

2026-2027 STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK



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Counselors are available if students or parents have any questions or concerns. The best way to reach them is by email.

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL STEVE CLARK



Welcome to Sierra High School, home of the Timberwolves! We are proud to serve a student population of 1,720 that reflects the rich diversity of the Manteca community, located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. Sierra High School is a dynamic and innovative learning environment committed to preparing students for success in college, careers, and life. Our campus offers a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, including a full complement of athletic teams, student clubs, and co-curricular programs. A key goal of our school is to ensure that every student feels connected, whether through academics, activities, athletics, or the arts, and supported by caring adults who serve as mentors and guides throughout their high school experience.

We are especially proud of the collective efforts of our students, staff, and families that led to Sierra High School earning the California Distinguished Schools Award during the 2025–26 school year. In addition, Sierra High School is currently working under a six-year WASC Accreditation with a midterm report, the highest accreditation status in our school's history. Together, these honors reflect our strong commitment to academic excellence, continuous improvement, and equity for all students. The Sierra High staff remains dedicated to ongoing professional learning centered on high-quality instruction and increased student achievement. Through our Professional Learning Community model, educators collaborate to deliver rigorous, relevant, and engaging curriculum that challenges students and supports them in becoming college and career ready. Whether in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, or through service and leadership opportunities, our students are at the heart of everything we do. The Sierra High School community is committed to working together to build upon our strengths, identify areas for growth, and invest the time, care, and dedication necessary to make our school the best possible place for all students to learn and thrive. We look forward to a successful and rewarding school year ahead. It is a Great Day to be a Timberwolf!

Go T-Wolves!
Steve Clark
Principal



SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL'S CULTURE

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that all students can learn to communicate effectively, become responsible citizens and academic achievers, nurture positive relationships, problem-solve, and become lifelong, self-directed learners; that we must provide a safe and supportive environment; and that the involvement of parents and community is crucial to the success of the students of Sierra High.

MISSION

To promote EXCELLENCE by offering challenging curriculum and programs which ENABLE all students to COMMUNICATE effectively, become RESPONSIBLE citizens, demonstrate POSITIVE relationships, and solve problems.

VISION

To EMPOWER all students to acquire POSITIVE academic, social, and emotional skills in order to allow them to become PRODUCTIVE citizens and LIFELONG learners.



SIERRA HIGH SLOS (Schoolwide Learner Outcomes)

1. Communicate effectively
2. Be responsible citizens
3. Nurture positive relationships
4. Develop problem solving skills

Our school SLOs are what we expect every student to know, understand, and be able to do by the time they graduate from Sierra High School.

SAFETY IS SIERRA'S #1 PRIORITY!

We are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and successful learning environment for every student. To do that, we need your help.

If your student is experiencing any issues—academic, social, emotional, or safety-related—please reach out. Whether it's a concern about bullying, struggles with peers or coursework, or anything else that's affecting your child's well-being or learning, we want to know.

If we don't know, we can't help.

By sharing your concerns, you give us the opportunity to investigate and put the right supports and interventions in place.

Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community.

SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL TIMBERWOLVES



P RIDE

- Be confident and satisfied in your actions and those around you.

A CCOUNTABILITY

- Accept responsibility for your words and actions.

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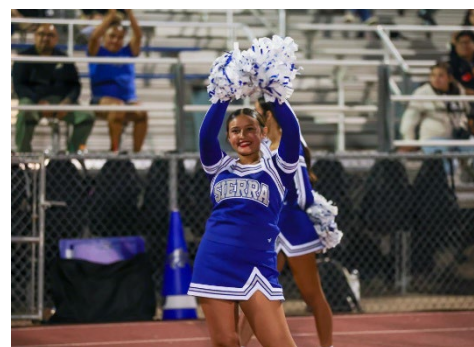
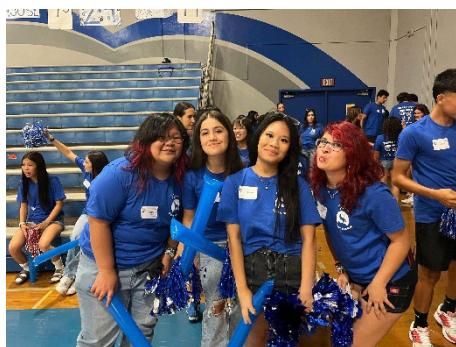
- Face your insecurities and stand up for what's right.

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- Be friendly, considerate, and compassionate.

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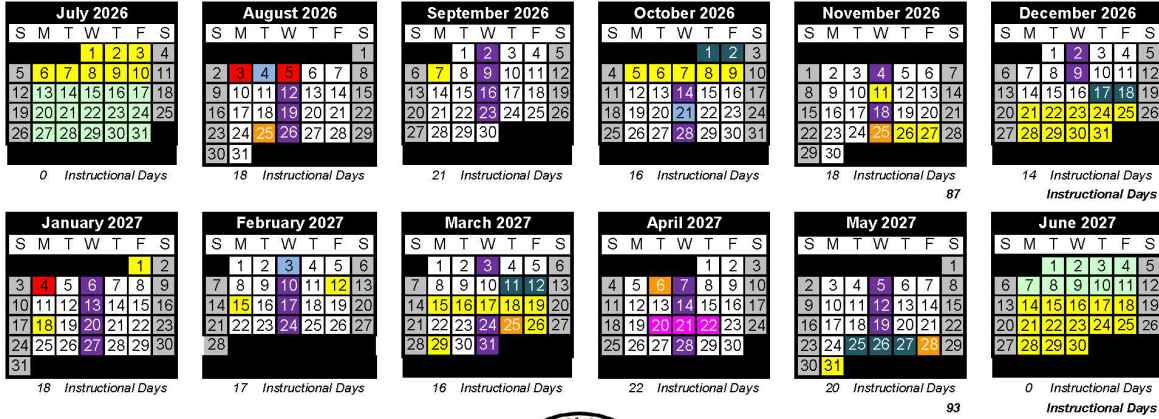
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Manteca Unified School District policies prohibit discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying at all school sites and school activities based on actual or perceived characteristics: race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics at any school sponsored activity.

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026-2027 High School Calendar

Board Adopted November 20, 2025



Legend	
	Student Breaks/Closed to the Public
	Summer Break/School Office Open
	High School Finals Day
	High School Minimum Day
	Teacher Prep (no students)
	Inservice Days (no students)
	Late Start Schedule
	CAASPP / PE Testing Schedule

First Day of School - August 6, 2026
Last Day of School - May 28, 2027



High School End of Semester	
1st Semester: October 2	3rd Semester: March 12
2nd Semester: December 18	4th Semester: May 28

Teacher Flex & Non-Flex Days	
Teacher Flex Days:	10/1, 10/2, 12/17, 3/11, 3/12, 3/25, 5/25, 5/26, 5/27, 5/28
Teacher Non-Flex Days:	8/25, 4/6
Teacher Leave Early Days:	11/25, 12/18

180 School Year Instructional Days

Employee Holidays	
July 3	Independence Day (obs)
September 7	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 26-27	Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Year's Day
January 18	Martin Luther King Day
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday (obs)
February 15	Washington's Birthday
March 26-29	Spring Break
May 31	Memorial Day
June 18	Juneteenth (obs)
Student Breaks	
October 5-9	Fall Break
December 21 - Jan 4	Winter Break
March 15-19	Spring Break

