Class of 2026

8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Graduation Information

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026
5:30 PM

WELCOME!

Welcome / Agenda
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You've made it, and we couldn't be prouder to celebrate this milestone with you.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1) Academic
2) Behavior
3) Attendance
4) Obligations

ACADEMIC

2.0 Cumulative GPA in the 8th Grade Year

- Please, be proactive if GPA falls below 2.0 at any point in the year. Make an appointment with teacher or administrator to discuss grades.
- Stay in contact with teachers if you're concerned about your student's eligibility.
- Parents are notified twice quarterly, by mail, if students are at risk. Progress Report and Report Card.
- Those at severe risk will receive a return/receipt letter that must be signed for in the mail.
- Use the Parent Portal/Aeries Gradebook/ Student Aeries Accounts.

MCSD BP 6146.5/ AR 6146.5

BEHAVIOR

“High degree of Citizenship”

- Must not be suspended for more than eight (8) days throughout the 2025-26 school year.
- A home suspension within the last 20 days of school will result in the student being ineligible in participating in the graduation ceremony, class trip, and the graduation dance.
- Must not be expelled from any MCSD school during his/her eighth grade school year.
- Any Suspensions in the 4th Quarter may result in the loss of some or all of the graduation privileges (which could include Graduation Dance, 8th Grade Trip, and/or the Graduation Ceremony).

ATTENDANCE

- 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.

OBLIGATIONS

Debt-Free

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

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

- 8th Grade Awards Night - Invitation Only
  - Wednesday, May 27th 6:00-7:00 pm
  - Individual Awards - Academics
- 8th Grade BBQ
  - Thursday, May 28th during lunch
- 8th Grade Graduation Dance
  - Friday, May 29th 7:00-9:00 pm
  - Formal Attire Only - Must have a ticket to attend
  - Must be eligible for all graduation activities.
- 8th Grade Graduation Trip to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo
  - Tuesday June 2nd - Depart @ 7:30 am - Return by 7:30 pm
  - Tickets on Sale in February - $150
  - Included: Ticket, bus, meal voucher, snack voucher, all day drink bottle.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

- Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026
  - 6:15 pm - Gates Open
  - 7:00 pm - Ceremony Begins
- All Graduates are to be dropped off & enter far side of Gym near the Boys Locker Room no later than 5:45 pm. Graduates are to report to the GYM.
- After ceremony, Graduates will go back to the Gym to return their gown and receive their diploma.
- Only Graduates and Staff will be allowed in the Gym.

REMINDERS

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 CODE

All MCSD Graduates will be **required** to wear the **MCSD Blue Gowns**.

Caps are not permitted.

Leis and other attire over gowns may not be worn.

Only students who have earned a “cord” may wear them.

Remember, it’s about student 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 & GROOMING GIRLS

- Girls must wear dresses/skirts/pantsuits, knee to ankle length, but not touching the ground.
- Dresses must have two shoulder straps or around the neck.
- Shoes must be low-heeled (no more than 3 inches high).
- Sandals and all other forms of shoes must have ankle or back straps.
- NO bare backs, bare midriff or strapless dresses. "Bare back" constitutes any dress that is cut below the average bra back strap.
- No hats, gloves, parasols or purses.

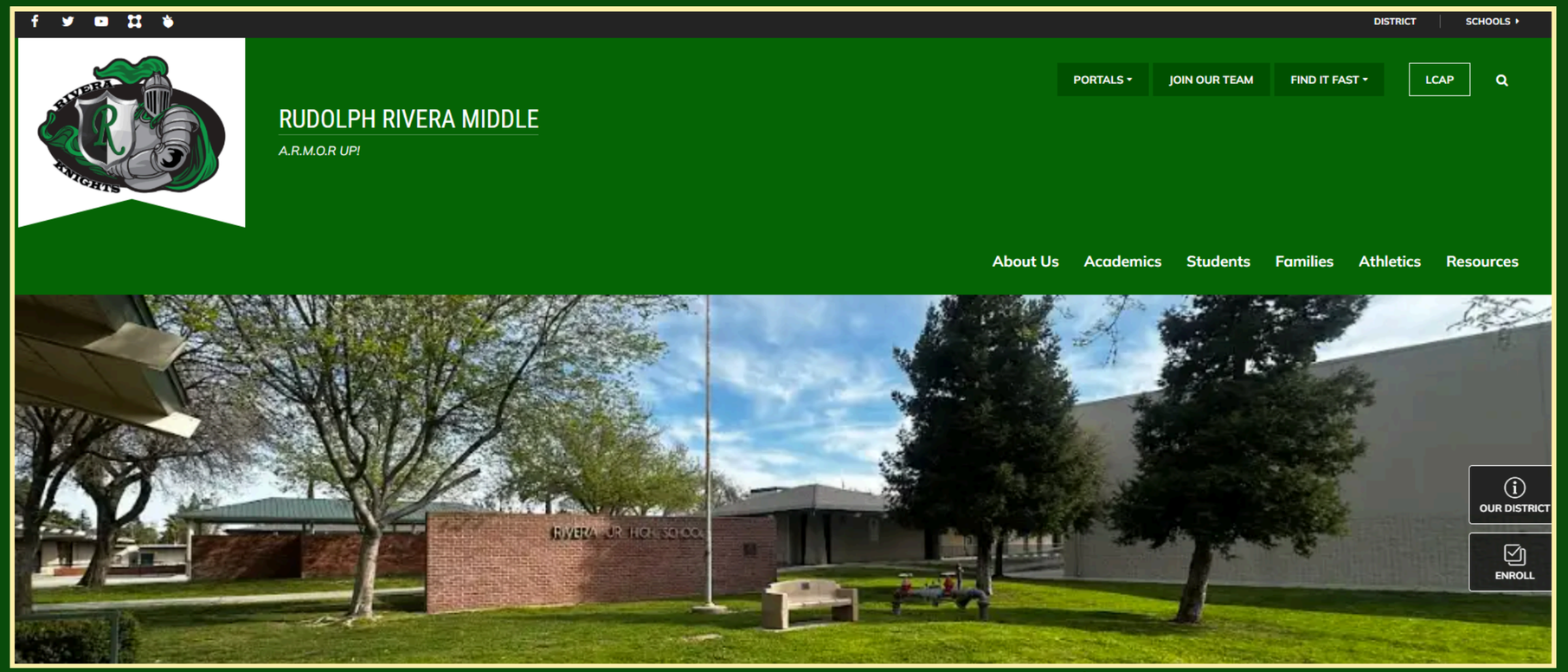
DRESS & GROOMING BOYS

- Dark blue, black, charcoal or dark brown casual or dress slacks worn with a button up dress shirt (long or short sleeves).
- Dress or casual shoes and a tie (clip-on or regular).
- NO jeans, denims, sagging, oversized pants, sports coats, suits, jackets, tuxedos, cummerbunds, suspenders, canes, hats or gloves.

GRAD TICKETS

- Students will receive a total of 5 tickets. Tickets will be given to students on the last day of graduation practice.
- 2 tickets are seated - wristbands
- 3 tickets are standing - wristbands
- You must have a wristband on wrist to enter campus and the graduation area.
- If you have someone who will be in a wheelchair or needs handicap access please let administration know in advance.
- Gates open at 6:00 pm and there is no “reserved seating” except for working staff members.

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CONGRATULATIONS,

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