accordance with Education Code 48900, school districts are granted the authority to suspend or expel students who have committed any of the following acts:

- a. Fighting/Assault
- b. Vandalism
- c. Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco - possession or use of
- d. Theft
- e. Weapons - possession or assault
- f. Habitual profanity or vulgarity
- i. Sexual harassment
- j. Violence/Bullying
- k. Harassment, threats, or intimidation

The Panama-Buena Vista Union School District maintains that any knife, regardless of length, or any weapon is strictly prohibited at school or any school-sponsored activity. Students found to be in possession of a knife or weapon will be subject to disciplinary action. State and Federal law requires the Superintendent or designee to immediately suspend and recommend for expulsion any student who brings a firearm to school. We ask parents to review the policy with their students so that we can work together to maintain safe and orderly school campuses.

MCAULIFFE EXPECTATIONS

	Show Respect	Are On Task	Act Appropriately	Are Responsible
Playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share Equipment - Play Fair - Listen to adults - Keep your hands and feet to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use Equipment Properly - Follow playground rules - Use the bathroom and get a drink before the warning bell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are kind - Use appropriate language - Include others - Throw trash in trash cans - Recycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eat in designated areas - Return Equipment - Freeze at the bell - Walk at the whistle - Line up in a 4 S line
Hallways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use quiet voices - Respect each other's property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk - Head straight to your destination - Place backpacks by classroom and head to playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep hands and feet to yourself - Use appropriate language - Stay on the sidewalks - Line up in a 4 S line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay out of the hallways, unless needed - Request permission before helping a teacher during recess
Library/Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Say "Please" and "Thank you" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only be in the office or library with permission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen and follow the directions of adults - Keep hands and feet to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wait your turn
Cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talk quietly - Listen to adults - Wait for permission to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eat your meal - Keep food on your tray - Stay in your seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk - Use appropriate language - Use manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean up your area, throw away trash - Keep your hands and feet to

	be dismissed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enter cafeteria food line silently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use appropriate volume 	yourself <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enter and exit the cafeteria quietly
Bathrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wait your turn - Maintain privacy - One person per stall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be timely - Use the restroom for its intended purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use proper volume when talking - Use appropriate language - Keep your hands to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Throw trash in the trash cans - Keep food out of the restroom - Wash your hands
Bus/Gate Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quiet voices - Listen to the adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Line up in designated area - Ask permission to leave the line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep hands and feet to yourself - Use quiet voices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow directions to stay safe - Wait in line patiently
Classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appropriate voice level - Use kind words - Remove hats and hoods - Listen to all adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow directions quickly - Keep contraband at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep hands and feet to self - Use polite language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrive on time - Be ready to learn - Give your best effort - Take care of classroom and materials

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

State laws and district policies govern the taking of medication by students while at school. Anytime prescription medication is to be given by school personnel it must be in a container with the pharmacist's label attached. Medication forms are available in the Office. No medications, prescribed or over the counter (including cough drops), will be administered without the proper documentation from the prescribing physician on file.

PARENT CLUB

Parents are encouraged to become an active part of the McAuliffe Parent Club. This club will sponsor several fundraisers and other activities during the school year. All funds that are generated as a result of these efforts will remain at McAuliffe and directly benefit the school. Information regarding upcoming meetings will be posted on Parent Square.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We believe a successful educational experience for each student results from parents, students, and staff working together. McAuliffe school supports parental involvement in all school activities by emphasizing communication between the school and home. Special programs, notes, telephone calls/messages, parent/teacher conferences, bulletins, and monthly newsletters form the basis of communication between the school and parents. Parents are encouraged to present suggestions at meetings, on an individual basis, or by written communication. Parents are also encouraged to visit and volunteer in classrooms, attend assemblies and programs, participate in field trips, and work as volunteers for various activities and committees.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/teacher conferences are an essential part of each child's education. Grades PreK through 6th have parent conferences after the first report card period. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference at any time throughout the school year.

