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Parent/Student Handbook



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Welcome to Veritas Elementary

Anchored in Truth. Focused on Growth. Committed to Excellence.

Welcome students and parents to Veritas Elementary School. This handbook will provide you with information regarding our school rules, policies, activities, and daily procedures so that together we can create an atmosphere where children are able to be successful in a safe environment.

Your continued support and interest in your child's education is of the utmost importance to help the Veritas staff in educating your child.

Mission Statement

Through smart actions and decisions, Veritas Elementary will work together using meaningful, measurable, and aligned data for all students to achieve mastery of grade-level standards in all subjects based on their unique educational pathway in a safe environment inclusive of design, security, and climate.

Vision Statement

Every student works to achieve grade-level standards, feels safe, and is supported to realize individual success.

We Are Veritas

- Ready
- Respectful
- Responsible

School Office Hours

The front office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's instructional program, homework, grades, test scores, behavior, etc., please contact your child's teacher or call the school at (209) 858-7390.

School Hours

Grades TK & Kindergarten

- School gates open at 7:45 a.m.
- School begins at 7:50 a.m.
- School ends at 2:10 p.m.

Grades 1–8

- School gates open at 7:45 a.m.
- School begins at 8:00 a.m.
- School ends at 2:20 p.m.

All students are expected to be at school and on time every day. Students in grades 1–8 may not arrive at school prior to 7:45 a.m., as there is no adult supervision before that time.

Please remember that minimizing disruptions to instruction is a priority, so deliveries of items that a student may have forgotten (lunch, water bottle, backpack, homework, etc.) will be delivered if/when possible.

School Information

Please keep your eyes open for fliers with information on upcoming events. You can also view the school website at www.mantecausd.net — go to Elementary Schools and click on Veritas. We use text, email, mobile apps, and an automated phone system for upcoming events as well.

If you change your phone number or email, please update the office or Parent Connection as soon as possible so you do not miss any messages. You can view the district calendar for all holidays and minimum days on the website.

Student Pick-Up Policy

If it is necessary for a child to leave prior to the end of the school day, parents must check the child out in the school office. For your child's protection, it is school policy to ask for I.D. before releasing a child to anyone.

If any person other than the parent picks up the student, they must be listed on the emergency card. The office will not release students without an I.D. or if the authorized adult is not on the emergency card.

Students will not be called from the classroom until the parent or authorized adult picking them up is physically in the office and has signed them out. This is for your child's safety.

Visitors to Campus

All visitors must check in at the office and receive a pass so the school can monitor who is on campus. Classroom visits must be arranged in advance with the teacher and principal or designee. Parents and guardians have the

right to observe instruction and activities involving their child, as long as it follows school procedures to ensure safety and minimize disruption.

Reasonable accommodations will be considered. With written notice at least 24 hours in advance (Monday–Friday), school staff will schedule a 20-minute classroom visit, during which a parent will be accompanied by an administrator.

Evening / Off-Campus Events

Students must sit with, and be supervised by, their parent or guardian at ALL evening and/or off-campus events unless otherwise directed by the staff in charge. This includes, but is not limited to, athletic events, choir/band concerts, and other activities.

Dogs

The only dogs allowed on campus are those clearly labeled as service dogs and detection dogs. Emotional support pets are not allowed. Detection dogs may periodically visit our campus to help maintain a safe and secure environment.

Arrival / Dismissal

Arrival

Gates open 15 minutes before school starts.

- Enter the parking lot at the entrance — there is only one way in and one way out
- Drop students off in the designated drop-off zone — there is no parking in the drop-off zone
- When exiting, vehicles may only turn right onto Pagola Ave

Dismissal

The parking lot opens 10 minutes before school ends.

- Pick up students from the loading zone — there is no parking or getting out of vehicles in the loading zone
- When exiting, vehicles may only turn right onto Pagola Ave

Because the parking lot is impacted, parents may want to park off campus and walk their students to school.

During arrival and dismissal, there is no parking in the bus loading zone on Collins Street. Vehicles are subject to be towed.

Injuries

When a student is injured at school, some or all of the following procedures may be used: the School Site Assistant and/or teacher is notified, office personnel are notified, and parents are notified if needed. If a serious injury is suspected, the student will be stabilized to determine if the student can or should be moved, students on the playground will be directed to move away, and office personnel will direct emergency vehicles if needed.

