



SALINAS

HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2026-2027

GO COWBOYS!

Bell Schedule

Regular Day

Period X	7:28-8:23
Period 1	8:30-9:27
Period 2	9:34-10:31
Period 3	10:38-11:35
Period 4	11:42-12:39
<i>LUNCH</i>	<i>12:39-1:19</i>
Period 5	1:26-2:23
Period 6	2:30-3:27

Minimum Day

Period X	7:48-8:23
Period 1	8:30-9:10
Period 2	9:17-9:52
Period 3	9:59-10:34
<i>LUNCH</i>	<i>10:34-11:14</i>
Period 4	11:21-11:56
Period 5	12:03-12:38
Period 6	12:45-1:20



Wednesday Teacher Collaboration

Period X 7:37-8:23

Time 8:30-9:25

Teacher Collaboration

Period 1	9:30-10:20
Period 2	10:27-11:14
Period 3	11:21-12:08
Period 4	12:15-1:02
<i>LUNCH</i>	<i>1:02-1:42</i>
Period 5	1:49-2:36
Period 6	2:43-3:30

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Principal's Message



Welcome back, Cowboys! I am thrilled to welcome both our returning and new students as we begin another exciting school year at the top high school in Salinas, Monterey County, and the Salinas Valley.

As Cowboys, we take great pride in our identity, which we showcase through our community involvement, competitions, hallways, and classrooms. Salinas High School has a rich history and offers numerous opportunities for all students. I encourage you to engage in new activities and explore the wide range of possibilities available to you.

We celebrate our students' achievements in the 4 A's: Athletics, Academics, Arts, and Activities. We are champions in these vital areas of our school. Our school embodies the "Cowboy Way," a tradition that inspires our students to strive for excellence and contributes to our esteemed reputation. Cowboys are always Safe, Honorable, and Sensible.

I am excited to collaborate with our exceptional teachers, dedicated staff, and community to provide you with the best opportunities to achieve your goals and dreams. Our school community is committed to supporting every student's success, recognizing and embracing each individual's unique talents and contributions to our learning environment.

GO COWBOYS!

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

The ASB is proud to have you as a part of the Cowboy family. The ASB will work hard to make sure cowboy students are involved and socially responsible at all activities and events. We look forward to working with all cowboys and giving students an exciting and fulfilling school year.

The academic programs and extracurricular activities are vast and exciting. The athletic programs and student rooting sections are an exciting way to be a part of our school. Students will enjoy Purple Pride Friday's. We encourage all students to wear purple every Friday to promote school spirit.

Again, welcome to Salinas High School and remember that "Once a Cowboy, Always a Cowboy."

Your ASB President and Executive Cabinet.



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Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is extremely important. The teachers and administration will follow the policy outlined below when dealing with those students who are involved in cheating or plagiarism on tests or class assignments. The offenses accumulate over the entire four years while a student is attending High School. The following procedures will be followed: (Board Policy 5131.9)

First Offense

- Teacher will notify parents and counselor.
- Teacher may fail the student on the assignment.
- Student may receive an Unsatisfactory Citizenship Grade for the quarter.
- Possible referral to an Administrator for documentation and counseling.

Second Offense

In addition to the consequences outlined in First Offense, the following may occur:

- Referral to an Administrator for parent contact and/or possible suspension.
- Quarter Grade may be lowered.

Third Offense

In addition to the consequences outlined in First Offense and Second Offense, the following may occur:

- Referral to an Administrator for possible suspension.
- The student may be ineligible for California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society.

Plagiarism is defined as *the act of representing the work of another as one's own regardless of how that work was obtained and submitting it to fulfill academic requirements. Plagiarism at Salinas High School includes, but is not limited to, copying three consecutive words without proper citation.*

Academic Clubs, such as National Honor Society (NHS) and California Scholarship Federation (CSF), may have different guidelines for admittance or to maintain membership. The organization sets these guidelines.

Associated Student Body (ASB)

WHO WE ARE:

- Every student enrolled in at least one class at Salinas High School is a member of the Associated Student Body (ASB).
- Elected student body leaders represent and govern student affairs for the duration of one school year.
- The Student Senate is made up of representatives from each 2nd period, meets monthly to discuss student issues and is run by the ASB Vice President and Secretary.
- The Activities Director oversees ASB Leadership Students, student clubs and organizations, the Student Senate and the Finance Office.
- The ASB Bookkeeper works with students, staff and parents regarding student and club finances.

WHAT WE DO:

- Leadership students meet each day during 4th period in the Student Center to discuss and decide student issues. Guests and student representatives are always welcome; arrangements can be made with the Activities Director.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

The student bodies government is elected by the students for the students. Concerns regarding student affairs should be directed to any of the elected student representatives, either in the student council or the senate.

Students who want to participate in a class competition, perform at a rally, help decorate at a dance, sell tickets at a sporting event, or do anything ASB related, should go to their class meetings, talk to their class president, or senate representative, or visit the ASB office.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL:

The Student Council has many responsibilities. It charts clubs, regulates fundraisers, and pays all league fees for athletic teams. The Council also represents the student body's interest to the administration, school district, Board of Trustees, and the community. The Council determines how the student body's money is spent. All of the money goes back to current students in the form of athletic costs, lunchtime activities, rallies, etc. Students, clubs and sports teams receive financial help from the Student Council. The Student Council's voting members are comprised of the four Executive Officers, class Presidents and all Commissioners.

THE STUDENT SENATE:

The ASB Vice President and Secretary preside over the Student Senate. Members of the Senate are elected by all 1st period classes. Each class elects a Senator and an alternate who serve a one-year term. The Senate meets at least once a month. The Senate, like the Student Council, plans activities for the student body and addresses student concerns to the school administration.