Revised 1/12/2026

**Calendar subject to change by District Administration.*

2026 2027

Regular Schedule

Breakfast	08:30 - 08:40
First Period	08:40 - 10:10
Second Period	10:16 - 11:50
Lunch	11:50 - 12:20
Third Period	12:26 - 01:56
Fourth Period	02:02 - 03:32

LATE START Schedule

Breakfast	09:30 - 09:40
First Period	09:40 - 10:55
Second Period	11:01 - 12:20
Lunch	12:20 - 12:50
Third Period	12:56 - 02:11
Fourth Period	02:17 - 03:32

Rally Schedule

Breakfast	08:30 - 08:40
First Period	08:40 - 10:00
Second Period	10:06 - 11:30
Lunch	11:30 - 12:00
Third Period	12:06 - 01:25
Fourth Period	01:31 - 02:50
Rally	02:50 - 03:32

Final Exam Schedule

First Exam	08:40 - 10:40
Break	10:40 - 10:54
Second Period	11:00 - 01:00

Minimum Day Schedule

Breakfast	08:30 - 08:40
First Period	08:40 - 09:45
Second Period	09:51 - 11:00
Brunch	11:00 - 11:14
Third Period	11:20 - 12:25
Fourth Period	12:31 - 01:36

Lobo Gold Schedule

Breakfast	08:30 - 08:40
First Period	08:40 - 09:55
Second Period	10:01 - 11:16
Lobo Gold	11:16 - 12:20
Lunch	12:20 - 12:50
Third Period	12:56 - 02:11
Fourth Period	02:17 - 03:32

BELL SCHEDULE

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

WHEN YOUR STUDENT IS ABSENT OR TARDY Clear the absence or tardy through the attendance office **WITHIN 5 SCHOOL DAYS** by:

- Calling (209)858-7410 ext. 1 from parent/guardian phone number on file.
- Utilizing the Parent Connect App.
- Emailing jschachner@musd.net from parent/guardian email on file.

Failure to clear absences/tardies **WITHIN 5 SCHOOL DAYS** will result in discipline. Unexcused absences cannot be cleared beyond the 5-day limit.

Example: If a student is absent on Friday, the absence must be cleared by the following Friday.

Documentation from the doctor/dentist is recommended for medical/dental appointments.

Excessive absences due to illness or appointments without documentation from a doctor will lead to a Medical Letter Requirement. This will require a doctor's note FOR EVERY ABSENCE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

TYPES OF ABSENCES

Board Policy No. 5113a

Excused: illness, doctor or dentist appointments, funeral (maximum of 5 school days), school sponsored activities, religious observations, court, Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) (3 days max.), preapproved college visits.	Unexcused: vacation, missing bus, no ride, babysitting, oversleeping, out of town, working, DMV appointments, unexplained, functions or appointments for others, club or travel sports and dance competitions, sibling events.	Pre-approved Short-term IS (STIS): STIS is a program for MUSD students in good standing (academic, attendance, and behavior), who will be absent between 3 and 15 days during the school year.
Discipline is assigned for unexcused absences (including single periods). Students can clear discipline due to truancy with perfect attendance for 10 consecutive days without any absences or tardies.		Requires 10 days' advanced notice AND a meeting with administration for approval of application (Call attendance office to schedule an appointment).

NOTE: To participate in athletics (games and practices), students MUST be present for 2 ENTIRE periods.

TARDY POLICY

Lateness to school will not be excused (even with a parent note) for reasons such as oversleeping, missing the bus, traffic, car problems, the alarm not going off, etc. Habitual tardies will result in a Tardy Contract and possible referral to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB).

5 Unexcused tardies in a single class within a grading period will result in an Unsatisfactory citizenship grade on the report card.

Administration may conduct random Tardy Checks to ensure that policies and procedures are being followed correctly. Students tardy during a tardy check will be assigned administrative detention.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Students leaving prior to the end of the school day MUST check out and leave through the Attendance Office.

Call the Attendance Office to check out your student for appointments. The office will send your student a pass to leave class at the appropriate time to sign out through the attendance office. **Your student must remain in class until the attendance office sends for them.**

Parents are encouraged to make all appointments before or after school hours whenever possible, as this will lessen instructional disruptions.

Failure to properly check out of school will result in an unexcused absence plus disciplinary action: either After School Administrative Detention or Saturday School.

Please, do not leave a voicemail message on the recorder to check students out. BE SURE YOU TALK TO AN ATTENDANCE CLERK.

CLEARING ABSENCES MADE IN ERROR

Students marked absent or tardy in error must have the teacher email the Attendance Office verifying the student's presence. It is the responsibility of the student to take care of this task.

MAKEUP WORK POLICIES

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Students with excused absences are entitled to make up all work for full credit. Students are responsible for arranging make up work with each teacher.

Students shall have no less than two (2) days make up time for each day of absence up to five (5) days. This time shall exclude weekends and holidays.

Each teacher shall determine the standards necessary to receive a grade.

ATTENDANCE TIED TO GRADING

Physical Education, Band, Choir, and Ag FFA require attendance for participation in and performance of course work. Thus, these courses may use penalties for reason of absences. Penalties may include lowering of a grade (Board Policy 6154).

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Per California Education Code, makeup work for unexcused absences is at teacher discretion contingent on teacher/classroom policy with regards to unexcused absences.

Suspensions are unexcused absences; however, students are allowed to make up all work and assessments missed during a suspension.

Each day of unexcused absence (including single period absences) will result in the student being assigned administrative detention/Saturday School. Students can clear discipline assigned for truancy with 10-days of consecutive perfect attendance without any absences, check-outs, or tardies (5-days for single period absences).

ABSENCES FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

No academic penalty shall be issued because of absence(s) for a school sponsored activity.

Work due on the day of must be submitted before leaving for the activity. Every effort must be made by the student to complete assignments prior to known absences.

POOR ATTENDANCE & CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

Consistently poor attendance and truanies will lead to several negative consequences:

- Parent notification and truancy letters
- Excessive absence letter to improve attendance
- Excessive Absence Letter – after 6 excused absences
- Pre-medical warning letter to improve attendance
- Pre-med Letter – after 10 excused absences
- Medical note requirement from doctor for each absence – telephone advice is not accepted
- Medical Requirement Letter – after 15 excused absences
- Assigned discipline for truanies
- Referral to Vice Principal for parent conference
- SART Contract (School Attendance Review Team)
- Referral to SARB (Student Attendance Review Board)
- SARB Contract
- Community School referral

THE EFFECTS OF:

CHRONIC ABSENTISM



CHRONIC ABSENTISM is missing **10% or more** of school days in a year for any reason.

That's just 2 days a month—and it can add up to big consequences.



**JUST 2 DAYS
A MONTH
CAN ADD UP.**

THE IMPACT ON SIERRA HIGH STUDENTS



ACADEMIC STRUGGLES Missing class means missing lessons. It leads to lower grades, falling behind, and a harder time keeping up.



MENTAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH Chronic absence is linked to increased stress, anxiety, and a greater risk of depression.



WEAKER CONNECTIONS Missing school means missing out on time with friends, activities, and building relationships.



HIGHER RISK OF DROPPING OUT Students who are chronically absent are more likely to fall behind and less likely to graduate.



LIMITED FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES Attendance today affects college options, scholarships, and career opportunities tomorrow.