Parent Volunteer Process

Veritas School staff appreciates and encourages active parent and community involvement in our school. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher throughout the year for more specific activities. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom, please complete a pink volunteer form, available from your child's teacher or in the office. Allow 10 days for approval. Your child's teacher will inform you if you have been approved.

Attendance

Being on time and attending daily is essential to student success. If a child arrives after the bell rings at 7:50/8:00, they are considered tardy. The student must first check in with the office and receive a tardy slip. This will allow them to be admitted to the classroom.

Students in grades 1–8 may not arrive at school prior to 7:45 a.m., as there is no adult supervision before that time.

Any student arriving late to school after their bell must report to the school office for a tardy pass. Teachers may notify parents when students are tardy to school. The office will send a truancy warning letter at five tardies.

Students who are habitually late to school will be referred to the Truancy Prevention Counselor and could also be referred to the District Attendance Review Board for a hearing to be placed on an attendance contract.

Tardy Consequences

- 3 class tardies (7th & 8th graders) — other means of correction.
- 5 class tardies — one hour of after-school detention (parent will be notified 24 hours in advance).
- Tardies of 30 minutes or more: 3 such tardies are counted as one unexcused (truant) absence.

- 9 or more tardies of 30 minutes or more — a truancy letter will be sent to the parent by MUSD.

Unexcused Absences

- 3 unexcused absences = 1st truancy letter
- 6 unexcused absences = 2nd truancy letter
- 9 unexcused absences = 3rd truancy letter

To continue to promote attendance, attendance awards will be given to the classes and students with the best attendance.

When you know your child will be absent, please call the attendance line at (209) 858-7390 and leave a message with your child's name, your name, the teacher's name, and the reason for the absence. Parents, please note that you can also update your child(ren)'s attendance using Parent Connection.

Absences

Per California Education Code, excused absences include student illness, medical or dental appointments, or a death in the immediate family. Parents must report absences by calling (209) 858-7390 or sending a written note with the date, reason, person reporting, and symptoms if the child is ill. Voicemails can be left anytime.

Doctor's notes are requested for medical or dental visits and required for absences of three or more consecutive days. Please schedule appointments after school when possible. If scheduled during school hours, notify the teacher as well.

Excessive absences may lead to a referral to the Truancy Prevention Counselor or the District Attendance Review Board and result in a SARB contract.

Parents may excuse a child from P.E. for up to two days; longer absences require a doctor's note. Students must be present for at least 180 instructional minutes to participate in after-school activities, unless the event is part of a course grade.

If your child will be absent for five or more school days due to travel or other planned reasons, please contact the office in advance to ask about an independent study contract so your child can receive credit for completed work.

Contacting Teachers

Teachers can be contacted by phone or email. Calls received during the instructional day will be transferred to the teacher's voicemail so as not to

interrupt instruction. Teachers will respond to all calls or emails within 48 hours. Please check our website for staff email addresses. The office will not interrupt the classroom during instructional hours.

Parent Involvement Expectations

Veritas School staff believe parent involvement is a crucial part of student success. Parents are expected to ensure their child/children attend school daily, on time, and participate in related school activities throughout the year. Parents will ensure their child/children comply with school policies, including but not limited to: dress code, homework, class assignments, the electronics policy, and behavior/school conduct expectations. All parents are encouraged to become a member of the PTA and attend the PTA general meetings.

Parents are also expected to be part of the school culture by participating in events during the school year, such as:

- PTA
- Back-to-School Night
- Open House
- Goal Setting Conferences
- SSTs / IEPs
- Annual Block Party
- School Site Council (SSC)
- English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC)
- Movie Nights
- Fundraisers
- Spring Fling
- Multicultural Night
- Book Fair
- Trunk or Treat

Just to name a few — thank you for your support!

Enrollment

MUSD is experiencing shifting enrollment patterns throughout the district. As a result, the district may find it necessary to overflow students from their school of residence to another school to meet enrollment and staffing needs for the 2026-27 school year.

Changing Schools

When planning to move, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Students will need to turn in all textbooks, devices, library books, and instruments before having their transfer request signed off. Any lost or damaged books will need to be paid for before leaving the school in order to receive a clear transfer.