Associated Student Body (ASB)

CLUBS ON CAMPUS:

The ASB Commission charters many types of clubs. Service clubs such as Academic Clubs, Sports Clubs, Service Clubs, Culture Clubs and Interests Clubs. There is a club for everyone and students who want to be involved should attend the Club Rush, talk to the advisor, or attend one of the club's meetings. Information regarding various clubs can be found in the ASB office. All clubs must be accessible to all students. At the end of the year, clubs must submit copies of all club minutes.

Active clubs must have:

- Club Constitution & Budget
- Elected student officers
- Certificated Adviser
- Meetings at least twice a month

ASB ID CARDS:

All students are automatically members of the Salinas Union High School District Associated Student Body and will receive a free photo ID card when they pick up their schedule or register as a new student. There is a fee \$5.00 for replacement ID cards.

The ASB discount sticker costs \$25. Students who purchase an ASB sticker are entitled to discounted prices on most purchases. The purchase of an ASB sticker is optional. A few benefits of the ASB Card are discounts on the following:

- PE uniforms
- Dance tickets
- Student Store items

STARTING A NEW CLUB:

Information on how to start a club can be found in the Student Center. The general steps for starting a new club are:

- Have at least 6 members.
- Find a teacher to act as an advisor.
- Elect student officers.
- Write a constitution and a mission statement. (Samples are available in the Student Center.)
- Fill out an application to charter a club.
- Create a budget and a list of activities.
- Submit all your paperwork to the Commissioner of Organizations to be voted on by the next ASB meeting.

All clubs must be accessible to ALL students at Salinas High School. At the end of the school year, clubs must submit a copy of their minutes from their club meetings and a copy of their financial records to the Finance Office.



Athletics

We have a professional team of coaches who work tirelessly with our student athletes to make them good athletes and positive role models for our society. Salinas High School has signed on with the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) as a school that is committed to good sportsmanship and high moral values. We believe in essential elements of character building (Character Counts) and the six pillars of caring, fairness, citizenship, respect, responsibility, and trustworthiness. Good sportsmanship is the corner stone of what we teach our student athletes.

Sportsmanship:

Is winning graciously and losing without complaint.

Combines positive, spirited support of one's school.

Is treating opponents and officials with generosity, fairness, courtesy, and most importantly respect.

Is the responsibility of everyone involved in an athletic contest; players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders, students, parents and spectators.

While every game is important to our student-athletes, we all need to remember that it is just that: a game.

Rules for Fans:

As an organization of educationally-based athletic programs and, therefore, an extension of the classroom, the following behavior is unacceptable at all CIF/CCS high school contests:

- Berating an opponent's school or mascot;
- Berating opposing players;
- Obscene cheers or gestures;
- Negative signs or artificial noise-makers;
- Complaining about officials' calls (either verbally or by gestures);
- Actions by a school and/or team that are intended to embarrass or humiliate their opponent and/or show a lack of respect for their opponent or the integrity of the sport.
- "Body-painting" that either would or would not necessitate the removal, or partial removal, of what a reasonable person would consider to be normal clothing (Does not include "face-painting").

Athletic Eligibility

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA w/no more than 1 F
- Receive no more than one unsatisfactory citizenship grade during a single grading period.
- We encourage our athletes to purchase ASB sticker and the Herd sticker as it will get them into all home games for free (except for CCS games)
- Get a physical
- Complete an eligibility clearance card.
- Sign and abide by a sportsmanship and drug-free contract.
- Must follow the student-athlete attendance requirements.
- Not owe any debt (textbooks, library, etc.)
- Take the baseline concussion test every two years.



Athletic Attendance Policy

Athletic participation is privilege and school attendance is of extreme importance.

- If a contest occurs on a school day, the student-athlete must attend all of his/her classes during that day to be eligible to participate in the contest.
- In the event, a student-athlete must be absent for a full or partial day on the day of the contest, the Principal or designee of the school may allow the student to participate if prior arrangements are made.
- For Saturday contests or non-school days, the previous school day's attendance will be considered
- Student athletes may attend school sponsored events on the day of the contest to remain eligible to compete (examples include, but are not limited to, academic and activities fieldtrips, AG/FFA, Fine Arts & Performing Arts activities, etc.)



Athletics

Seasons of Competitions

Fall

Boys and Girls Cross Country
Football
Girls Field Hockey
Girls Volleyball
Girls Tennis
Boys and Girls Water Polo
Girls Golf
Sideline Cheer
Girls Flag Football

Winter

Boys and Girls Basketball
Boys and Girls Soccer
Boys and Girls Wrestling
Sideline Cheer

Spring

Baseball
Softball
Boys Tennis
Competition Cheer
Boys/Girls Track & Field
Boys Golf
Boys/Girls Swimming
Boys/Girls Diving
Boys Volleyball
Boys/Girls Lacrosse
Boys/Girls Mountain Bike Racing

High School Core Courses (Division I) Necessary to receive an athletic scholarship and attend a four-year college:

- At least 4 years of English (communication);
- At least 3 years of math (at the level of Algebra 1 or above);
- At least 2 years of natural or physical science (including 1 lab course, if offered by any high school you attended);
- At least 1 year of additional courses in communication, math, or natural or physical science;
- At least 2 years' social science; and
- At least 4 additional year-long academic courses in any of the above areas, or foreign (world) language, philosophy or non-doctrinal religion.

High School Core Courses (Division II):

Same as above except 3 years of English, 2 years of additional English, math, or natural or physical science, and 3 years of additional courses.