**YOU HAVE
GOALS.**

**BEING HERE HELPS YOU REACH THEM.
Attend today. Achieve tomorrow.**

SIERRA HIGH HOME OF THE TIMBERWOLVES

SCHOOL POLICIES, PROCEDURES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDENT DELIVERIES

Sierra High makes every effort not to interrupt the learning environment and to keep our student safe. For those reasons the following policies and procedures are in place:

- **All deliveries *must* come through the Attendance Office.** Do not meet your student at a fence line, gate, or parking lot to exchange items. **This presents a safety risk and is not permitted at any time.** Students who are seen taking food or other deliveries in places other than the office will be subject to disciplinary consequences.
- If a parent needs to drop off school or practice supplies, we will send a pass for your student to pick up items during a passing period. We will not call students out of class.
- Food and drinks may not be dropped off in the office. If you wish to provide lunch for your student, you will need to deliver it to them personally in the Attendance Office during the lunch period only.

There are ABSOLUTELY no outside delivery services allowed at any time. This includes, but is not limited to, Door Dash, Uber Eats, Grub Hub, and any restaurant delivery service. THESE SERVICES WILL BE DENIED DELIVERY. Any student caught picking up deliveries anywhere on campus will be assigned Administrative After School Detention.

- If your student is checking out early for a game or activity, **they may meet you in the Attendance Office** to retrieve items or food before heading to the bus.
- If your student needs food for a project or class party, they need to bring those items with them in the morning. They will not be accepted in the office.
- Absolutely no homemade food is allowed for class parties.
- Please refrain from delivering flowers or gifts for your student. Balloons are not allowed on campus at any time.
- We are not responsible for items dropped off for your student, including money/cash.

CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRESS

Access your student's current grades, attendance, and graduation requirements 24-hours a day, 7 days a week on PARENT CONNECT. This is also a convenient way to communicate with teachers.

Visit <https://q.musd.net/parentportal> or download the convenient Q ParentConnection App.

If you do not have an account, please email Jillian Schachner at jschachner@musd.net for assistance. Please include your student's name.

STUDENT ID CARDS

It is mandatory for all students to take their ID picture at the start of the year.

Student ID cards are digital through the 5 Star Students App. If a student does not have a cell phone, the office will print a card for them. New students will have pictures taken for ID cards.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Medications will not be accepted or administered without the following requirements:

1. A doctor's prescription must be submitted.
2. Physician/parent request forms must be filled out completely with signatures (and detailed instructions).
3. Medication taken to school must be in pharmacy labeled bottle or kit.

Nonprescription medication, i.e. aspirin, will **not** be given at school even at parental request. Parents may bring medication to school and administer if necessary. Students may not keep medicine on their person or in lockers. All medicines must be turned in to the Health Clerk unless prior arrangements have been made. We cannot accept any medications without a Doctor's Prescription.

Unique Health Conditions:

If a student has a unique health problem (i.e. severe allergic reaction, seizures, heart problems, etc.), it is imperative that the school be notified.

CONTACTING TEACHERS

If you need to contact a teacher individually:

1. Use Sierra's website or Parent Connect to access your student's teacher's and their email addresses: <https://sierrahigh.mantecausd.net/>
2. Call the school (209-858-7410) and follow the directions for contacting an individual teacher's voicemail.

TUTORING & SUPPORT

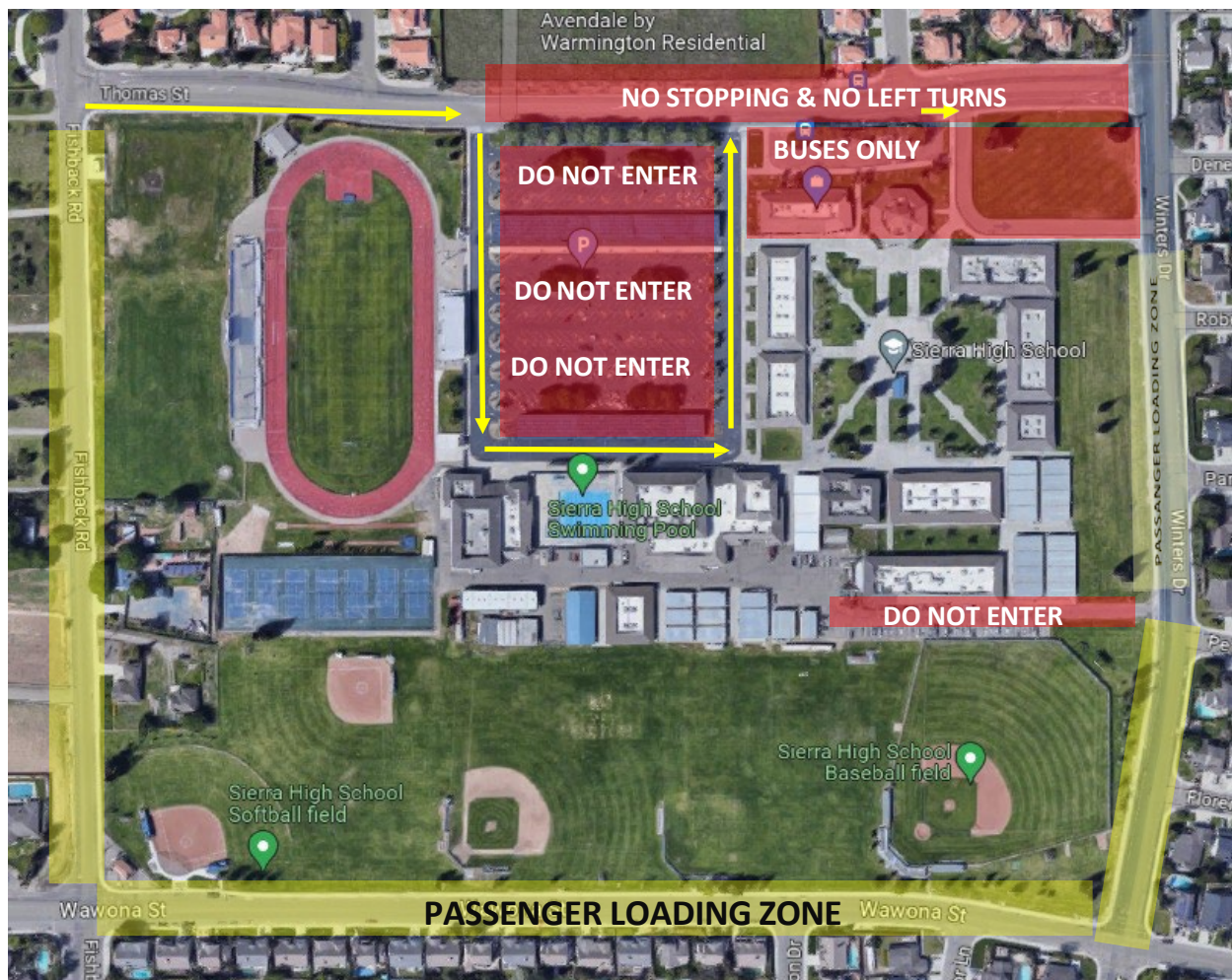
For information on tutoring, mental health counseling, and other available supports, contact the Intervention Teacher or your student's academic counselor (see the front cover for contact information).

Sierra has many supports in place to help students and families!

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Due to safety and the heavy amount of traffic directly in front of the school at the start and end of the day, we request that parents make arrange to drop off and pick up students on adjacent streets: Wawona, Winters or Fishback. Thank you for your assistance in alleviating the daily traffic jams in front of the school.