Dress Code

The Governing Board of Manteca Unified School District believes that it is a responsibility of the school and parents to develop socially responsible standards of dress and personal grooming. The Board further directs that schools maintain standards of dress and grooming that support a positive and safe learning environment. Accordingly, the Board of Education requires that student clothing shall not (BP 5132):

- Create a health or safety hazard for the student or others
- Be disruptive of school operations and the education process in general
- Be offensive or unusually distracting to others
- Convey profane or offensive language or illustrations
- Be contrary to the law
- Advertise alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or controlled substances
- Include any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or manner of grooming which suggests gang membership

Clothing that is determined unsafe for school activities or that could cause school distraction or disruption will not be permitted. Examples of appropriate clothing include:

- Shirts, blouses, and tops that cover the abdomen
- Undergarments covered at all times
- Pants that fit at the natural waist and are properly fastened at all times
- Sweatshirts and hoodies (hoods must be removed in class)

Clothing or accessories that have vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive insignias, or that advocate alcohol or drugs of any kind, are NOT allowed.

Only school-approved hats may be worn at school or school-related activities. Plain beanies are allowed during the cold season only.

Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Clothing shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.

District dress code violations will be addressed by the teacher with the student and parent. Students who repeatedly violate the dress code standards will be referred to the administration for further disciplinary action.

Student Behavior Expectations

Veritas staff maintain high expectations for all students, ensuring they feel safe and supported. Clear rules help prevent confusion and promote a positive learning environment. We aim to foster responsibility, self-discipline, and strong communication skills. While not all behaviors can be anticipated, school administration reserves the right to address any actions that threaten safety or disrupt learning.

Students are expected to:

- Respect and follow each teacher's individual classroom management system
- Wear appropriate clothing daily
- Come to school on time, ready to learn, and participate in school activities
- Behave in a way that is respectful to all adults and students on campus
- Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- Use clean and courteous language at all times
- Not sell candy or other items for individual profit at school
- Not bring gum, candy, or seeds to class or the playground
- Not bring personal items from home
- Keep our school free of litter

Bullying, Cyberbullying & Harassment

Cyberbullying, bullying, and harassment are prohibited. Harassment is any ongoing unwelcomed behavior (physical, verbal, or non-verbal) that makes another student feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Harassment is forbidden by both state and federal law.

Cyberbullying includes the posting of harassing messages, direct threats, social cruelty, or other harmful text or images on the Internet, social networking sites, or other digital technologies, as well as breaking into another person's account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation or friendships.

Any and all types of bullying will not be tolerated. Each incident of bullying will be investigated and addressed. Consequences could include, but are not limited to: other means of correction, structured recess, detention, and suspension. Consequences will be assigned according to the specific details of the incident.

Weapons & Dangerous Items

Law prohibits weapons of any kind that can cause injury to another person. Also prohibited are explosive or destructive devices. This includes stun guns, pepper spray/tear gas, pellet guns, airsoft guns, or any other injurious, nauseous, or offensive substances (Penal Code 375). Laser devices of all kinds are prohibited.

Bus Line Rules

At Veritas, we expect students of all ages to be Ready, Respectful, and Responsible throughout their school day — including on the bus.

- Walk in an orderly manner to the bus line and line up according to the bus and grade level assigned
- Wait for the teacher on duty to release the line to the bus
- Walk in single file to the bus and board the bus in an orderly manner
- Students may not ride another bus or board/depart from a bus stop which is not their regularly assigned stop without written permission from the parent, bus driver, and office

General School-Wide Expectations

Be Ready

- Come to school on time and prepared with all materials (e.g., homework, Chromebook, pencils, books)
- Follow directions right away (e.g., during transitions, classroom routines, and emergency drills)
- Have a focused mind and body for learning (e.g., seated quietly, eyes on speaker, hands to self)

Be Respectful

- Use kind words and actions toward others (e.g., no teasing, name-calling, or put-downs)

- Listen when others are speaking (e.g., wait your turn, raise your hand, avoid interrupting)
- Take care of school property and personal space (e.g., clean up after yourself, keep hands off others' belongings)

Be Responsible

- Complete all assignments on time and do your best (e.g., homework, classwork, group projects)
- Follow school rules, even when no one is watching (e.g., walking in the halls, using technology appropriately)
- Ask for help when you need it (e.g., academic support, emotional support, resolving conflict)

Prohibited Items

Prohibited items that are brought to school (electronic devices, electronic games, etc.) will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. Further offenses will require parent pickup. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken items brought from home.