NCAA Clearing House

When should I register? You should register with the NCAA whenever you decide you would like to participate in athletics as a college freshman. It generally is best to register after your junior year grades appear on your transcript. Although you can register any time prior to participation, if you register late, you may face delays that will prevent practicing and competing.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.eligibilitycenter.org>

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Attendance

Good attendance directly affects a student's performance by providing consistency in instruction, access to teacher support, and mastery of the curriculum. Board Policy requires that a student maintain at least 85% attendance for the days enrolled each year of high school to graduate and receive a diploma. All schools are CLOSED CAMPUSES during the entire school day. A student must receive a *Permit to leave* at any time during the school day from the Attendance Office, or the absence may be marked invalid. Parents/Guardians who need to pick up their child during school hours must be present (in person) at the attendance office prepared to show their Picture ID to pull a student out of class. Parents are encouraged not to pull out the student during the last 15 minutes of the school day. We strongly encourage appointments to be made during non-school time if possible.

Clearing Absences:

- Parents or Guardians are required to contact the attendance office to verify the absence. Please email the attendance office for all day absences, dental, or doctors' appointments at shsattendnace@salinasuhsd.org.

Clearing Absences Cont.

- The school's voicemail system is available to record calls 24 hours a day. Parents should leave their name, the student's full name, the date of absence, the reason for absence and the date expected to return to school.
- A note may also be sent that includes the same information. If a call or note is not received, every effort will be made to contact a parent to verify the absence is excused and not a truancy.
- Parents/Guardians of students who are absent for one or more periods in a day will receive an automated message from the school.
- If you are going to leave campus during the day, a note from your parents must be turned into the attendance office first thing in the morning, and a pass will be issued.
- Excessive excused absences may require a parent conference. If a student shows a pattern of chronic absenteeism due to illness, district staff may require physician verification of any further student absences (AR 5113).

Excessive Excused Absence Letters

- Studies show that parents/students often underestimate how many days have been missed
- Students may have unknown barriers; resources may be needed
- Excessive Excused Letter 1 is triggered by 5+ Excused Events
- Excessive Excused Letter 2 by 10+ Excused Events
- Graduation requirements require 85% attendance every year in high school. (ie, Students should not miss 27 or more days in a school year; this is why these letters are mailed) The 85% attendance requirement includes excused and unexcused absences.

Truancy

Students who are off campus without a verified excuse may be detained by the police. Disciplinary action for cutting class, skipping school, being habitually tardy, or being truant will be dealt with through District Policy. Truant absences occur when a student misses three full days without a valid excuse in one school year. Tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during a school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year or any combination thereof.

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Truancy Cont.

Ed. Code Section 48260. Truant absences accumulate from the beginning of the school year until the end. If a student transfers within the district, the student's Truant absence record will be transferred to the other school.

Truant Absences/Consequences

First Truancy level

1-2 Unexcused Absences:

Automated Outreach Home:
Automated calls/Texts/Emails home regarding absence

3rd Unexcused absence: Student is considered Truant; Attendance Staff Outreach Home, Truancy Letter 1 mailed. Attendance staff calls/ Texts / Emails home regarding the absence.

4-5th Truant Absences: School Leader Intervention Outreach Home: In addition to attendance staff outreach, the site admin, school social worker, or counselor calls home regarding the absence.

Second Truancy level

6th Truant Absence:

Attendance Conference, Truancy Letter 2 Mailed, Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Notified Conference held with parents/students to address student attendance with attendance staff (can include admin or academic counselor). Interventions are offered. Conferences can be held by phone, via Google Meet, or in

Second Truancy Level Cont.

person at the school. Truancy Letter two gets mailed, and the DDA gets notified.

9+ Truant absence: Coordination of Services Team referral, Truancy Letter 3 gets mailed, Mediation with DDA (TAP) scheduled

The student is classified as a Habitual Truant. Truancy Letter 3 gets mailed. The attendance office continues to contact and work with parent/guardian to set attendance goals and provide support. Attendance staff meets with the Wellness Team for resources and referrals. Home Visit scheduled if necessary for porch conference with CWA. Mediation with DDA for Truancy Abatement Program scheduled.

Third Level Truancy

Truancy Abatement Program (TAP) Mediation District Attorney's Office schedules TAP mediation. The attendance contract is discussed and signed at TAP mediation and must remain in good standing. The school continues to provide referrals and resources as needed. Services are offered at the County level. A possible court date scheduled. The student is considered Chronically Truant if missed 10% or more of the school year. (An extended Truant absence will result in a shortened attendance policy process.) *Education Code Sections 48291 and 48293 provide that parents or guardians who fail to send their children to school shall be subject to a criminal complaint and, upon conviction, payment of a fine.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

AVID is an elective program designed to prepare middle school students for success in high school, college, and their future careers. Its rigorous curriculum focuses on academic study habits, personal development, career aspirations, and college planning. If interested, please contact the AVID Coordinator or counselor for an application.

- It is an in-school academic elective support program that prepares students for college eligibility and career planning from grades seven through twelve.
- AVID supports all students in their four-year journey in high school, predominantly minority, rural, low-income, and other students without a college-going tradition in their families.

Behavior

The school's discipline standards and consequences apply to all school campuses, to and from school, and at all school-sponsored events, including field trips, dances, celebrations, and athletics. Students must travel to and from school safely and courteously. Students are not permitted to trespass on private property or other campuses in route to school or home.



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Bulletin

A student and staff bulletin is produced each school day by the ASB. Each teacher receives a copy via e-mail, and it is read over the loudspeaker each morning following the Pledge of Allegiance. All bulletins must:

- Be less than 40 words
- Have a staff member's signature/be sent through a staff member's email account
- Be submitted 48 hours in advance.

Bulletin Boards

The school hallways are covered with bulletin boards. Reading these posters and signs helps students stay informed of current events. All posters or signs placed on bulletin boards (outside of classrooms) must be pre-approved by the Activities Director. Flyers that are commercial advertisements are not permitted, however, educational or career-oriented posters are permitted with appropriate approval. This includes all walls/areas around campus.