Drop-Off/Pick-up Do's	Drop-Off/Pick-up Don'ts
- Utilize Winters, Wawona, and Fishback when possible. - Enter the Sierra High School parking lot via the east bound direction of Thomas (from Fishback). - Only stop in the outer driveway of the parking lot to pick-up students, leaving the inner driveway open for through traffic. - Obey the ONE-WAY direction of traffic flow in parking lot. - Quickly and safely exit and enter vehicles and keep the line moving. - BE PATIENT!	- DO NOT drop-off or pick-up along the curb in front of or east of the student parking lot on Thomas St. - DO NOT drop off or pick-up in the Administrative Office parking lot located directly in front of the Administration Office. - DO NOT turn left off Thomas St into the student parking lot or bus loop. - DO NOT enter the inner loop or parking stall area of the student parking lot. - DO NOT exit the student parking lot through the westside gate (closest to the football stadium). - DO NOT enter the back service road.



STUDENT INFORMATION

LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER HOURS

Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM– 4:00 PM

For current library resources and detailed policies and procedures, please visit <http://sierrahighlibrary.wixsite.com/musd>.

STUDENT LOCKERS

Lockers are available for the convenience of students. Students may request lockers in the Attendance Office.

The school is not responsible for school issued or personal items left in school or PE lockers. School lockers are the property of MUSD. Periodic general inspections of lockers may be conducted by school authorities for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant

PARKING PERMITS

Students may park in the south end of the parking lot **only** under the following conditions:

- Must possess a valid CA driver's license.
- **Must display a current Sierra HS parking pass. (FREE IN OFFICE)**
- Must possess proof of insurance.
- **Students are not allowed in the parking lot during the school day.**
- Abide by driving/parking privileges outlined in permit request.

Permission to park/drive may be revoked by administration for violations of school rules or inappropriate driving.

- First Offense: Warning
- Second Offense: Saturday School
- Third Offense: Revocation of parking permit

ALL VEHICLES IN PARKING LOT MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE SHS OFFICE OR WILL BE AT RISK OF RECEIVING A MANTECA POLICE DEPARTMENT CITATION OR BEING TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.

Students will not be allowed to park on the streets surrounding the school; they must park in the lot. **MUSD is not responsible for the theft or damage to vehicles or any contents therein. Parking is at your own risk. The District will be held harmless and released of any liability arising from use of parking facilities.**

PE UNIFORM INFORMATION

- Students can wear school colored athletic clothing (black, blue, grey, white). Sierra High athletic clothing is acceptable.
- PE uniforms are NOT mandatory BUT are available to purchase. Students are encouraged check size availability with PE teacher before purchasing. The cost is \$20.00 for a SHS T-shirt & shorts.
- Proper athletic footwear required. No sandals, flip-flops, crocs, or slip on shoes.

A non-dress student will not receive any points for that day, which will affect their grade. A non-dress **CANNOT** be made up.

MAIN OFFICE RESOURCES

Lost & Found:

Located in the Attendance Office

Nurse:

A school nurse is available through the District Health Services program.

Psychologist:

A district psychologist is available on site to assist with special needs students.

Valley Community Counseling:

Referrals for mental health counseling are available through teachers, academic counselors, and administrators.

Link Crew Referrals:

Peers are available to work with students and set goals for issues such as academics, behavior, and social connections.

Student Health Insurance:

Information available upon request in the Administration Office.

Healthy Families Info:

See counselors for more information.

Medical/Hospital Services:

Medical costs of student accidents are normally the responsibility of the parents or guardians.

WOLF DEN NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily video announcements can be found on the Wolf Den News website and YouTube at www.youtube.com/wolfdennews.

WORK PERMITS

Students under the age of 18 must obtain a work permit to be employed. Students must meet all eligibility requirements to hold a job during the school year. Applications are available in the attendance office.

Work permits must be renewed every year in August.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE:

Video surveillance is used on the Sierra campus to assist in the establishment of a safe school climate for all students.

ACADEMIC COUNSELING INFORMATION

CAREER PATHS APPROACH

Now is the time to plan for the future. A carefully selected curricular path will better prepare students for a more productive work life. All students are encouraged to choose challenging curriculum.

There are two paths in each program major: professional and skilled:

1. The professional path assumes that a student is preparing for a college degree and meets entrance requirements for CSU and UC systems.
2. The skills path prepares a student for community college, trade or technical schools, or entry level jobs.

Check the Course Selection Guide for more information located online at www.mantecausd.net.



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Mrs. Darshay Smith-Hinds	Roe-Z	54324

CONTACTING YOUR ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

Counselors are available if students or parents have any questions or concerns. The best way to reach them is by email.

Counselors are available to meet with students or parents to support academic, social/emotional, and college/career planning needs. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact your counselor.

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Mrs. Darshay Smith-Hinds	dsmith-hinds@musd.net

CREDIT DEFICIENCY POLICY

Students and their parents will be notified of credit deficiencies and offered exploration of alternative programs to remediate credits and get back on track for graduation. Deficiencies may be made up through placement in Night School or at Calla High School beginning the junior year.

ACADEMIC COUNSELING SERVICES

Counselors provide a large number of services for students. Below is a brief listing of some of those services. For more info, please see your counselor.

- Progress Reports
- Tutoring
- Study Skills assistance
- Parent/student conferences
- Referrals to Special Ed
- Peer counseling
- Nonacademic counseling
- Valley Community Counseling
- Alternative Education
- Career info
- Conferences/Grade Level
- Testing
- Vocational/military info
- College info
- Scholarship info
- Financial aid info

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	
English I	10 Units
English II	10 Units
English III	10 Units
English IV	10 Units
Science	
Physical	10 Units
Biological	10 Units
Social Science	
World History	10 Units
US History	10 Units
Gvt./Econ.	10 Units
Math	
Must Pass Algebra 1	30 Units
Fine Arts/Foreign Language	
Foreign Language	10 Units
Other	
Physical Education	10 Units
Health Education	5 Units
Electives	100 Units
Total to Graduate	275

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1			TERM 2		
August	03	9th Grade Link Crew/Orientation	January	05	First Day of Term 2
August	06	First Day of School	January	18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School
August	10-14	Back to School Spirit Week	January	25	8 th Grade Family Night
August	25	Minimum Day	February	03	Inservice Day-No School
September	04	Homecoming Game	February	05	Winterfest Game
September	07	Labor Day-No School	February	12	President Lincoln's Birthday-No School
October	01-02	Finals (Finals Bell Schedule)	February	15	President's Day-No School
October	05-09	Fall Break	March	11-12	Final Exams (Finals Bell Schedule)
October	21	Inservice Day-No School	March	15-19	Spring Break-No School
November	11	Veterans Day-No School	March	25	Minimum Day
November	12	Lobo Gold Assembly	March	26-29	Holiday-No School
November	21	Blue & Silver Ball	April	06	Minimum Day
November	25	Minimum Day	April	10	Prom
November	26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday	April	20-22	CAASPP & PE Testing
December	17-18	Finals (Finals Bell Schedule)	May	25-26	Final Exams (Finals Bell Schedule)
December	21	Winter Break Begins	May	26	Senior Sunset
			May	27	Graduation-Minimum Day
			May	28	Last Day of School – Minimum Day

Parents and/or Guardians: The governing boards of school districts are required to notify parents or guardians of their rights as specified in the Education Code. The enclosed Education Code sections are concerned with these rights. Please sign and return an emergency form updated, or complete form online, when your student returns in August. Your signature on this form indicates: 1) that you have received the Parents' Rights form, 2) whether or not you live on government property, 3) that you consent to have your child treated in case of an emergency if you or your emergency contact cannot be reached, and 4) that you are aware of the different clubs available to students at Sierra High. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school principal or Student Services Department at the MUSD District Office.