Confiscated items not picked up will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

Playground Rules

- All intentional body contact is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, public displays of affection, pushing, shoving, tripping, fighting, play fighting, wrestling, tackling, hitting, or other rough play
- Follow all rules for games and display good sportsmanship
- Students are not allowed in classrooms or buildings without staff supervision
- Chin-up bars are for chin-ups and pull-ups only
- No loitering in or near bathrooms
- Play only in designated play areas
- Don't bounce balls in hallways or outside of classrooms
- Always obey the directions of teachers and yard duty staff
- Remember to always be safe, responsible, and respectful when playing

Cafeteria Rules

- Wait in line in a quiet and orderly manner

- Keep the cafeteria clean by picking up after yourself
- Loud talking is not acceptable; stop all talking when directed to do so
- Do not throw food
- Do not take food from another person's plate or share food with others — we have many students with serious food allergies, and these actions could cause them harm
- Do not take food outside the cafeteria

Classroom Rules & Student Discipline

Each teacher has specific classroom rules which students are expected to follow (see Standard Operating Procedures from your child's teacher). Teachers and administration utilize a schoolwide discipline matrix system with Behavior Communication Reports when needed.

The Discipline Matrix is a progressive discipline system with varying levels of consequences depending on the seriousness of the discipline issue. Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- Warnings
- Restorative practices/strategies
- Detentions
- Suspensions
- Expulsion, when necessary

For more detailed information on the Discipline Matrix, please talk to your child's teacher or the administration should you have questions.

General classroom rules are:

- Report to class on time from recess, lunch, or other breaks
- Come to class prepared to work with pencil, books, a charged device, and assignments
- Follow the directions of the teacher or substitute teacher
- Complete classwork and homework as assigned
- Do not disrupt the class by talking or other off-task behavior
- Line up in a quiet and orderly manner — no pushing, shoving, etc.

Please refer to the MUSD Student First Day Packet for information regarding Student Discipline and Rights of Parents or Guardians of Minor Pupils.

Parent/Student Communication

To minimize classroom interruptions, the office will only deliver emergency messages to students. Students may use the school phone for emergencies

only — this does not include forgotten items, permission slips, or last-minute changes to after-school plans.

Please ensure your child knows their daily transportation plan, rain or shine. The office will not relay non-emergency or last-minute messages, as these often reach teachers too late to be helpful.

Cell Phone Policy

★ UPDATED FOR 2026-27 ★

This section has been revised for the 2026-27 school year in accordance with California's Phone-Free Schools Act (AB 3216) and Manteca Unified School District Board Policy 5131 (Conduct).

MUSD Board Policy 5131 — Summary of Cell Phone Provisions

The following is a summary of the portions of MUSD Board Policy 5131 (Conduct) that govern student cell phone and mobile device use. The full policy is available from the district.

- Cell phones and other mobile communication devices must be turned off during instructional time, except when used for a valid instructional or school-related purpose as determined by the teacher or another district employee, and at any other time directed by a district employee
- Elementary students (grades K–8) may use these devices before and after school only
- Any device with a camera, video, or voice recording function may not be used in any manner that infringes on the privacy rights of any other person
- A student may not be prohibited from possessing or using a device that a licensed physician has determined to be essential for the student's health, when its use is limited to health-related purposes (Education Code 48901.5)
- When a student uses a prohibited device, or uses a permitted device in an unethical or illegal activity, a district employee may confiscate the device and store it securely until an appropriate time
- Students who violate district or school rules may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, referral to a student success team or counseling services, or denial of participation in extracurricular

activities, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation

[REVIEW NOTE — BP 5131 was adopted May 10, 2016 and predates AB 3216. If the district revises BP 5131 for AB 3216 compliance, update this summary to match.]

California's Phone-Free Schools Act (AB 3216)

The Phone-Free Schools Act (Assembly Bill 3216, amending Education Code section 48901.7) requires every California school district to adopt a policy limiting or prohibiting student smartphone use during the school day by July 1, 2026, and to update that policy every five years. The goal of the law is to support student learning, mental health, and well-being by reducing distractions during the school day.