Bus Policy

Students are expected to behave in accordance with district policy on all school buses. Riding the bus is a privilege, not a right. Failure to abide by rules and show a lack of courtesy and cooperation may result in one of the following:

- Removal from the bus
- Disciplinary action (Suspension / Expulsion)
- Bus privilege revoked for a specific period of time / the remainder of the year

Students are required to have an ID to ride the bus and are allowed to only use the bus for their designated home area.

Cafeteria

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks are available to all enrolled students at no cost regardless of income under the Community Eligibility Provision. Students will receive one serving per meal; any second meal will be charged to the student's account.

Food Service provides free breakfast every morning to all students from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Free Lunch is served every day from 12:30 to 1:06 p.m. Free snacks are available to all students from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Students should follow the following guidelines:

- Students may NOT use another student's ID card!
- Students are encouraged to carry their ID card!
- Form lines in a single file; do not cut in line and do not purchase food for others.
- Put trash in the trash containers.
- The cafeteria does not accept bills larger than \$20.
- Customers should treat others with respect.



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College and Career Readiness Center

The College and Career Readiness Center (CCRC) is an accessible hub for all SUHSD students that provides college and career readiness information. SUSHD students have access to learning about the different career pathways available to them. This includes post-secondary planning on selecting a two-year community college, four-year university, apprenticeship programs, technical schools, or entering the workforce. In addition to post-secondary information, the center coordinates enrollment for Career Technical Education (CTE) classes offered at the Mission Trails ROP Center. Students have the opportunity to take hands-on courses and potentially receive college credit for the designated courses through the dual enrollment program. Dual enrollment course options are being reviewed for the upcoming school year.

Students can engage and collaborate with the College and Career Counselor, Work Experience Coordinator, and Career Technician throughout the school year. The CCRC team guides students through their needs and post-secondary goals and connects students with community members and partners from various sectors.

Each member has a specific focus:

- The College and Career Counselor focuses on the significant aspects of the career counseling and college planning/placement process. A main priority is for students to discover their strengths and interests, explore career options, and find institutions of higher learning that will align these interests, strengths, and values.
- The Work Experience Coordinator (WEC) supports CTE students by coordinating a full range of work-based learning opportunities, including internships, job shadowing, industry site visits, guest speakers, and pre-apprenticeships. The WEC also assists students with work permit processing, resumes and job applications, interview preparation, and community service.
- Career Technician assists students with career-related activities, work permit processing, community service, data entry, and recordkeeping.

The College and Career Readiness Center is open Monday - Friday during school hours.

CTE and Work Experience

Retail Co-Op and Work Experience are classes for students to earn up to 10 credits through their jobs by working and extending the permissible hours of employment. These classes typically meet once a week and satisfy the career technical education requirement.

Work Permits

All employed minors under the age of 18 must have a Work Permit (Education Code 49141). Work Permits must be renewed every year at the start of each new school year or when the student obtains a new job. Work Permits are required all year, not just when school is in session. It serves as an age certificate and states the maximum hours a minor may work. To be eligible, minors must attend school full-time and have good attendance. Work Permit applications are available online at the Virtual Career Center and in person at the College and Career Readiness Center. Students must meet all requirements.

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Community Service

All students must complete 40 hours of community service to graduate. Students must complete at least 10 hours per year for a total of 40 hours. Students may begin earning hours the summer before 9th grade. Summer hours must be submitted to the Career Center on the first day back from summer break.

Senior Deadlines

May 1 – Deadline for Senior Awards recognition

May 15 – Final deadline for graduation clearance

Where Hours Can Be Completed

Hours may be completed with a Non-Profit, Educational Entity, or Career Development experience. The organization must be listed on the district's Pre-Approved Non-Profit and Educational Entities List. If it is not listed, students must receive prior approval from the site Work Experience Coordinator (WEC) before starting. Approval typically takes 24 hours.

[Pre-Approved List of Organizations & Activities](#)

How to Complete Community Service

Before starting, pick up a Community Service Form from the Career Center or download it from the SUHSD website. Confirm the organization qualifies. The student and parent/guardian must sign the form before beginning.

After completing hours, the organization representative must sign the form and indicate the total hours worked. Return the completed form to the Career Center and keep track of your total hours toward 40. Hours are typically entered into the Synergy system within one week.

If a form is lost, the student must obtain a new signature from the organization verifying completed hours.

Important Note

Students volunteering as science camp counselors during the school year may receive a maximum of 16 hours of credit per day.

Community Service Recognition

Students can access (or pick up) the pre-approved list of places to do community service in the career center and initiate the process toward meeting their graduation requirements. If you complete over 100+ hours of community service, you will be recognized at the commencement ceremony and get to wear a blue-colored cord to represent your service to the community. At 200+ hours, you get to wear a medal and a cord; at 300+ hours, you will get to wear a white stole, a medal, and a cord; and at 500+ hours, you will get to wear a baby blue color stole, a medal, and a cord.



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Counseling

The School Counseling Departments are dedicated to helping all students develop personal, academic, and career skills in a safe environment. School counselors will facilitate the support systems that assist students in attaining the knowledge and skills to be self-sufficient and contributing members of our global society.

All students can receive support from their counselors regarding the following: courses of study, career choices, colleges, technical schools, test preparation and results, course requirements, goal setting through academic planning, personal concerns, and crisis intervention.

Counselors serve students in grades 9-12, and students are assigned to a counselor's caseload by the first letter of their last name as well as by student enrollment in specialized programs. Families can find the Counseling Department's contact information on the school's website to schedule an appointment. Counselors are available during school hours.