ASB OFFICER TEAM



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ASB CARD INCENTIVE

Be involved! Have fun! Save money! For the affordable price of \$60, you can purchase your Student Body Card and save over \$500!

Orientation Special
SHS Wolfpack t-shirt for each ASB Card purchased before or at orientation.

Two major reasons to buy a card:

- Get in all regular season home games free. Students who purchase an ASB Card and attend all home athletic events will save over \$500!
- Attend dances and events at a reduced rate – including Prom!

Cards available online only at:
SierraHS.myschoolcentral.com.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Students will be ineligible for extra (i.e. athletics, clubs, all dances, work permits) and co-curricular performance activities (i.e. band, drama) for any of the following reasons:

- Less than 20 units per term
- Less than 2.0 GPA previous semester
- Two (2) F's or U's in a grading period
- Suspended 5 days or twice (less than 5 days) in the same grading period

Students become eligible on the 46th school day after the suspension(s).

- Grades calculated on 4 point system; AP and Honors classes may be weighted.
- Seniors receiving a 5 day suspension, 2 suspensions of less than 5 days, or 2 U's for the fourth quarter will not participate in the graduation ceremony and activities. Seniors must be eligible to attend Grad Night.

Students must be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. To request a one-time waiver, contact the Athletic Director or a Vice Principal.

OFF-CAMPUS PRIVILEGE

Seniors and juniors must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible; sophomores must maintain a 2.5 GPA without any unsatisfactory citizenship marks.

Applications are available all year in the Attendance Office. Students who meet the following criteria may apply for an Off-Campus pass with the administration:

- No Discipline owed end of each term
- Not on ineligible list end of each grading period
- Outstanding materials returned to clear bills & fines
- Students must have an off campus pass to leave at lunch, even if student has a 4th period CTE class.

Administration has the right to review & revoke the privilege of having an Off-Campus pass at any time.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

The open enrollment period is in January (tentative) of each year. Open enrollment is determined by a lottery system through the district office. ***Continuation of open enrollment is contingent upon satisfactory attendance, behavior, & academic achievement.*** For questions regarding open enrollment, please reach out to the office manager at: (209)858-7410 ext. 57413.

CITIZENSHIP GRADES

If a student receives two "U" grades on a report card, he/she is ineligible for the next semester. Unsatisfactory citizenship may be earned for exhibiting inappropriate behavior, being disruptive, being uncooperative, or interfering with other students' learning.

An automatic "U" will be given for having 5 unexcused tardies within a grading period in the same class.

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE FOR ALL ATHLETES

All athletes must have a sports physical exam performed by a licensed physician (no chiropractors) before they are allowed to tryout/practice.

Pick up the required athletic physical form in the administration office prior to the physical.

Athletic clearance must be completed online. For more information, call our athletic secretary at 858-7410 ext. 54332.

Athletic clearance must be completed after May 15th and prior to tryouts.

SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL ONLINE ATHLETIC CLEARANCE Quick step guide for parents/ students

1. Visit www.hornecampus.com/login.
2. Create an Account (first time to visit this site). Parents register with a valid email, username, and password. Check your email for the verification email and login OR
3. Log in (if you already have an account).
4. Select "Start Clearance Here" to start the process.
5. Type: "Sierra" under school and the address and current school year will populate.
6. Select the sports the student may wish to participate in throughout the entire school year.
7. Complete all required fields for student information, educational history, medical history, and electronic signatures.
8. Upload a copy of the SHS Athletic Clearance Form by scanning/taking a picture. **Our form is required, stamped and signed by a physician (no chiropractors).**
9. You have completed the process when you reach the confirmation message.
10. **Print, sign, and return the confirmation (signature) page to the Athletic Secretary at Sierra HS.** It must be signed by both the parent and student to be cleared for sports participation.
11. All information is electronically filed with Sierra HS Athletic Department for review and final approval. You will receive an email notification when your student has been cleared for participation. Coaches of the chosen sports will be able to view your student's clearance status.

This process needs to be completed every school year.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The code of conduct applies to any student who is:

1. On school property.
2. In attendance at school or on the way to or from school or during lunch.
3. At any school-sponsored activity on or off campus.
4. Whose conduct at any other time or place has a direct and immediate effect on maintaining order and discipline or protecting the safety and welfare of the students or staff in school.

SCHOOL & DISTRICT RULES

Students will be held accountable for their behavior to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for all.

MINOR INFRACTIONS: unexcused absences; Tardy Contract violations; cutting class; inappropriate behavior; gambling; persistent behavior problems; and electronic device & dress code violations

MAJOR INFRACTIONS: threats; fights and assaults; possession of weapons; alcohol, nicotine, or drug use/sale; theft, robbery, or extortion; vandalism; obscenity; sexual harassment or assault; dangerous or persistent behavior; hazing; and bullying

Specific behavior expectations and consequences are outlined on the Manteca Unified website.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

DISCIPLINE ASSIGNED BASED UPON SEVERITY OF BEHAVIOR.

TIER 1 INTERVENTIONS

- Teacher issued detentions
- Parent contact
- Parent & teacher conferences
- Teacher suspensions (2 class periods maximum)

TIER 2 INTERVENTIONS

- Referral to academic counselor
- Referral to Intervention TOSA
- Referral to Valley Community Counseling (VCC)

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVENTIONS

- After School Administrative Detentions (80 minutes)
- Saturday School (4 hours)
- In School Suspension/Alternative Placement
- Suspension (1-5 days)
- MUSD Behavior Expectation Contract
- MUSD Fight Contract
- Expulsion

Failure to complete assigned discipline will result in more severe discipline, which could include ineligibility to participate in sports and activities.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE/POLICY



NO CELL PHONE USE DURING CLASS

Electronic devices may NOT be used during class time – Board Policy 5131(b).

1 st Offense	Warning. Device returned to student after school.
2 nd Offense	1 After School Detention. Device returned to student after school. Referral to Intervention TOSA.
3 rd Offense	2 After School Detentions. Device returned to parent after school.
4 th Offense	1 Saturday School. Device returned to parent after school.
5 th Offense	1 Alternative Placement. Parent conference with vice principal to pick-up phone.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Teachers will include the full school cheating policy in their student hand-outs and/or syllabus. The consequences of cheating are as follows:

- **1st offense:** zero on assignment/test/project, “N” in citizenship, parent notification, referral to Vice Principal for documentation.
- **2nd offense:** zero on assignment/test/project, “U” in citizenship, parent notification, referral to Vice Principal for Student Conference.
- **3rd offense:** zero on assignment/test/project, parent notification, referral to Vice Principal for In School Suspension. Two offenses or more (same term) in different classes: In School Suspension.
- **4th offense:** zero on assignment/test/project, parent notification, referral to Vice Principal for 1-3 day School Suspension.