Under AB 3216, students may not be prohibited from possessing or using a smartphone in the following circumstances:

- In the case of an emergency, or in response to a perceived threat of danger
- When a teacher or administrator grants permission, subject to any reasonable limitation imposed by that teacher or administrator
- When a licensed physician determines that possession or use of a smartphone is necessary for the health or well-being of the student
- When possession or use of a smartphone is required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Veritas Expectations

To support a focused and respectful learning environment, all student cell phones and other personal electronic devices — including smartwatches, smart glasses, and any other recording devices — must be OFF and AWAY during instructional school hours. This includes all breaks, P.E., passing times, and lunch. These devices may be used before and after school only.

Additionally, students may not capture photographs or digital recordings while on school property during the school day without prior permission from the principal or a designated staff member. Violations may result in disciplinary action.

Students who violate district or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to (based on the severity of the incident) detention, parent conference, suspension, expulsion, or transfer to alternative programs in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

Consequences for Violation of the Cell Phone Policy

[UNDER REVIEW — the consequence ladder below is carried over from 2025-26 and will be revised to align with the adopted MUSD board policy.]

- First Offense — Warning
- Second Offense — Phone given to office; student picks up the phone from the office at the end of the day
- Third Offense — Phone given to office; parent pick-up from the office
- Fourth Offense — Phone given to office; parent conference scheduled, and phone returned during the parent conference
- Fifth Offense — Phone given to office; after-school detention. Each subsequent cell phone violation will result in additional detention time.

Textbooks & Devices

Textbooks and student computer devices are very expensive and are loaned to the student for the school year. From the moment these books/devices are assigned to your child, they are the student's responsibility.

Students should cover all textbooks (paper covers are preferred instead of fabric covers). State law requires payment for lost or damaged books/devices.

Please do not: write or mark in books or on computers, add stickers to books/computers, stuff a book/computer with papers or pencils, lend books/computers to others, or leave any of these unattended.

Please make sure students charge their device nightly, as there are no extra devices to loan.

Photos

Students' pictures are taken during the school year for a variety of purposes. Individual student and class pictures are taken shortly after school starts. Students are issued one student ID card. The yearbook staff may take pictures of students participating in various activities.

On occasion, local newspapers are invited to cover activities or events. If you do not wish to have your child's photograph taken, please complete the appropriate form in your district handbook and inform your child's teacher as well. Please make sure to complete the photo authorization and release form on Parent Connection.

Lost and Found

A “Lost and Found” barrel is located inside the multipurpose room for all coats, sweaters, gloves, etc. Please label all your children’s items. Prescription glasses and valuable items are kept in the office lost and found. All items will be donated to charity on the day after school is dismissed for summer break.

Bicycle Rules

- All students must wear a helmet
- Walk bicycles on the front sidewalk and on school grounds
- Obey all traffic and safety rules
- Park and lock your bike in the bike racks located at Gate #6 on Collins Street

Scooters, skateboards, roller blades, and roller shoes are not permitted on school grounds unless prior approval is given by the principal.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of daily instruction. Homework can provide reinforcement or application of skills and concepts previously taught, the opportunity for individual enrichment and/or research, and preparatory experience for upcoming classroom instruction. You can help your child succeed with homework by providing a quiet place, free of distractions, for your child to study, and by monitoring the completion of the work. The recommended amount of time is:

Grade	Daily
K–1	20–30 minutes
2–3	30–45 minutes
4–6	45–60 minutes
7–8	60–90 minutes

TK–6th grade teachers are not required to assign homework. Unfinished classwork may also become homework and may increase the time required for schoolwork to be completed.

Make-Up Work

A student with an excused absence (according to Ed Code 48205a) shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit. Make-up work for unexcused absences and/or late work may not be accepted and could affect a student's overall grade. If a student is going to be absent from school for several days, a parent or guardian should contact the teacher to request make-up work. Please allow 24 hours for the teacher to prepare the necessary work.

Grades and Citizenship

Report cards for TK–6th grade are issued on a trimester basis during the school year; 7th and 8th grade report cards are issued quarterly.

Progress notes are issued mid-trimester/quarter, and in some cases more frequently. Teachers will make every effort to notify parents when their child is in danger of failing at mid-trimester/quarter with the progress note. Parents are encouraged to maintain contact with the teacher if their child is struggling.