PHONE MESSAGES

Please make any necessary arrangements (transportation, lunch, etc.) before school. We will not interrupt instruction to deliver a message to your child. For the safety of our students, any changes concerning pick-up plans or dismissal must be made in person or in writing.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT & STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Every student should have the opportunity to learn in a safe, orderly, and comfortable learning environment. No one has the right to keep others from learning because of their behavior. No one has the right to hurt or threaten others. The staff at McAuliffe will do its utmost to keep the school safe and free from attitudes that interfere with learning. It is the responsibility of the student to respect the authority of all staff members, to behave in such a manner that does not disrupt the rights of others to learn and to follow all school rules, attend all classes on time, and do all work assigned. It is the responsibility of the parents to reinforce proper behavior at school, review the school expectations with your child(ren), cooperate with the school staff in carrying out appropriate consequences, and seek out guidance for assistance in correcting the misbehavior of a student.

A positive learning environment must exist to ensure student learning, and we expect that students will follow a set of Behavior Expectations: Show Respect, Stay On Task, Act Appropriately, and be Responsible.

PRINCIPAL'S LIST & HONOR ROLL

Report cards will be issued at the end of all four quarters. Students in grades four through six are eligible for the Principal's List or Honor Roll. At the end of each grading period, those students who have obtained an "A" (4.0) average or those students who have obtained a "B" (3.0) average in all academic subjects for that quarter will be recognized. Please note, that a grade below "C" in **any** subject will prevent a student from being on the Honor Roll.

QUARTERLY AWARDS

Each quarter, McAuliffe will conduct awards assemblies. Students will be recognized by their classroom teachers for the following areas: Math, Reading, S.O.A.R., Great Growth, and Writing.

Students in grades four through six have the opportunity to earn pins by participating in various school activities. Points are cumulative from the fourth grade and are given for activities such as student council, athletics, music, and scholastic achievement. Students achieving 1,000 points or more are recognized at the end of the fourth quarter with a 1,000-point achievement award plaque.

RELEASE OF STUDENT TO ADULT

Students shall be released during the school day to the custody of an adult only if:

1. The adult is the student's parent/legal guardian with custody or is listed on the emergency card.
2. The adult has appropriate identification and the verified authorization of the student's parent/legal guardian with custody.

S.A.R.C.-SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

A copy of the School Accountability Report Card, with important statistics about the school policies, practices, student test scores, and school and district demographics is available for parents to read in the school office or on our website. <http://www.pbvUSD.k12.ca.us>.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

The School Site Council, or SSC, is an elected group of parents and school staff members who work together to give guidance in the budgeting, operation, and evaluation of any specially-funded or categorical program.

SOAR TICKETS

"Show Respect, On-task, Act Appropriately, are Responsible (SOAR)." This acronym describes how students should conduct themselves in different areas across campus (Multi-Purpose Room, Playground, Hallways, etc.). Students who demonstrate the SOAR expectations will have the opportunity to earn a "SOAR" ticket to be placed in a weekly drawing. Additionally, students can earn and spend SOAR tickets at the weekly SOAR Store.

SPORTS PROGRAMS AFTER SCHOOL

All after-school sports are recreational. Fall- Volleyball (5th and 6th grade girls) and Flag Football (5th and 6th grade boys and girls). Winter- Boys' Basketball and Girls' Basketball (5th and 6th grade boys and girls). Spring-Track and Field (4th-6th grade boys and girls). Information regarding the after-school programs will be announced after school begins. Parents or caretakers need to transport their student to and from **off-site games**. **All** participants must have signed parent permission slips on file and maintain a 2.0 GPA or above, with no D's or F's in any subject and no suspensions during the season.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is made up of student-elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, Student Support Liaison, Athletics Director, and Superintendent of Grounds. Elections are held in the fall. The council works in conjunction with a Student Leadership Team.

STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM

The purpose of the Student Success Team meeting is to find strategies for students who are receiving Tier 2 services and continue to have difficulties academically, socially, and/or behaviorally. The classroom teacher, parents, or administration are welcome to request a Student Success Team (SST) meeting.

TIER 2 REFERRAL

Students who struggle to meet Tier 1 expectations may be "nominated" for Tier 2 supports. These supports are designed to promote positive student outcomes. If you have a concern about your child, you may complete a Parent Nomination form.

TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

McAuliffe is a Targeted Title I school. Title I is a federally funded program to help close the achievement gap in English/Language Arts and Math. A Title I Parent Involvement Policy and Parent/School Compact is included in this handbook.

TRANSPORTATION

The responsibility of the Panama-Buena Vista Union School District is to safely transport students to and from school each day. Transportation to and from school by a school bus is a privilege and is not required by law. The responsibility of the student is to behave in a safe manner while waiting at designated bus stops and while riding the school bus. Parents should notify the bus driver of any significant health conditions. **No students in grades TK through third grade may sit in seats next to an emergency exit door. Students in fourth through eighth grade may sit in these seats.**

The following list of student actions constitutes violations of the established rules and regulations:

- Abusive body contact (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, pulling hair, etc.) when loading the bus, on the bus or unloading the bus.
- Using profane language or obscene gestures.
- Putting any part of the body out of the bus window at any time.
- Any movement OUT of seats while the bus is in motion.
- Creating excessive noise that distracts the bus driver.
- Unauthorized opening, closing, or tampering of any kind, with doors or windows.
- Any type of damage or defacing of the bus.
- Throwing any objects in, out of, or at the bus.

- Lighting matches, cigarettes, smoking on the bus.
- Transporting live animals, reptiles, or insects, on the school bus.
- Glass containers will not be allowed on the bus.
- Eating, drinking, or chewing gum on the bus.
- Failure to obey or show disrespect to the bus driver.
- Using a bus stop other than the student's regularly designated bus stop.
- Riding the bus after receiving a bus suspension.
- Any improper bus stop procedures, i.e. not lined up properly at the bus stop.
- Giving improper identification when requested by the bus driver.
- Tampering with the radio or the bus controls.

Transportation to and from school by school bus is a privilege and not required by law. Minimum penalties, as listed below, shall be used as guidelines for infractions of established rules:

First Citation - Warning or possible bus riding suspension.

Second Citation - Telephone call to the parent followed up by a letter. The Principal has the discretion to suspend up to three (3) days for grades K-6.

Third Citation - Telephone call to the parent followed up by a letter. Five (5) Day Bus Riding Suspension for grades 1-6, and three (3) days for kindergartners.

Fourth Citation - Telephone call to the parent followed up by a letter. Ten (10) Day Bus Riding Suspension for grades 1-6, and three (3) days for kindergartners.

Fifth Citation - Telephone call to the parent followed up by a letter. Twenty (20) Day Bus Riding Suspension for grades 4-6, ten (10) days for grades 1-3, and three (3) days for kindergartners. Subsequent citations result in the same consequences as the fifth.

Please note, the bus suspension days for each citation are district guidelines. For extreme cases, individual students' bus riding privileges may be revoked for the remainder of the school year.

Unauthorized Entry (EC 39842)

Any person who enters a school bus or school pupil activity bus without prior authorization of the driver or other school official with intent to commit any crime and who refuses to disembark after being ordered to do so by the driver or other school official is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both.

VISITING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

We encourage families to visit your child's classroom and be involved in their education. To visit the classroom during instructional time, parents must arrange with the teacher, 48 hours in advance. Teachers are not able to stop and discuss a student's progress during instructional time. Parental visits are limited to twice per month for a maximum of one hour per visit. Additional visits may be scheduled through the principal if more observation time is needed.

Volunteers: Parent and community volunteers provide critical support to the important work of learning that takes place in our school each day. Individual classroom teachers will share their specific classroom needs for volunteers with the parents/guardians of their students. In addition to your child's classroom, we welcome volunteer support to our school in many capacities.

Visitors: For the safety of our children, we require that all visitors (including parents/guardians) check in at the main office when visiting our school. This procedure allows us to carefully protect the safety of our school environment and to issue you a visitor's badge, a "signal" to our students that you have checked in with us. The playground and cafeteria is closed to visitors.

VISION SCREENING

The district is required to appraise each student's vision in grades TK, K, 2, 5, and 8, except that a student first enrolling in grade 4 or grade 7 will not be reappraised the following year. The appraisal will include screening near vision, far vision, and color perception; however, color vision will only be conducted for 2nd grade males.