In addition, cheating could disqualify the student from CSF, Lobo Gold honors, departmental Honor Cords, and/or National Honor Society recognition at graduation.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS CONTINUED

CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

Students may not leave campus without prior approval from the Attendance Office. Such approval may consist of checking out through the office, leaving at lunch with an approved off-campus pass, or leaving for CTE with an approved pass. Discipline for leaving without permission may include Saturday School or more severe actions.

CAMPUS VISITORS

Student visitors must be arranged for 48 hours in advance!

Visitors must have a valid reason to visit campus as determined by administration and will need to report to the administration office for a pass. The following requirements must be met for student sponsors and visitors:

1. High school age.
2. Note signed by each parent.
3. Phone numbers to contact both parents.
4. Note from visitor's school that his/her absence is approved and visitor's school is not in session
5. Proper ID.
6. Written approval of all sponsoring student's teachers.

Administration reserves the right to regulate or refuse visitations.

Visits are for one (1) day, with 48-hour advanced administrative approval; no visitors during first or last weeks of school.

Adult persons wishing to visit a class should make arrangements in advance with the teacher and principal or designee for an agreeable time. All visitors shall register at the school site office immediately upon entering the school. The visitor will then receive a pass, instructions, and an ID name tag.

CLEAN CAMPUS

Sierra High School staff and student body take pride in maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of our campus. We believe the appearance of our environment contributes to the overall positive culture and climate of our school.

Staff and students contribute in various ways to keeping our campus litter free. We have a Clean Campus Committee comprised of students working to encourage and motivate their peers to clean up after themselves. Students have the added incentive of getting lunch time extended when the campus is found to be consistently neat and clean.

RIDING THE BUS

Riding the bus is a privilege which should not be abused. Students are under school jurisdiction from the time they leave home until they return in the afternoon. Students must comply with the following bus rules:

- In order to board the bus, students must be able to show a valid ID.
- Students must obey bus driver at all times.
- Students must remain in seats.
- Students must not shout, gesture, or act in any manner that may distract the driver and jeopardize the safety of others.

Continued disorderly conduct will be sufficient reason to lose bus riding privileges (Policy 5131.8b).

All school rules apply on the bus.

INTERNET INFORMATION

Sierra High students have access to the Internet. Having this technology also means greater responsibility from students. Before a student internet account can be created to allow access the internet, students are required to fill out an Internet access form. This must be signed by both the student and parent and will be kept on file for the current school year. Students caught using the Internet without permission or accessing information of an illegal, inappropriate, or unauthorized manner will be disciplined and lose their Internet access. Student use is monitored by the District Office.

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

The following legal guidelines must be met for students to be legally enrolled. Failure to abide by this frame- work lead to temporary exclusion from school until met:

- Polio: at least 3 doses with month and year validated; at least one must be after 2nd birthday.
- DPT/DT: at least 3 doses with month and year validated; at least one after 2nd birthday.
- MMR: two doses after 1st birthday; month and year must be validated.
- TDAP: at least one dose after the 7th birthday
- Hep B: 3 doses
- Varicella: 2 doses

STUDENT CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS CONTINUED

MAJOR CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE VIOLATIONS

Violations of the following sections of the EDUCATION CODE 48900 are grounds for either suspension and/or expulsion from the district:

- a Threatened, attempted, or actual physical injury to another person.*
- b Possessed, sold, furnished, or used explosives, dangerous objects, or weapons (including knives, stun guns [P.C.12650], pepper spray [P.C.12403.8])*
- c Possessed, sold, furnished, or used alcohol or controlled drugs (as defined by Health and Safety Code 11007)*
- d Unlawfully offered controlled drugs, then provided another substance in place of it*
- e Committed or attempted robbery or extortion*
- f Attempted or actual damage of school or private property
- g Attempted or actual theft of school or private property
- h Possessed or used tobacco products
- i Committed obscene acts, habitual profanity or vulgarity
- j Unlawfully offered or furnished any drug paraphernalia
- k Disrupted school activities or willfully defied school authorities (includes fighting)
- l Knowingly received stolen school or private property
- m Possession of imitation firearm
- n Sexual assault/battery
- o Threatened or harassed witness
- p Soma Drug offered, arranged or negotiated to sell or sold
- q Hazing
- r Bullying/Cyber bullying
- s Aids/Abets

Sexual Harassment (48900.2)

Hate Crimes (48900.3)

Hostile Educational Environment (48900.4)

*Expulsion hearing required

CA EDC 4807

“... schools shall hold pupils to a strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, or during recess.”

Students are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of the school in the following circumstances: during, or while going to or from school sponsored activities; while on school grounds; going to or coming from school; during lunch, on or off campus.

FIGHTING AND DRUG USE/SALES

Fighting, being under the influence of alcohol, and drug use/sales, among other violations, are NOT tolerated at Sierra High School. If a student actively participates in a fight, is under the influence of alcohol, or participates in drug use/sales on campus, it may result in a Fight Contract or Disciplinary Review Board (DRB) Contract. Depending on the severity, it may also result in a DRB hearing and/or expulsion.

Additionally, engaging in these behaviors may result in mandatory enrollment in either anger management or substance abuse counseling.

If a student is at school under the influence of drugs or alcohol, a parent is REQUIRED to pick the student up from campus. Students will NOT be able to walk home or take the bus.

K9 Detection Checks:

Sierra High has participated in the use of detection dogs on campus to provide a deterrent for the possession or contraband items on campus. There may be routine, random inspection of areas such as lockers, classroom backpacks, gym areas, and parking lots (cars). These random inspections will be conducted to ensure consistency of areas searched. The dogs are not trained to sniff individuals. The dogs will pick up scents of live or spent ammunition, traces of alcohol, and illegal substances, as well as empty alcohol containers.

TEACHER DETENTION AND SUSPENSION

Detention:

Students are required to serve assigned detention in a timely manner. Failure to serve detentions by assigned deadline may result in Administrative discipline.

An Administrative Tardy Contract will be issued when a student has 5 unexcused tardies.

Teacher Suspension (CA EDC 48910):

A teacher may suspend a student from class for any of the acts enumerated in EC 48900 for the day of the offense and the following day. The teacher shall ask the parent/guardian to attend a conference to discuss the incident.

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GENERAL CONDUCT

Prohibited Items: Radios and disruptive electronic devices or laser devices (P.C. 417.25), roller blades, water pistols, water balloons, permanent markers/Sharpies, chains, and other devices which might disrupt school are not permitted at any time, any place, in or out of class.

On the first offense, the item will be confiscated and the parents asked to pick it up. On the second offense, the item will be confiscated for the remainder of the school year, a Saturday School given and then returned to the parent.

Parking regulations: Students must register vehicles, provide proof of insurance, obtain a parking permit (free of charge), and follow parking regulations (VC 2111). Police may ticket or tow cars violating regulations at owner's expense. Parking privileges may be revoked if abused.

Students are required to park in the student parking lot and not on the street or surrounding neighborhood. Parking permits must be properly displayed. Permits will be distributed to seniors and juniors first and sophomores or freshmen as room allows.

Serious or persistent problems: Students whose serious or persistent behavior interferes with learning or endangers the well-being of other students may lose their educational privilege. This includes horseplay, including the use of carotid restraint, or other rough play. Such actions may result in disciplinary action, as well as a DRB hearing. Students may be returned to school under a contract or considered for expulsion (MUSD Policy #527).