College, scholarship, and financial aid information and support are available through the Counseling Office and/or the College and Career Readiness Center. Counselors provide academic monitoring to ensure successful progress toward graduation requirements, A-G eligibility, and other post-secondary plans. Counselors also support with alternative education referrals, dual enrollment, credit recovery, and personal and academic growth.

Graduation Requirements for the Salinas Union High School District

Students in the Salinas Union High School District must complete the following to be eligible for graduation:

- Complete 220 credits in required subject areas
- Have a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average (GPA)
- Maintain a minimum of 85% attendance each school year
- Complete 40 community service hours

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Counseling Cont.

Course Requirements	Years	Credits
English	4	40
Mathematics	3	30
Science: NGSS or Ag. Pathway	2	20
Physical Education	2	20
Social Science	3	30
Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) or Career Technical Education (CTE)	2	20
One of the following options:		
• 1 Year of VAPA and 1 Year of CTE		
• 2 Years of VAPA		
• 2 Years of CTE		
World Language (two years of the same language)	2	20
Health Science / Ethnic Studies	1	10
Electives	3	30
TOTAL		220

Other Requirements: Grade Point Average (GPA) minimum must be a 2.0 and attendance rate 85%.

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Dance Policy

- Students are ineligible if they have more than one (1) unsatisfactory citizenship mark or more than one (1) F or has any unpaid debts.
- Students must show an 85% attendance record in order to be eligible to buy a dance ticket.
- Eligibility is based on the most recent grading period.
- Dance tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Formal Dance tickets will not be sold at the door.
- All students and guests attending dances must show photo identification at the door.
- All students and guests will be checked for alcohol with a Breathalyzer before entry.
- A Salinas High student may bring a guest to a dance with a guest pass. Purchase a guest pass in the Finance Office prior to purchasing a dance ticket; one guest per student. **Guests 21 years or older are not allowed.**
- Salinas High students are responsible for their guest and all of their actions.
- All students and guests will have their bags checked before entering the dance.
- If a guest is asked to leave, the student who accompanied them must also leave. No refunds.
- All school and district rules apply at the dance.
- Doors to all dances close 1 1/2 hours after the start of the dance. No person may enter after this time.
- In and out privileges are not allowed and for the protection of our students and their guests, once they enter the dance they will not be allowed to leave until one hour before the end of the dance. Students who leave early must be signed out by a parent.
- Students attending dances where transportation is provided must go and return on the bus.

Dance Behavior:

Proper attire and behavior are important to the ASB Leadership. The student government organizes dances for a safe place to have appropriate fun. All district rules apply. Inappropriate dancing may lead to removal from the dance.



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Dress and Appearance:

The Governing Board requires that student's clothing shall not be unsafe either for the student or those around the student (e.g., long, loose sleeves or long hair while the student is operating power machinery or working with open fire), nor be disruptive of school operations and education process in general, not to be contrary to law. (Board Policy 5132)

Electronic Signaling and Media Devices

In accordance with California's "Phone-Free School Act" (AB 3216), all public schools and charter schools must implement policies limiting or prohibiting student cell phone use by July 1, 2026.

At Salinas High School, students are permitted to use their cell phones before school, during lunch, and after school. Additionally, students may use their devices during class when expressly allowed by the teacher for educational purposes. Students are expected to follow their teachers' instructions regarding cell phone use during class at all times. Unauthorized use during instructional time may result in disciplinary actions. It is important to use cell phones responsibly and respectfully to maintain a positive learning environment.

Health Services

The Health Office is located in room 600A adjacent to the main office lobby. Only students who have been given written permission or have been escorted by a teacher may go into the Health Office. We are not permitted to allow any student medication on campus without a signed order from a healthcare provider.

Order for Administration of Medications at School:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VI26wau-6IVYu5nyeCiZs_zPS5SGelat/view?usp=sharing

Immunizations

Students must meet state immunization requirements when enrolling in transitional kindergarten (TK) through 12th grade. Students advancing to 7th grade also must meet state immunization requirements. Parents must show their child's immunization record as proof of immunization. Students who don't meet the immunization requirements may be excluded from school until the parent or guardian provides documentation of compliance with the requirements.

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Language (racist, biased, sexist, gender slurs, and other unacceptable slurs) The SUHSD is committed to recognizing, addressing, and eradicating all forms of racism, gender discrimination, and ethnic oppression. We condemn racism, discrimination, and bigotry in all forms. All members of the SUHSD community—students, staff, faculty, administration, trustees, alumni, and families—will use non-discriminatory language. This includes all forms of the N-word, as described in Board Policy 5145.9: Hate-Motivated Behavior. Those not in compliance with our language norms will be addressed and instructed on our language norms. Students using unacceptable language will be disciplined according to our school board policies and the California Education Code, resulting in a loss of privileges.

Library

The SHS Library has 19,000 books from favorite authors for recreational reading through non-fiction for reports and reference resources for research. The library is open from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. All freshmen receive an orientation to the library during the first semester of school.

Rules for the Library and Textbook Room:

- No food, drink, head coverings, or electronic devices allowed.
- Students must have their student IDs or schedules with them to check out books from the library, including textbooks.
- Students will use usual Library manners: quiet voice, clean up after themselves, push chairs in, respect others, etc.
- Students are welcome with their classes or with a pass during class time. The library is open to students before and after school as well as during lunch.
- Students are allowed to check out 3 Library books that are due 3 weeks after check out. If a book is needed longer, it must be renewed
- If a Library or Textbook is lost or damaged it must be paid for. Late books will result in students becoming ineligible and they may not participate in sports, field trips, extracurricular events, or check out Library books.