VISITOR PARKING

Parking is limited. Visitors coming on to campus may park in parking lot spaces, as available, or park on available side streets.

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CELLULAR PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES

Students will have limited use of electronic signaling devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, pagers, and beepers. To avoid disruption of the instructional process, students shall not display, use, activate, or permit electronic signaling devices to be activated during the school day. For purposes of this policy and procedure, the "school day" is described as the moment a student enters the school grounds until the student exits the school grounds following the final dismissal bell. The "school day" also includes, but is not limited to, study hall, lunch break, class changes and any other structured or unstructured instructional activity that occurs during the normal school day.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that his/her electronic signaling communication devices are turned off and secured at all times. Students who violate the rules and regulations concerning electronic signaling communication devices are subject to having the device confiscated and to disciplinary action. (Board Policy 5131)

In accordance with the Board's policy and administrative procedure on search and seizure, a school official may search a student's mobile communications device, including, but not limited to, reviewing messages or viewing pictures.

The district is not responsible for retrieval, replacement, or any charges incurred as a result of lost, stolen or damaged electronic communication devices.

No student shall be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician or surgeon to be essential for the student's health and the use of which are limited to health-related purposes. (Education Code 48901.5) If a student wishes to use an electronic communication device at an unauthorized time for medical purposes, his/her parent or guardian must submit a written request for permission to the school principal or his/her designee to determine the validity of the request.

Authorization for Student Cell Phone/Electronic Signaling Device Use

By signing, you acknowledge that you have read and have a clear understanding of policy and procedure relating to cellular phones and other electronic signaling devices stated in the McAuliffe School Parent/Student Handbook. Your signature further authorizes your child to possess a cell phone or other electronic signaling device while at school.

ELECTRONIC ON-LINE/INTERNET SERVICES STUDENT USER AGREEMENT

As a student, I understand that the school district will provide me access to electronic on-line/internet services for educational purposes only. This access is a privilege, not a right. I understand that my access will be withheld if I abuse this privilege, fail to adhere to the District's Electronic On-Line/Internet Services - Student Obligations and Responsibilities or engage in any activity prohibited by the District. I will not allow any other person to access electronic on-line services using my school account, and I will not access electronic on-line services using anyone else's school account.

As a parent, I have requested that my child be given access to electronic on-line services for educational purposes. I have reviewed with my student the District's Electronic On-Line/Internet Services - Student Obligations and Responsibilities provided in the District Parent Information Booklet. I understand that student access may be withheld if the provisions of this agreement are violated.

LIBRARY CARD APPLICATION

I request that my child be allowed to borrow materials from the school library. I promise to pay for any damage or loss of library materials and any fines charged to my child.

**Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
Christa McAuliffe Elementary School
FAMILY HANDBOOK
2025 -2026**

Please sign where indicated and return this form to your child's teacher.

- Please send hard copies of both Parent Handbooks home with my child.

I have read the **McAuliffe School Family Handbook** and the **PBVUSD Parent Handbook**. Please call the office with any questions. **Your signature is required.**

_____ Student's Name	_____ Teacher's Name
_____ Parent/Guardian's Signature	_____ Date

Electronic On-Line/Internet Services Parent and Student User agreement

I have read and will abide by the following: Electronic On-line/Internet Services-Student Obligations and Responsibilities (This policy is located at the end of this Handbook).

Student's Signature is required.

_____ Student's Signature	_____ Date
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I understand that student access may be withheld if the provisions of this agreement are violated. In addition, I request that my child be allowed to check-out books/materials from the *school library*. I promise to pay for any damage or loss of library materials and any fines charged to my child. Please note, if you wish your child not have permission to borrow materials from the library, you must contact the School Librarian.

Parent Signature is required.

_____ Parent/Guardian's Signature	_____ Date
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Authorization for Student Cell Phone/Electronic Signaling Device Use

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and have a clear understanding of the policy and procedure relating to cellular phones and other electronic signaling devices stated in the McAuliffe School Parent/Student Handbook.

_____ Student's Signature	_____ Date
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_____ Parent/Guardian's Signature	_____ Date
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