Grades for TK–6th

- EX = Exceeded (I have a deep understanding of the standard and can demonstrate it in new and complex ways)
- PR = Proficient (I meet the expectations described in the standard and can do it independently)
- AP = Approaching (I can do the simpler parts of the standard independently, but I still need some support from my teacher on the harder parts)
- BE = Beginning (I still need help and support from my teacher to do the simpler parts of the standard)
- IN = Insufficient (Sufficient evidence was not collected to adequately assess specific grade-level standards)

Grades for 7th/8th

A to F is assigned for the quality of work completed. A citizenship grade (O, S, N, U) is assigned to indicate the level of proper conduct by the student:

- O — Outstanding
- S — Satisfactory
- N — Needs Improvement
- U — Unsatisfactory

Citizenship is defined as a positive attitude and behavior toward schoolwork, activities, and personnel.

Parent/teacher goal-setting meetings are held in September and January.

8th Grade Promotion Policy

To be eligible to receive an 8th grade certificate and participate in our celebration event and activities, your child must meet all district mandates:

Academics

- Demonstrate steady growth and progress toward grade-level standards
- Have a cumulative GPA of 1.0 or better
- Have no F's during the 3rd trimester of their 8th grade year, regardless of GPA

Behavior

- Demonstrate positive and responsible behavior throughout the school year
- Have no more than 4 "U's" in Citizenship on any report throughout the school year
- Have no disciplinary action for severe incidents of the school rules or district policy

Attendance

- Have regular attendance during the school year

Classroom / Birthday / Holiday Celebration Treats

If you are planning to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please make arrangements with the classroom teacher in advance. Please visit the district website to see the Manteca Unified adopted wellness guidelines for suggested and/or approved snacks. If it is not an approved snack, it will be turned away. Also, please keep in mind that we do not allow balloons or decorations.

Food Services / Lunch

Students have lunch time daily in the cafeteria. A nutritious lunch is provided. All students will receive free lunch during the 2026-27 school year.

- Forgotten lunch: students are asked to check the office at lunch for forgotten lunches. Classes will not be disturbed to inform students of lunches brought to the office after school starts.
- Students will not be allowed to call home for forgotten lunches — cafeteria lunches are free for all
- We request that you do not drop off fast food lunches for your child in the office; fast food is NOT allowed on campus
- Students are not allowed to bring food to share with others
- Students are not allowed on campus with outside coffees, sodas, or drinks other than water

Health & Medications

In compliance with Education Code 49423, no medication will be accepted or administered at school without a parent request and a physician form (with detailed instructions, filled out completely and signed by both the parent and the physician).

Students are not allowed to bring non-prescription medications such as aspirin, cough drops, etc. to school, nor are they allowed to keep medication on their person, in their backpack, or in their desk. All medication must be turned in to the office. Non-prescription medication may not be administered by the school, even at the parent's request.

Parents may bring medication to school and administer it to their child. Medication may be carried by the student ONLY if the physician has indicated such on the required documentation furnished to the office.

The school does not have an on-site nurse; nurses are shared among numerous schools. No medication will be kept over the summer.

Emergency Information

All families are given emergency forms at the beginning of the year. It is extremely important to return the forms and to keep this information current and updated if there are changes in home or work phone, address, or the person(s) to be contacted if parents are unavailable. It is vital that each child's emergency information contain the name of a local contact to whom we could release the child. Please see the office to update your information, or log in to Parent Connection to update your contact information.

In the event of a custody concern or court order, please provide the legal documentation to the office immediately. If any changes are made

throughout the year, please provide the office with the most current legal documents.

Emergency Procedures & Safety Drills

Veritas Elementary regularly practices fire, earthquake, and lockdown drills throughout the school year so that students and staff are prepared to respond calmly in an emergency. In the event of an actual emergency, families will be notified through the district's automated phone, text, and email systems. Please do not call the school or come to campus until instructed to do so, as this allows staff to focus on student safety. Students will only be released through the formal reunification process to adults listed on the emergency card, with I.D.

2026-27 Important Dates

Dates below are based on the MUSD 2026-2027 Student Calendar (Board Adopted November 20, 2025). Please also check the district calendar at www.mantecausd.net for all holidays and updates.

School Year at a Glance

- First Day of School: Thursday, August 6, 2026
- Last Day of School: Friday, May 28, 2027
- Fall Break: October 5–9, 2026
- Winter Break: December 21, 2026 – January 4, 2027
- Spring Break: March 15–19, 2027

Goal Setting Conferences

Goal setting conferences are held twice each year. All goal setting conference days are minimum days.

