



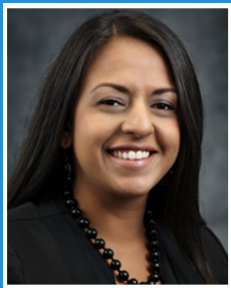
WELCOME TO SMS!

Incoming 6th Grade Info Session
2026- 2027



ABOUT US

SMS PRINCIPALS



ANGELA GUZMÁN,
Ed.D. Assistant Principal



VINCE IWASAKI
Principal



GIOVANNI BUI
Assistant Principal



ALLISON CRAWFORD
Assistant Principal

FACTS AND FIGURES

- SMS has 1,070 students
- Classes typically have up to 32 students (PE and Elective classes can be larger)
- All SMS students are issued a Chromebook
- Construction on the SMS campus will continue throughout the 26-27 school year
- Free Brunch & Lunch for All



OUR

Strategic Plan: Sunnyvale Elementary School District

Our Promise

Every student is known by
name, strength, and need,

ready to excel in high school and beyond,

and to lead a *life of joy and purpose.*

PORTRAIT OF A SUNNYVALE LEARNER

- Critical Thinker and Effective Communicator
- Resilient Lifelong Learners
- Healthy Mind and Body
- Effective Collaborator in a Global Society



EQUITY STATEMENT

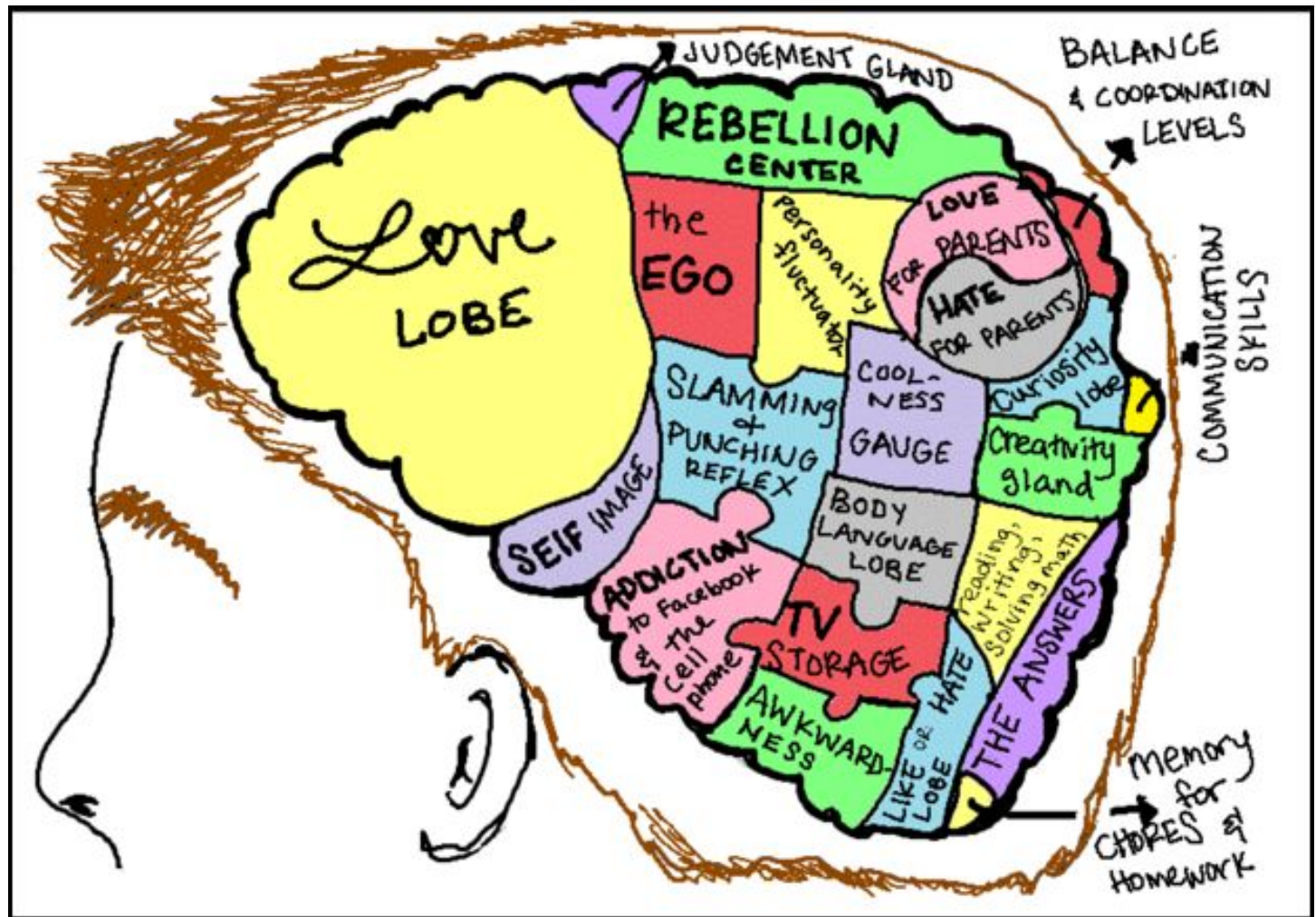
**In Sunnyvale School District,
we believe that equity and anti-racist
practices lead to learning
without limits.**