Life Pass

The Student Council per ASB Constitution awards a Life Pass for free entry to some Salinas High School Associated Student Body sporting activities and activities to graduating seniors or retiring staff who have achieved any one of the following criteria:

- Valedictorian or Salutatorian.
- Served as ASB President.
- Served four years as an elected officer in ASB
- Staff retiring with at least 15 years of service to Salinas High.

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Lockers

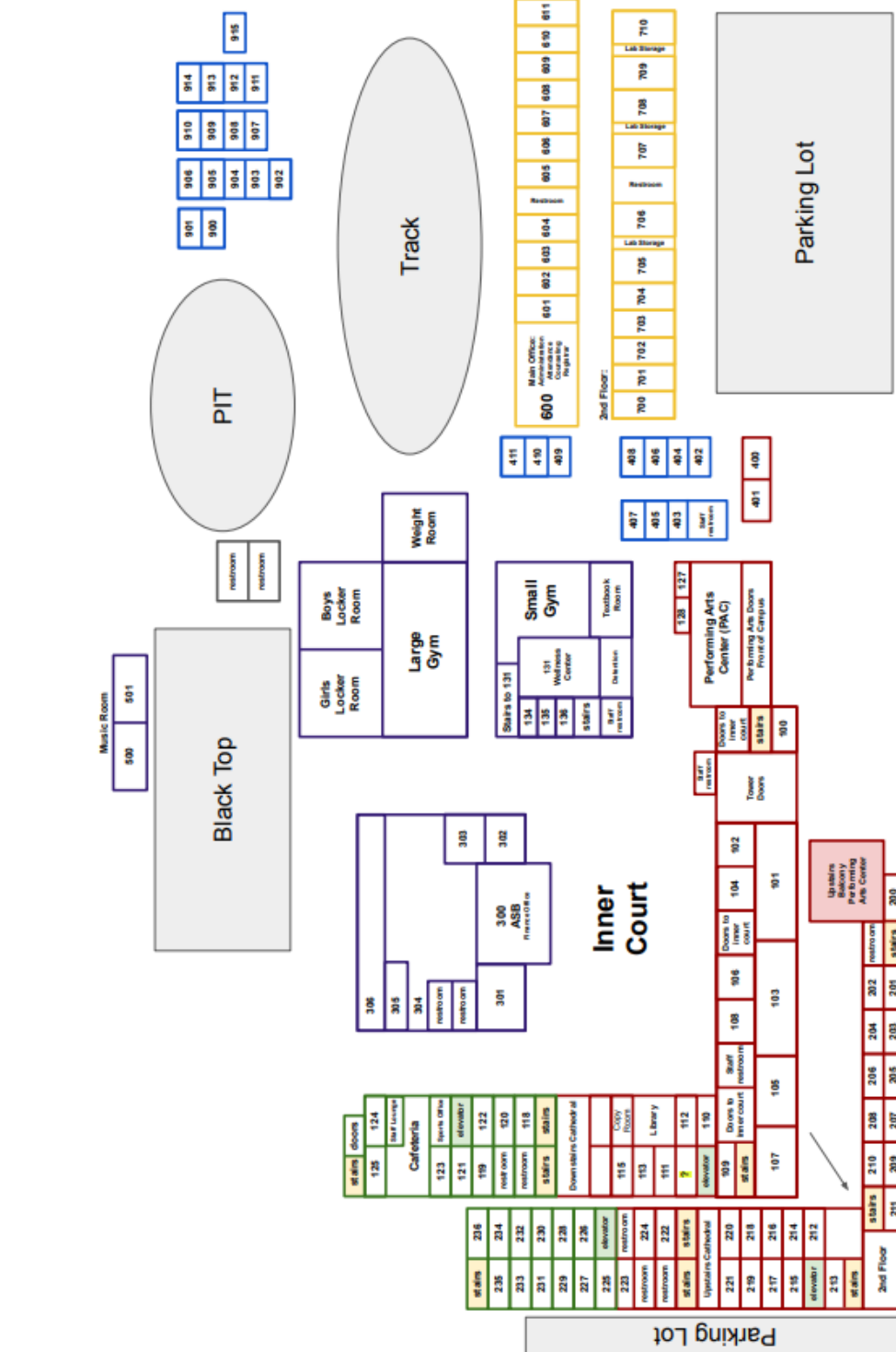
Every student has access to a locker throughout his or her time at Salinas High.

- Students are assigned lockers during the Schedule Distribution. We assign two per locker due to limited locker availability. If students do not receive a locker during Schedule Distribution, they may sign up for one in the ASB office if they are available. Lockers are shared as there are not enough for individual lockers other than in PE.
- Lockers and locks are assigned to students. Students may not use a personal lock on school lockers.
- It is recommended that students not share locker Combinations.
- Lockers are a privilege and may be taken away for several reasons including intentional damage, graffiti, improper use, etc.
- Students who leave items in lockers do so at their own risk.
- To report problems regarding lockers, visit the ASB or Finance Office.

Lost Book Policy

The typical student at Salinas High is issued several hundred dollars' worth of textbooks. A student and his/her parents are responsible for these books and any library materials checked out. When a student loses or damages a book, the cost of the item is added to the student's financial bill. Students who owe money may be excluded from certain extra-curricular activities. Students will not participate in commencement exercises, nor will they receive their diploma, until their financial obligations have been cleared.





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Mascot

Salinas High School's mascot is the Cowboy on a bucking horse. The official colors are purple and gold. Both boys' and girls' teams are ***Cowboys***.

Off Campus Privilege

Salinas High School has a CLOSED CAMPUS policy to ensure students' safety, to focus on learning and place emphasis on academic pursuits. Junior and Senior Students can, however, earn the privilege to go off-campus at lunch. Students must apply for the off campus privilege each semester. The privilege may be denied or revoked if the student violates the contract, loses eligibility, or abuses the privilege. The off-campus sticker must be shown exiting and entering during the lunch period.