- Fall conference week: September 8–12, 2026
- Spring conference week: January 25–29, 2027

2026-27 Minimum Days

On minimum days, school ends at 12:05 p.m. for TK/Kindergarten and 12:15 p.m. for grades 1–8. In addition to both goal setting conference weeks above, minimum days are:

- August 25, 2026
- September 24, 2026
- October 2, 2026

- October 30, 2026
- November 5, 2026
- November 25, 2026
- December 18, 2026
- February 26, 2027
- March 12, 2027
- March 25, 2027
- April 15, 2027
- May 27 & May 28, 2027

2026-27 Early Release Days

On early release days, school ends at 1:20 p.m. for TK/Kindergarten and 1:30 p.m. for grades 1–8. Early release days are:

- August 12 & 26, 2026
- September 2, 16, 23 & 30, 2026
- October 14 & 28, 2026
- November 4, 2026
- December 2 & 9, 2026
- January 6, 13 & 20, 2027
- February 10, 17 & 24, 2027
- March 3, 10, 24 & 31, 2027
- April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2027
- May 5, 12 & 19, 2027

Inservice Days — No School for Students

- October 21, 2026
- February 3, 2027

Bell Schedules



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REGULAR DAY			EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAYS			MINIMUM DAY				
TK/K 7:50 - 2:10 & 1-8: 8:00 AM - 2:20 PM			TK/K 7:50-1:20 1-8 8:00-1:30			TK/K 7:50 to 12:05 & 1-8 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM				
TK			GRADE TK			TK				
7:50 - 9:00	Class		7:50 - 9:00	Class		7:50 - 9:00	Class			
9:00 - 9:15	Recess		9:00 - 9:15	Recess		9:00 - 9:15	Recess			
9:15 - 10:15	Class		9:15 - 10:10	Class		9:15 - 10:00	Class			
10:15 - 10:55	Lunch		10:10 - 10:50	Lunch		10:00 - 10:35	Lunch			
10:55 - 1:05	Class		10:50 - 1:20	Class		10:35 - 12:05	Class			
1:05 - 1:20	Recess									
1:20 - 2:10	Class		7:50 - 9:15	Class		7:50 - 9:15	Class			
KINDER			9:15 - 9:30	Recess		9:15 - 9:30	Recess			
7:50 - 9:15	Class		9:30 - 10:10	Class		9:30 - 10:00	Class			
9:15 - 9:30	Recess		10:10 - 10:50	Lunch		10:00 - 10:35	Lunch			
9:30 - 10:15	Class		10:50 - 1:20	Class		10:35 - 12:05	Class			
10:15 - 10:55	Lunch		GRADE 1			GRADE 1				
10:55 - 1:20	Class		8:00 - 9:15	Class		8:00 - 10:00	Class			
1:20 - 1:35	Recess		9:15 - 9:30	Recess		10:00 - 10:15	Recess			
1:35 - 2:10	Class		9:30 - 10:55	Class		10:15 - 11:45	Class			
GRADE 1			10:55 - 11:30	Lunch		11:45 - 12:15	Lunch			
8:00 - 9:15	Class		11:30 - 1:30	Class		GRADE 2				
9:15 - 9:30	Recess		GRADE 2			8:00 - 9:15	Class			
9:30 - 11:40	Class		8:00 - 10:30	Class		9:15 - 9:30	Recess			
11:40 - 12:20	Lunch		10:30 - 10:45	Recess		9:30 - 10:37	Class			
12:20 - 1:05	Class		10:45 - 12:24	Class		10:37 - 11:07	Lunch			
1:05 - 1:20	Recess		12:24 - 12:59	Lunch		11:07 - 12:15	Class			
1:20 - 2:20	Class		12:59 - 1:30	Class		GRADE 3				
GRADE 2			GRADE 3			8:00 - 9:45	Class			
8:00 - 9:55	Class		8:00 - 9:45	Class		9:45 - 10:00	Recess			
9:55 - 10:10	Recess		9:45 - 10:00	Recess		10:00 - 11:14	Class			
10:10 - 12:06	Class		10:00 - 11:33	Class		11:14 - 11:44	Lunch			
12:06 - 12:46	Lunch		11:33 - 12:08	Lunch		11:44 - 12:15	Class			
