



Natomas Middle School

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Dear Panther Families,

Welcome back to our returning NMS Panther students, and a special welcome to the newest members of the Natomas Middle School community. As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, we are excited to continue building upon our strong foundation as a traditional 7th and 8th grade middle school. Our commitment remains focused on creating a positive, collaborative, and engaging learning environment where students feel connected, supported, and inspired to grow. We will continue to foster a school culture rooted in patience, kindness, respect, and care for one another while supporting students' social-emotional well-being. We are eager to empower our students through meaningful learning experiences that promote achievement, personal growth, and success both inside and outside the classroom.

Areas of Focus:

At Natomas Middle School, we are committed to creating a supportive and engaging learning environment where every student feels connected and empowered to succeed. As a Community Schools campus, we focus on the four pillars of Community Schools through student supports, family partnerships, collaborative leadership, and expanded learning opportunities. Our emphasis on High Quality First Instruction (HQFI) ensures students experience rigorous, meaningful, and standards-based learning while supporting their academic and social-emotional growth. We continue to implement inclusive practices such as Restorative Justice, PBIS, HQFI, and SEL strategies, while reinforcing our CLAW expectations: Commit to Learning, Lead with Respect, Act Responsibly, and Work Together. Through academics, athletics, arts, music, Career exploration, and extracurricular activities, we strive to build a culture of achievement, belonging, and acceptance for all students.

Early Orientation Days

Our NMS Panthers will be able to attend our **Early Orientation Day**. The orientation will start with a brief presentation about the school and then students will be taken on a tour of the campus. Our after school organizations (The Center, Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT), All Things Pretty (ATP) and Education Talent Search (ETS) will have representatives there as well to answer questions and assist with sign-ups or interest forms.

- Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) Aug 5th-6th 8:00am-1:00pm/ **Aug.7th** 8:30am-11:00am
- 7th/8th Grade School Orientation: August 7th, 11:00-12:00pm
 - Tours for new students will run every 30 minutes (on the half hour and top of the hour during the orientation blocks).

While at the orientation, parents will also be able to get connected through Infinite Campus and Parent Square. All documents and directions will be available on our website and can be completed by parents/guardians at home for students to bring in during the orientation days or at our **Student Enrollment Nights- on 7/28, 8/4 and 8/10 from 5-7pm.**

Important Dates and Information:

- The first school day for the 2026-2027 school year is August 13. Here is a [link](#) to the 26-27 school year's calendar.
- The Welcome Center and the District Office will be closed to the public from Friday, June 27th, to Friday, July 11th, and on June 19th, in observation of Juneteenth. As a reminder, the Welcome Center is a one-stop shop for families to enroll in NUSD schools, obtain immunizations and physicals, and access a variety of resources to support their students. Welcome Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Please contact our Constituent and Customer Services at customerservice@natomasunified.org or (916) 561-5253 for emergencies and urgent matters.
- School offices will reopen to the public on August 4th. Please check the school website (<https://nms.natomasunified.org/>) or call the school (916) 567-5540 for specific hours.
- Summer Enrollment Nights at our site are from 5 pm-7 pm on Tuesday, July 28th, Tuesday, Aug. 4th, and Monday, August 10th.
- Back to School Night, Wednesday, August 26th, 5:30-7:00 pm
- Class list and middle school schedules will be finalized and available in Infinite Campus (IC) Friday, August 7th by 7pm.
 - If you do not have an IC account set up yet, you can find instructions on how to do that by going to these [Parent Instructions](#).
 - If you have already set up an account, but do not remember your login information, you can click "forgot password" to retrieve your password. For more help: Visit natomasunified.org/icportal; contact your school; or email: icportal@natomasunified.org.
 - **Parent Square:** It is our primary single communication platform to connect and engage with our families throughout the district. Our families expressed a desire for the district to simplify its means of communication to help them keep up with all the communications received from their school sites, teachers, and district office. You may find more information by using this link: [Parent Square](#)

Immunizations: Please remember that regular childhood immunizations are required by the State of California unless your child has a medical exemption. If your child does not have current immunizations NUSD offers free immunizations [click here](#) for more information.

Attendance: Attending school regularly helps scholars feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in 6th grade so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college. Scholars can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks. Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder for a scholar to learn and retain information. Being late or absent to school can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help tardy scholars catch up. So, please make sure that your scholar is at school every day and on time everyday.

For access to updated information about Natomas Middle School, you may also access the Digital Backpack by following this link: [Digital Backpack](#):

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