Dance Behavior: No inappropriate dancing is permitted. Students will sign a dance contract prior to entrance to any school dance. Failure to comply with rules may result in removal from the event and/or progressive discipline in accordance with school policy.

Restricted areas on campus: Areas restricted during school hours include the parking lots, the playing fields, behind the shop areas, and surrounding housing areas. Students are not to loiter in these areas.

Gambling: Any gambling, such as flipping or pitching coins, rolling dice, cards, betting, etc. is not permitted at school and is a violation of the law.

Video surveillance: Video surveillance is used on the Sierra campus to assist in the establishment of a safe school climate for all students.

GENERAL CONDUCT CONTINUED

Hazing:

Hazing or harassing of students is prohibited. All students are entitled to a hassle-free education. Some of the prohibited activities might include the following:

- Making verbal threats.
- Whistling in a harassing manner.
- Making racial remarks.
- Making comments of a sexual nature.
- Behavior that might be deemed detrimental to any student's physical or emotional well-being.

Student Conduct Assemblies/Rallies:

- Students are to sit in assigned areas and remain there.
- Students must be on time and show appreciation and attention during the performance.
- Behavior must be appropriate at all times.
- Failure to abide by proper conduct will result in disciplinary action.

Bullying:

Bullying is a form of violence. It can be physical, verbal, psychological, or sexual. Here are some examples of bullying:

- Physical: hitting, kicking, spitting, pushing
- Verbal: teasing, threatening, name-calling
- Psychological: excluding someone, spreading rumors, intimidating
- Sexual: touching, assault, exhibitionism, and many of the actions listed above

Bullying may also occur through the Internet or other forms of technology. This is known as cyber bullying. It is sending or posting hurtful material.

Bullying is common, but it should not be viewed as a normal part of growing up. It is more damaging to children than previously thought. Bullying has a negative effect on a student's ability to learn.

Bullying/cyber bullying will not be tolerated at Sierra High School.

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DISTRICT POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Manteca Unified School District has adopted a student policy on sexual harassment (5145.81a)

The policy strictly prohibits sexual harassment by a student or employee. It is defined as unsolicited and unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, physical, or visual conduct of a sexual nature (EC 212.5), which can create an intimidating, hostile or otherwise offensive educational environment.

Examples of types of conduct which are prohibited or may constitute sexual harassment include:

- Unwelcome leering, sexual gestures or propositions
- Unwelcome sexual slurs, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or sexually degrading descriptions.
- Graphical verbal comments about an individual's body, or overly personal conversation.
- Sexual jokes, stories, drawings, objects, pictures, or gestures.
- Spreading sexual rumors.
- Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual manner.
- Any act of retaliation against an individual who reports a violation of the district's sexual harassment policy or who participates in the investigation of a sexual harassment complaint.

WEAPONS/GRAFFITI LAWS

SB292 expands bans on weapons by also prohibiting any instrument that propels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or pellet, through pressure. It also prohibits knives or an ice pick. SB374 makes the defacing of public property or vehicles by graffiti punishable by a fine up to \$500 and a minimum 24-hours of community service.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Below is the procedure to follow if any student feels that he/she is being sexually harassed by another student or by a school employee or other person who is on the school grounds or at a school activity:

- Report this verbally or in writing to any school administrator, counselor, teacher, or other staff member, or to the Director of Student Services. This person may be reached at 825-3200, Ext: 50735.
- You will be asked to put the complaint in writing and sign it, or the person you complained to can put it in writing and have you sign it.
- Within one school day, the person you report the harassment to will forward this information to your principal (unless he/she is the one you feel is harassing you) and to the Director of Student Services.
- Within one school day, the principal or Director of Student Services will designate a trained investigator who will initiate an investigation within two school days of receiving the report.
- Your complaint will be handled in accordance with MUSD Policy 5145.8.
- Each complaint shall be promptly investigated in a way that respects the privacy of all parties concerned to the extent permitted by the law and to the extent practical and appropriate under the circumstances.
- The investigator will communicate his/her findings to you and to the alleged harasser as quickly as possible.
- After concluding the investigation, the complaint investigator will put his/her findings in writing and will forward a copy to the principal and the Director of Student Services within one week or a reasonable extension of time thereafter for good cause.
- A written record of the investigation will be maintained by the school and district separate and apart from your student file.



DRESS CODE | MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Manteca Unified School District's Board of Education believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a positive school environment. The dress code has been established following the basic principle that certain body parts must be covered at all times for a safe and effective learning environment.

STUDENTS MUST WEAR

- » A shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms)
- » Bottom coverings (pants, sweatpants, shorts, skirts, dresses, leggings)
- » Shoes (Activity-specific shoe requirements are permitted, such as wearing athletic shoes during P.E.)

STUDENTS MAY WEAR

- » Hats, including religious/cultural headwear (Non-religious/cultural headwear must be removed in the classroom.)
- » Sweatshirts or hoodies (Hoods must be removed in the classroom.)
- » Fitted pants, including leggings, yoga pants, and skinny jeans
- » Ripped jeans (as long as the student's undergarments or bottom is not exposed)
- » Tank tops
- » Athletic attire

STUDENTS MAY NOT WEAR

- » Clothing, headwear, jewelry, or other accessories that show violent language or images, including weapons
- » Accessories that can be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon
- » Images or language that reference drugs, alcohol, or any illegal materials or activities
- » Hate speech, profanity, and sexually explicit images or language
- » Gang-related attire or accessories
- » Images or language that create a hostile or intimidating environment
- » No bare abdomens or clothing that reveals undergarments
- » Swimsuits (except as required in P.E. class or athletic practice)
- » Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance or for medical reasons)

LIBRARY INFORMATION

All students and staff are welcome to use the resources of the library. Library and Technology Center hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00am- 4:00pm. For current library resources and detailed policies and procedures, please visit <https://sierrahighlibrary.wixsite.com/musd>. Printing is available.

Students are expected to observe acceptable behavior, including no food, gum, or drinks. Entry during class time is by teacher pass only. A valid ID is required to check out materials and/or equipment and access student library accounts.

Up to two library books may be checked out with a valid ID for 21 days. Fine notices will be emailed to student email accounts daily during the school year. Overdue items are billed as replacement cost after 30 days. Lost or damaged library books must be paid for at replacement cost. Students with outstanding overdue notices will be restricted from checking out further items until all fines are paid or cleared.



Textbooks are the property of MUSD and are provided “on loan” to students. Ed Code 48904 states that “the parent or guardian of a minor shall be liable to a school district for all property belonging to a school district loaned to a minor and not returned upon demand of an employee of the district authorized to make the demand.”

Textbooks will be checked out the first week of school, or on the first day of attendance for transfer students. At the end of the year, or when transferring from Sierra. Students will check in all textbooks to the library. Materials will be assessed for condition by each teacher and students will be charged for damage/loss. All obligations must be cleared up with the library staff and account clerk.

Students are responsible for their own textbooks. This includes damage that occurs due to fire, water, theft, etc. Book covers are required. Do not use contact paper or any other stick-on covers. Students should not write in or highlight texts, nor should they loan textbooks to friends.

Condition	Fine
Lost	Replace
Pages Torn Out	Replace
Damaged/Unusable	Replace
Pen/Ink Marks	\$5 Minimum
Spine Damage	\$5 Minimum
Barcode Missing	\$5



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND SUCCESS

VOL SPORTSMANSHIP/VICTORY WITH HONOR

The Valley Oak League has adopted guidelines for Victory with Honor. A good sport has been defined as “a person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating and who treats his/her opponents and officials with fairness, courtesy, and respect.”