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Understanding the Middle School Brain Presentation

1 hour zoom
presentation



PBIS

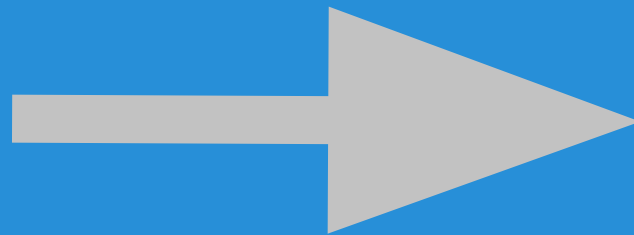
**POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL
INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORTS**



Restorative
Practices

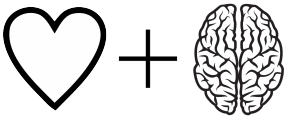
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Academic Support Time



Progressive Discipline

Spartan PRIDE in the Classroom

P PREPARED	R RESPECT	I INTEGRITY	D DETERMINATION	E EMPATHY
Classwork Completed  Charged Chromebook  Ready to Learn 	Use appropriate language  Listen to instructions  Be On-time 	Represent values  Accept responsibility   Do right when no one is watching	Have a growth mindset  Challenge yourself  Do your best 	Just be kind  Accept similarities and differences  Be safe emotionally and physically 

CELL PHONE

POLICY

- Cell phones should be turned off and put away from 8:25am-3:10pm
- If a student is using their cell phone during the school day...
 - **1st time** - student's cell phone will be held in the office, student can pick it up at the end of the day
 - **2nd time** - student's cell phone will be held in the office, an adult caregiver can pick it up at the end of the day
 - **3rd time** - student turns in cell phone to the office daily or leaves their cell phone at home
- ***95% of peer issues start on social media and/or escalate on social media - our cell phone policy is rooted in student safety***





SCHEDULES

SMS BELL

SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Start Time - 8:25am

End Time - 3:10pm

Wednesday

Late Start- 9:36am*

End Time - 3:10pm

***Brunch starts at 9:22am**



ACADEMIC PERIODS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Academic Periods - 51 minutes

AST - 35 minutes

Wednesday

Academic Periods - 41 minutes

AST - 30 minutes



YOUR STUDENT'S CLASS SCHEDULE

ACADEMIC CORE CLASSES - DAILY:

SCIENCE

MATH

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

SOCIAL STUDIES

ACADEMIC SUPPORT TIME - DAILY

ELECTIVE -A/B DAY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION- A/B DAY



SAMPLE A/B DAY SCHEDULES

A Day

1 - Science

2 - Math

Brunch

3 - Math

4 - ELA

Lunch

AST

5 - PE

6 - Social Studies



B Day

1 - Science

2 - Math

Brunch

3 - ELA

4 - ELA

Lunch

AST

5 - Elective

6 - Social Studies

ELECTIVES

Each student will either have **1 year-long music elective class OR 3 trimester electives (wheel)** in 6th grade - they will request their first choice class along with a back-up choice that they would also be interested in taking if their first choice is unavailable.