District Criteria for Off-Campus Privileges:

- Have a 2.0 GPA or above.
- Be on track for graduation with regards to academic credits (Juniors 120+, Seniors 180+) and community service hours.
 - Juniors must have completed a min. of 20 hours for Semester 1 and 25 hours for Semester 2.
 - Seniors must have completed a min. of 30 hours.
- No Unsatisfactory citizenship grades during the prior semester.
- No more than 5 tardies per quarter.
- No class trancies or whole day trancies.

The privilege will be revoked for any of the following reasons:

- If a student returns to campus late three or more occasions for 5th or 6th period in the same semester.
- If a student does not return from lunch and is considered truant.
- If a student alters, manufactures, shares or misrepresents the off-campus lunch privilege, the privilege will be revoked the remainder of the school year. Parents will be notified, and a referral will be processed.
- Other behavior problems, which may result in the revocation of the off-campus privilege, including suspension, excessive tardiness and irregular attendance.

NOTE: The Administration has the right to revoke the off-campus privilege when deemed necessary and appropriate. Probationary contracts for off-campus lunch privilege are NOT available.



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Parent Involvement

Our districts acknowledge that when schools and families establish strong partnerships, children's potential for educational success greatly enhances. There are several organized groups in which parents are encouraged to participate:

Athletic Boosters:

Salinas High Athletic Booster Club's aim is to enhance and support the athletic programs at Salinas High School. The Athletic Booster meetings are held twice a month in ASB at 6:00 pm. All those looking to find a way to support our student athletes are encouraged to join!

ELAC (English Language Learners Advisory Committee):

The ELAC committee consists of parents of English Learners. They meet monthly to discuss and support their children's academic progress. During these meetings, the committee monitors and reviews the services offered by school programs to ensure they meet the needs of English Learners.

School Site Council:

Each school that receives federal funds must have a School Site Council (SSC). The SSC includes parents/guardians, school staff, and the principal and serves as a decision-making group that develops and approves the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and guides the use of categorical funds.

Members are elected by their peers, serve one- or two-year terms, and meet monthly. Meetings are open to the public. Contact the Main Office for meeting dates and details.

Music Association:

The association meets the second Monday of every month. For more information contact the music department at 831-796-7400 x 3017 or visit the website at salinashighmusic.org.

Parent VUE

ParentVUE allows you to see your student's grades, assignments, attendance, and discipline in real time using the Internet. To access ParentVUE, you will need to:

Go to the Salinas High School website at <https://shs.salinasuhd.org/>

Click on the ParentVUE link

- Click on "I am a parent"
- You will need to enter your username and password.

Username and passwords are unique to each parent. Your personal information will be given to you at the beginning of the school year. We are excited to offer our parents the opportunity to follow their student's progress at Salinas High School.

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PBIS *The Cowboy Way (Safe-Honorable-Sensible)*

As part of our district initiative, we work with students to promote positive behavior school-wide. Students have the opportunity to earn incentives and specific praise for their positive behaviors. Teachers and staff are always on the lookout to acknowledge students positively for appropriate behaviors.

PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral support and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success.

PBIS emphasizes teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any core curriculum subject. It focuses on preventing inappropriate behavior through clear expectations, teaching, and positive reinforcement. The goal of PBIS is to create a positive school climate where all students can thrive and succeed.

- The Cowboy Way is being Safe, Honorable, and Sensible every day, everywhere on campus, in class, and out of class at school and in our community.

PE Uniforms

Students taking physical education classes must wear PE-approved clothing. All students taking PE must wear a gray t-shirt or sweatshirt, free of ANY logo or writing, and black shorts or sweats, free of ANY logo or writing. As a convenience, uniforms are also sold in the Student Store all year long in the ASB student center. The uniform consists of a t-shirt (\$17), shorts, (\$17), sweatshirt (\$22), and sweatpants (\$20).

Proactive K-9

To provide a safe and secure environment that is conducive to learning, Salinas High School uses a canine intervention program for the detection of illegal drugs, ammunition, weapons and alcohol. Random and regular searches of classrooms, parking lots, vehicles, lockers, and other personal belongings of students are performed in conjunction with the school safety team.





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Recognitions

Golden State Seal of Merit Diploma:

The Golden State Seal Merit Diploma (GSSMD) recognizes public school graduates who have demonstrated their mastery of the high school curriculum in at least six subject areas, four of which are English language arts, mathematics, science, and U.S. history, with the remaining two subject areas selected by the student. The GSSMD is awarded jointly by the California State Board of Education (SBE) and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI).

Renaissance

The Renaissance program encourages academic excellence, academic improvement, and excellent citizenship. At Salinas High we have several Renaissance events each year that encourage this academic participation. Gifts are given for students to wear to show their commitment to academic success. Do your best in your classes to receive this academic recognition.

State Seal of Bi-Literacy

The State Seal of Biliteracy will be awarded to graduating seniors in the Salinas Union High School District who have demonstrated proficiency in both standard academic English and at least one other language. The district will present the State Seal of Biliteracy to each graduating high school student who has attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. To be eligible for the Seal, students must fulfill the criteria as required by the State of California.

State Seal of Civic Engagement

The Superintendent or designee shall present the State Seal of Civic Engagement to each student who has met the State criteria by demonstrating excellence in civics education, engaging in civic action, and demonstrating an understanding of the U.S. Constitution, the California Constitution, and the democratic system of government.

Block Letter Program

Block letters can be requested for the following programs once during the high school career. A pin can also be requested to signify achievement in this area every year after the block is earned. If you have earned a block in one of the following areas, please see the Athletic Director pick up/turn in a request form for your block.

