

# Tenaya Middle School



Graduation Parent Information Night  
January 20th

# 8th Grade Graduation

## Agenda

- Welcome
- Graduation Requirements
- Graduation Activities
- Dress Code
- Graduation Tickets
- High School Registration
- Questions/ Comments





# Graduation vs. Promotion

**Graduation**: Students who meet all of the MCSD graduation requirements can participate in the school's graduation ceremony, field trip, dance, graduate luncheon 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 required to attend an alternative program.

Graduation Requirements include 4 areas:

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

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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.



# Grade Point Average (GPA) Example

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

## Grade Point Values

A= 4 points

B= 3 points

C= 2 points

D= 1 point

F= 0 points

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

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

### **GPA Example**

Math – B (3)

ELA – C (2)

SS – A (4)

PE – A (4)

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

Technology – B (3)

Science – B (3)

$$21 / 7 = 3.00$$





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# FREE TUTORING

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## 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**

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# 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**



# Attendance Requirements

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.)



# 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



## *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

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

- ★ 8th Grade Awards Assembly- Tentatively Scheduled - May 20th
  - By Invitation Only (Students may have 2 guests)
  - Individual Awards - Academics
- ★ 8th Grade Graduation Dance-Tentatively Scheduled - May 29th 5:30-7:00 PM
  - Dress Attire & Ticket & ID Required, NO Cost to Graduates
- ★ 8th Grade Luncheon- June 1st
  - Students Only, following Graduation Practice
- ★ 8th Grade Graduation Trip - June 2nd Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
  - Tickets go on sale Feb. 9th (8:30-9AM & 3:45-4:15 PM in front office)
- ★ Graduation Ceremony, June 3rd
  - Ceremony at 7 PM, Gates Open at 6:15 (Ticket Required)
  - Graduates must be here by 6:15 to participate





**Tickets go on sale 2/9/26**

**When: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026**



Scan here for Park information

- ★ **Cost: \$150.00**
- ★ **Admission Ticket**
- ★ **Charter Bus**
- ★ **Meal Voucher**
  - Redeem Meal Voucher at any of the participating food locations in the park.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE**

150 Seats Available

**Accepting cash or check only.**





Payment Plan Available:

**Feb. 9th- March 6th:**

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

**March 9th- \$50 Due**

**April 9th- \$50 Due**

April 10th: 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 3, 2026

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 PM to participate!

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

After the 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 the office 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 26th

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 2030**

**El Capitan Gauchos**

# Registration Week

## Jan. 26-30

- 1/26 - Course Fair, 5:30-7pm - ECHS Gym
- 1/27 - All ECHS bound students visit campus, 10am-noon (they will need a device)
- 1/29 & 1/30 - ECHS counselors visit feeder school sites to meet with students who have not completed the course



# GAUCHO COURSE FAIR - Jan 26

## Important Links and Information

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

GET PRIORITY ELECTIVE CLASS REGISTRATION

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

[ECHS Digital Course Catalog](#)

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

# MUHSD High School Information

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

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

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

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