Yearlong Music Electives:

Orchestra

Band

Choir

Trimester “Wheel” Electives:

Food & Nutrition
Art
Music Exploration

Food & Nutrition
Art
AVID 6



Advancement via Individual
Determination

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - PE 6

- Sports PE curriculum in 6th grade
- Students “dress out” in PE uniforms - these are available for purchase at SMS
- A/B day class - 5th or 6th period for all 6th graders
- Students participate in a swim unit every school year



COURSE REQUEST FORM

Students will request their elective and math course by filling out a Google form by May.

Students and families will be sent information about available electives and a math course recommendation letter before request forms are sent out.

Students at SESD feeder elementary schools will fill out this form with their 5th grade teacher.

Students outside of SESD feeder schools will fill out this form at home with their families.



A note on Math Pathways

We are reimagining our math pathways to create more inclusive and robust learning experiences by moving toward a consistent approach for Grades 6-8.

This shift focuses on providing the targeted, instructional support necessary to ensure every student is prepared to successfully complete Algebra or Geometry by the 8th grade.

While we are finalizing these enhanced pathways, math placement letters have not yet been sent out; we will share those updates with families as soon as they are ready.

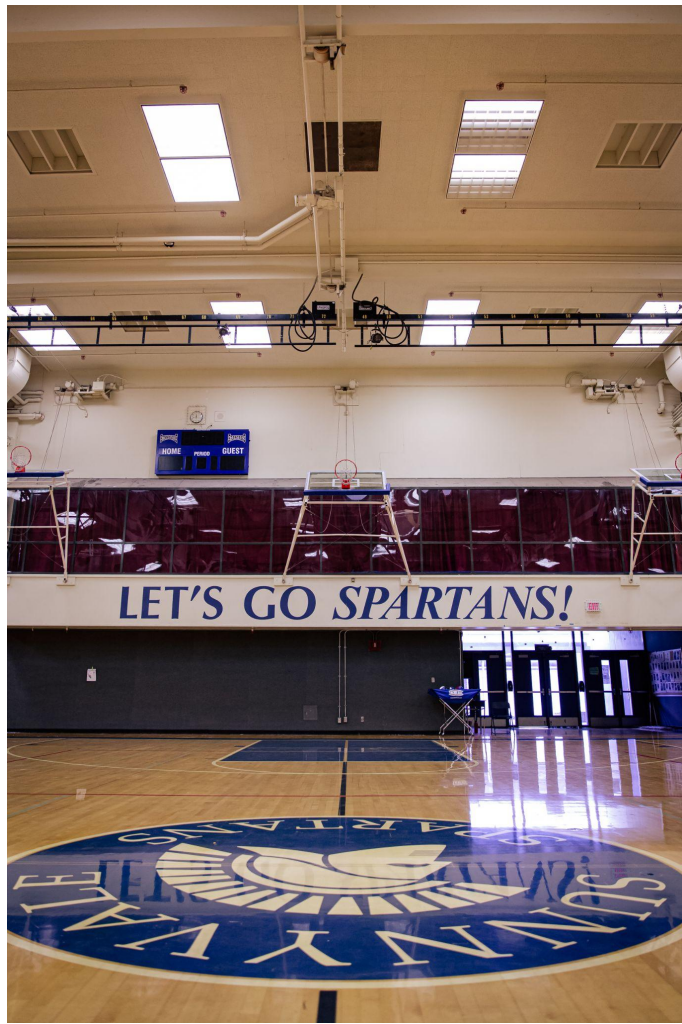
**Math placement testing information
will come out shortly.**

**Some thoughts on accelerated
placement.**

MATH PATHWAYS

Teaching and Learning / Middle School Math Pathways





ACTIVITIE

STUDENT VOICE....