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Senior Eligibility

The senior year has the potential to be a student's best year of high school! There are numerous fun and exciting activities culminating with graduation. Participation in senior activities is a privilege, not a right. Caps and gowns will only be distributed during the Senior Meeting in April. Seniors who do not attend will automatically be considered to be nonparticipants in Prom, Grad Night Trip and Graduation. Information will be given out at Herd Round Up, as well as posted on the marquee, the website, and sent through the auto-dialer system.

Seniors will lose the privilege to participate in prom, Grad Night Trip, and graduation ceremony if any of the following happens during the second semester:

- The student is suspended for five days during the 4th quarter.
- The student is suspended twice during the 4th quarter.
- The student has more than ONE "UN" in citizenship or an F
- The student has an un-cleared truancy; either a full day or partial truancy.
- The student owes money to the textbook, library or finance office.
- The student falsifies information during enrollment.
- The student commits a serious violation of the behavior code including a senior prank.

PLEASE NOTE: If a senior becomes ineligible for the Dinner Dance/Grad Trip for any reason or is simply unable to go due to personal reasons, the deposit or full cost of the trip WILL NOT be refunded.



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Student Parking

The parking lots are provided as a convenience to the School District's employees, students, and visitors.

The district is not responsible for fire, theft, damage, or loss to your automobile, or for any article left in it. In effect, you use the parking lot at your own risk.

Salinas High has separate parking lots for staff and students. The parking lot on Geil Street is only for staff and visitor parking. **Student cars found in this lot will be ticketed and may be towed** at the owner's expense. Salinas High School takes no financial responsibility for towing or ticketing fees.

The student parking lot is located off Main Street. Students wishing to park in this lot must show a valid Driver's License and proof of insurance before being able to purchase a parking permit in the ASB Office. Permits are for the school year and will be revoked if the student violates the Parking Lot Rules. This does not guarantee a parking space! **The ASB only sells permits for the number of parking spaces available.**

Parking Lot Rules:

- All California State Vehicle Code Sections apply to all drivers.
- All District & school rules extend and apply to the parking lots.
- Park only in designated parking sections.
- Any object considered a weapon in accordance with National/California State Law and/or the Student-Parent Handbook are strictly prohibited on school premises, even inside a vehicle.
- All vehicles are subject to searches by the Proactive K-9's and the school administration.
- Permits must be mounted or visible to be considered valid.
- Students parked in non-spaces will lose driving privileges.



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Tardy Policy

We expect ALL students to arrive to class on time. Timeliness allows for fewer classroom disruptions and demonstrates respect, trustworthiness, and dependability. Being on time is an important habit to develop, preparing students for success in a college or career environment. We need to ensure that students are in class, safe and accounted for.

A student is **tardy** if they are not in their assigned seat when the final bell rings. Per district policy, teachers issue an unsatisfactory citizenship grade (**UN**) to students who accumulate 5 or more tardies during a quarter. Students with two or more unsatisfactory citizenship grades in one quarter will lose privileges (sports, off campus, school functions) for the following quarter.

Teachers will determine the consequences of tardiness. Any time after 30 minutes will be considered an absence. If a student is late to school for any reason, he/she is marked late automatically. The attendance office cannot excuse a tardy; please contact the main office if you wish to discuss a Tardy/Late.

Students with tardies are subject to the following consequences:

- 1-3 Tardies: Warning from teacher
- 4-5 Tardies: Teacher-parent contact, lunch detention assigned.
- 6-10 Tardies: Referral to school administrator, admin-parent contact, detention and/or campus beautification
- 11+ Tardies: Referral to school administrator, contact with the Tardy Intervention Team, detention and/or campus beautification.

Textbook/Chromebook

All textbooks and Chrome books have barcodes. The school requires that all students must have a school photo I.D. to check out any resources (ex. Chromebook, textbook, calculator, etc.) Lost, damaged, or textbooks without barcodes will result in a fine ranging from \$10.00 to \$120.00 for each book. Lost or damaged Chrome books will result in a fine of up to \$300.00. Students with fines will be ineligible for extracurricular activities until the fine has been paid. Books from prior years must be returned or paid for before the new school year begins.

Trash

Students are expected to throw away waste in appropriate trash and recycling containers while on campus.



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Visitors

Salinas High School is a closed campus. All visitors (including parents) must report to the Main Office to register and obtain a Visitor's pass. This pass must be worn at all times while on campus. Before leaving campus, visitors must report back to the Main Office to check out and return their Visitor's pass. Students who are not enrolled at that school may not be on campus during school hours. Visitors will be asked to present identification to create a Visitor pass/badge.

Wellness Centers

The Wellness Center provides prevention and short-term intervention for all students facing social and emotional challenges that impact academic performance, attendance, and behavior at school. They are safe, supportive environments on the school campuses where students can go to discuss a variety of concerns. Through both on-campus programming and community-based partnerships, students receive coordinated health education, assessment, counseling, and other support services to maximize student engagement and success.

Yearbook

The yearbook, with personalization options, goes on sale at schedule distribution; the price is yet to be determined; however, prices will increase as the year progresses. Purchasing your yearbook early saves you money! Payment plans are available through the finance office and online at www.herffjones.com If you want personalization, you MUST purchase online. **NO REFUNDS** will be given for yearbook purchases. Salinas High School's yearbook is titled *El Gabilan*. This year, *El Gabilan* will celebrate its 126th Edition.

Senior YEARBOOK Pictures: All students will take a formal yearbook picture, taken at your photographer seating or at Herd Round Up. Seniors can use any photographer for their personal use, but only our single photographer under contract will be used for the yearbook head shot photo. The dates and times of your personal photo shoot will be scheduled by the photographer in June and July or done at Herd Round-Up. See the school website for more details or e-mail: salinashighyearbook@gmail.com

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