It is the intent of the league to eliminate all distractions which might tend to destroy the best values of sport and to stress the importance of fair play. This includes being courteous to officials and visiting teams and fans.

We must remember to yell for our team and not against the visiting team & fans.

CLUBS

Sierra has a number of active clubs on campus. We highly encourage students to get involved and make the most of their four years with us! The club list is dynamic and changes each year. Make sure to attend Club Rush in the fall to learn more about the clubs on campus or contact the Activities Director for more information about our current clubs list.

DANCE INFORMATION

Sierra High sponsors dances throughout the school year. To enter the dances, students must meet all eligibility requirements (including GPA of 2.0) and must present a current school picture ID. All school rules are in effect during dances. School dress codes will also be enforced. Doors open at a specified time and close one hour after they open. Once the door close, students will not be allowed to enter. Once students leave the dance, they will not be allowed to re-enter.

GUEST PASSES FOR DANCES

Passes are limited to one guest per student. Approval by administration is based upon the following:

- Former students who graduated from MUSD one year removed.
- In good standing (fine free, detention cleared, eligible).
- Current MUSD high school and Independent Study students may be guests with the approval of their principal.
- Students under an expulsion order or Manteca Day students cannot attend.
- Host student will be responsible for guest behavior.

This policy is set by the school and district administration and is offered at the discretion of the school administration.

Administration reserves the right to further restrict this guest policy as needed.

STUDY SKILLS = SUCCESS

Tools for the Job:

Students need the right tools to succeed in school! Students are expected to come to class with needed materials, including:

- 3-ring binder (2" is best) with 3-hole filler paper
- Set of subject dividers
- Two #2 pencils
- Black or blue ink pens
- Highlighter pens
- 6" ruler
- Plastic pouch for holding supplies in binder
- Glue stick
- Color pencils or water-based non-permanent markers are permitted
- Personal planner or calendar to track appointments/obligations
- Ensure that you plug in your school issued device every night to ensure that you have enough battery every day.

Parents Can Help Too:

- Check your student's class agendas regularly to see what's due and when.
- Provide study space at home. Students need a quiet place to work where they can read and write without distractions for an hour or more each evening.
- Help your student establish a routine time for schoolwork each day. If students say they have no homework, check their class agendas.
- Reading is fundamental. Have your student read for 30 minutes each evening. Make reading a family priority.
- Reinforce your student with praise and/or rewards for doing well: good grades, organized binder, etc.
- Withdraw privileges if your student is not keeping up with the calendars or maintaining good grades.
- Call your student's counselor for individual assistance.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRAMS

BLOCK "S"

Students may earn letters in academics, leadership, and athletics. The criteria for each are as follows:

Academics (Counselor)

- 3.6+ GPA earned during any 3 terms. Must complete an application verified by the counselor

Activities (Activities Director)

- 3 terms minimum participation. Teachers may submit additional criteria.
- Activities include: Band, Cheerleading, Choir, Drama, FFA, FCCLA, Broadcast Journalism, Leadership, Link Crew, and Yearbook.

Athletics (Athletic Director)

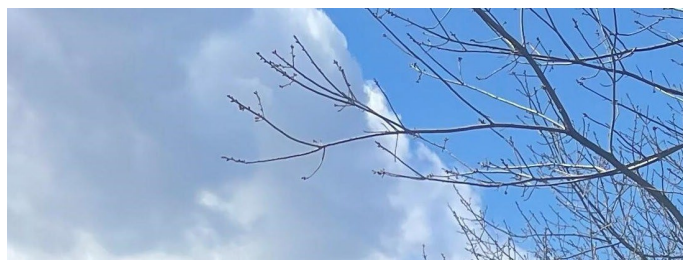
- 1 year + at varsity level. Each coach determines other criteria.

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

The Sierra High School chapter of the National Honor Society is a student lead organization. Our goal is to create an enthusiasm for scholarships, pro-mote worthy leadership, stimulate a desire to render service, and encourage the development of character in the students of Sierra High School. Membership is open to 2nd semester Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.6 who demonstrate exemplary citizenship with a history of service and leadership. Members are inducted in both Fall and Spring terms of each academic year and participate in two specially selected service projects each year. NHS honor status is included on official transcripts, and student diplomas bear the NHS seal. Students will also be seated at the front of their graduating class during commencement and wear the distinctive white honor cowl.

DEPARTMENT HONORS SOCIETY

Students may earn honor cords to be worn at graduation ceremonies. Each department will publicize the requirements to all students. Students must apply for this honor.



VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN SELECTION AND CRITERIA

- Student must complete entire senior year at a MUSD high school.
- Student must have at least three classes on campus each term during senior year.
- Students in accelerated programs (graduating in less than four years) will not be considered for selection.
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be identified at the third semester grading period of the senior year.
- The grade point averages will be equalized by applying a special mathematical formula. Note: a detailed explanation of this is available from the counseling office.
- Co-valedictorians or co-salutatorians are chosen only when points are exactly the same up to hundredths of a percent.

LOBO GOLD PROGRAM

Students earn positive recognition for academic achievements and good behavior through our Lobo Gold program. There are two academic rallies each year in the fall and spring to recognize student achievement. Students decorate the stadium to promote school spirit and a sense of pride, and the rally features student and staff talent, as well as raffle prizes. In addition to scholar/athletes and students with perfect attendance, the program honors three categories with prizes and privileges:

Gold:

Students with a 4.0+ GPA and no "F's" or "U's" for a term.

Silver:

Students with a 3.25+ GPA, and no "F's" or "U's" for a term.

Blue:

Students with a 2.25+ GPA, and no "F's" or "U's" for a term.

CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION

Sierra High School is proud to recognize students who earn excellent grades in rigorous/core courses. Students who qualify for membership in CSF during their sophomore, junior, and senior years for at least four terms, and who volunteer for at least 100 hours of community service are honored with a Gold Seal bearer status at graduation wear distinctive gold regalia and are seated at the front of their graduating class. Their life-time member status is recorded on their official transcripts, and a gold seal on their diploma. Any student or parent with questions are to contact kvongphouthone@musd.net or room 6 for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Several opportunities are available for parents to become involved at Sierra:

- Athletic Boosters
- Band Boosters
- ELAC
- SBCP Committee (Site Council)
- Sober Grad Committee (senior parents)
- And more! Contact school for info!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Parents interested in being a member of the 2026-2027 Athletic Boosters, please contact Athletic Director Jeff Abrew at jabrew@musd.net.

18 YEARS RECORD REQUESTS

Those 18-year-old students wishing to receive their records directly must submit a request in writing to the principal. Parents will be notified of the request (EC 49061a).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

Students may waive physical education in the junior and senior year if they enroll in an CTE class or an academic class in lieu of physical education.

Waivers may be picked up in the Counseling Center. It is required that the Physical Education Department Chair, the student's counselor, and the principal approve the waiver.

FACULTY AND STAFF

ADMINISTRATORS

Steve Clark – Principal
Anne Marie Shaw – Assistant Principal
Amy Rosendin – Vice Principal
Les Wheeler – Vice Principal
Jeff Abrew – Vice Principal of Athletics

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Mike James – Head Custodian
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Katrice Farnsworth
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