WELCOME LEADERSHIP STUDENTS

What is the best thing about Sunnyvale Middle School?

What is one piece of advice you would give to a 6th grade student?

HOMEWORK CENTER

- Monday-Thursday from 3:10-4:30pm
- This is a drop-in opportunity, students can come as frequently as they'd like
- Students can leave early if signed out by an adult caregiver
- Room D101



STUDENT CLUBS

Anime Club

Art Club

Climate Club

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Future Business Leaders of America

Gaming Club

Garden Club

GSA - Gender/Sexuality Alliance

K-Pop Club

Lunchtime Movie Club

Latino Student Union

Math & Science Club

Model United Nations

Musical Club

Photography Club

Robotics Club

Star Wars Club

Zero Waste Club

Clubs can change from year-to-year based on student interests.

Any student can start a club!

Clubs meet either during lunch or after school, typically once per week.

OTHER AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

- High School Led Clubs:
 - FBLA
 - Science Bowl
 - Model United Nations
 - Debate
 - Steel City Codes
 - Math Club
 - Chess Club



Sports Seasons

Season 1 (Aug - Sept) Fall - Cross Country, Boys Basketball, Girls Softball

Season 2 (October - November) Fall II - Wrestling, Girls Volleyball

Season 3 (December - January) Winter - Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer

Season 4 (February - March) Spring - Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer

Season 5 (April - May) Spring II - Track & Field, Tennis

- Practices are usually Monday-Thursday
- If you have a 2 or below in Lifelong Learning Skills, many tardies, or too many referrals you might be ineligible to play
- [Valley Athletic Website](#)



AFTER-SCHOOL

ATHLETICS

NO-CUT SPORTS

Cross Country

Wrestling

Cheer

Track & Field



TRY-OUT SPORTS

Basketball

Soccer

Softball

Tennis

Volleyball



TRANSPORTATION (ELLIS & VARGAS)

Families in designated areas will register for Transportation. Once granted, families will be given their student's bus stop, bus pass, and pick-up/drop-off times.



In addition, there are buses at:
4:30pm AND 6:00pm

For students attending after
school homework center, clubs,
or athletics.

[Apply for Transportation here](#)

WEB (WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS)

AUGUST 11TH, 2026



- Opportunity for 6th graders to spend time on campus at SMS before the first day of school
- Connects 6th graders with 8th grade student-leaders
- Allows 6th graders meet their classmates before the first day
- 6th graders pick up their class schedule at the end of the orientation event

SMS CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

NEW STUDENT UNION & 6TH GRADE WING





FAMILY

JOIN THE SMS PTSA!



Support Academic Needs:

- Teacher and department grants
- Field-trips/educational opportunities
- Support for extra-curriculars
- Staff appreciation events

Advocate for Important Issues:

- Enhance communication between school and families
- Advocacy on state and national levels on school policies
- Advocate for needs and concerns of families

Community Engagement:

- Parent education
- Building connections within the SMS community
- Resource for all students and families

Questions? Email: president.sms.ptsa@gmail.com

WAYS TO HELP AT SUNNYVALE MIDDLE SCHOOL



- Join the PTSA
- Join the ELAC committee
- Run for School Site Council
- Chaperone / drive on field trips
- Coach after school sports
- Volunteer to help supervise at lunch
- Volunteer to lead or supervise after school clubs
- Substitute teach

Sunnyvale Middle School

California Distinguished School

2026





QUESTION

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CAMPUS TOUR

6TH GRADE

CLASSES

6th Grade
Field/Blacktop
Lunch/Sports

QUAD

Office/Cafeteria
Nurse
Lunch Lines

SPARTAN VILLAGE

Spartan Village
Math/Science
Art Classroom



SPARTAN SQUARE

Activities
Wellness Center
Library

PE AREA

Locker Rooms
Pool
Gym