12:46 - 1:20	Class		12:08 - 1:30	Class		GRADE 4				
1:20 - 1:35	Recess					8:00 - 9:30	Class			
1:35 - 2:20	Class		8:00 - 10:05	Class		9:30 - 9:40	Recess			
GRADE 3			10:05 - 10:15	Recess		9:40 - 10:20	Class			
8:00 - 9:30	Class		10:15 - 12:50	Class		10:20 - 10:50	Lunch			
9:30 - 9:45	Recess		12:50 - 1:25	Lunch		10:50 - 12:15	Class			
9:45 - 10:58	Class		1:25 - 1:30	Class		GRADE 5				
10:58 - 11:38	Lunch		GRADE 5			8:00 - 10:05	Class			
11:38 - 1:35	Class		8:00 - 9:20	Class		10:05 - 10:15	Recess			
1:35 - 1:50	Recess		9:20 - 9:30	Recess		10:15 - 11:45	Class			
1:50 - 2:20	Class		9:30 - 10:55	Class		11:45 - 12:15	Lunch			
GRADE 4			10:55 - 11:30	Lunch		GRADE 6				
8:00 - 10:10	Class		11:30 - 1:30	Class		8:00 - 9:30	Class			
10:10 - 10:20	Recess		GRADE 6			9:30 - 9:40	Recess			
10:20 - 12:40	Class		8:00 - 10:05	Class		9:40 - 10:55	Class			
12:40 - 1:20	Lunch		10:05 - 10:15	Recess		10:55 - 11:25	Lunch			
1:20 - 1:50	Class		10:15 - 12:10	Class		11:25 - 12:15	Class			
1:50 - 2:00	Recess		12:10 - 12:45	Lunch		GRADE 7				
2:00 - 2:20	Class		12:45 - 1:30	Class		8:00 - 8:38	Period 1			
GRADE 5			GRADE 7			8:40 - 9:15	Period 2			
8:00 - 9:20	Class		8:00 - 8:52	Period 1		9:17 - 9:52	Period 3			
9:20 - 9:30	Recess		8:54 - 9:43	Period 2		9:52 - 10:02	Break			
9:30 - 11:40	Class		9:43 - 9:53	Break		10:02 - 10:37	Period 4			
11:40 - 12:20	Lunch		9:53 - 10:42	Period 3		10:39 - 11:14	Period 5			
12:20 - 1:10	Class		10:42 - 11:33	Period 4		11:14 - 11:44	Lunch			
1:10 - 1:20	Recess		11:33 - 12:08	Lunch		11:44 - 12:15	Period 6			
1:20 - 2:20	Class		12:08 - 12:57	Period 5		GRADE 8				
GRADE 6			12:59 - 1:30	Period 6		8:00 - 8:38	Period 1			
8:00 - 10:10	Class		GRADE 8			8:40 - 9:15	Period 2			
10:10 - 10:20	Recess		8:00 - 8:52	Period 1		9:15 - 9:25	Break			
10:20 - 12:40	Class		8:54 - 9:43	Period 2		9:25 - 10:00	Period 3			
12:40 - 1:20	Lunch		9:45 - 10:34	Period 3		10:02 - 10:37	Period 4			
1:20 - 1:50	Class		10:34 - 10:44	Break		10:37 - 11:07	Lunch			
1:50 - 2:00	Recess		10:44 - 11:33	Period 4		11:07 - 11:42	Period 5			
2:00 - 2:20	Class		11:33 - 12:24	Period 5		11:44 - 12:15	Period 6			
GRADES 7			12:24 - 12:59	Lunch		Report an absence				
8:00 - 8:58	Period 1		12:59 - 1:30	Period 6		Attendance main line (209) 858-7390				
9:00 - 9:58	Period 2		Download the app!			Office Staff				
10:00 - 10:58	Period 3		 			Janelle Radesic	Office Manager			
10:58 - 11:38	Lunch					Paige Morris	Attendance Clerk			
11:38 - 12:36	Period 4		 			Sophia Surrill	Outreach			
12:38 - 1:36	Period 5					Sheeba Khurshid	Health Clerk			
1:36 - 1:46	Break		 			Susan Supinger	Clerical			
1:46 - 2:20	Period 6/ELD					**Lunch**				
GRADES 8			Spirit Wear							
8:00 - 8:58	Period 1									
9:00 - 9:58	Period 2									
9:58 - 10:08	Brunch									
10:08 - 11:06	Period 3									
11:08 - 12:06	Period 4									
12:06 - 12:46	Lunch									
12:46 - 1:44	Period 5									
1:46 - 2:20	Period 6/ELD									

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