

STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK

2026 - 2027



Rio Americano High School

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RIO AMERICANO HIGH SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

All students will have access to a challenging curriculum that supports their graduation and enhances their post-secondary education and careers and instills a lifelong commitment to learning and their community.

RIO AMERICANO HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Rio Americano provides an academically excellent environment to educate and inspire each student to succeed and meet the challenges of the future, through a variety of integrated college and career programs, within a supportive, nurturing community.

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNER OUTCOMES

Rio Americano are:

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

Speak effectively
Write effectively
Listen with an open mind
Locate, interpret, evaluate, organize, and process text
Present information using technology
Support arguments with effective evidence

INDEPENDENT, CREATIVE AND CRITICAL THINKERS

Apply knowledge to solve problems
Access and process information utilizing current technology
Synthesize the information, skills, and concepts acquired through curriculum
Develop educated opinions and make well-informed choices

SELF-DIRECTED LEARNERS

Set goals and use self-discipline to move towards these goals
Maintain curiosity about learning
Develop specialized talents and interests
Master skills for success in higher education/careers

ETHICAL CONTRIBUTORS TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY

Work well with others
Demonstrate acceptance of human individuality and diversity
Contribute to the well-being of others and the environment.

BELL SCHEDULES

2026 - 2027

MON, TUE, WED, FRI SCHEDULE

Period 0	7:30	-	8:25 am
Period 1	8:30	-	9:29 am
Period 2	9:34	-	10:33 am
Break	10:33	-	10:40 am
Period 3	10:45	-	11:44 am
Period 4	11:49	-	12:52 pm
Lunch	12:52	-	1:22 pm
Period 5	1:27	-	2:26 pm
Period 6	2:31	-	3:30 pm

THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Period 0	7:30	-	8:25 am
Period 1	8:30	-	9:17 am
Period 2	9:22	-	10:09 am
Break	10:09	-	10:16 am
Period 3	10:21	-	11:09 am
Period 4	11:14	-	12:01 pm
Lunch	12:01	-	12:31 pm
Period 5	12:36	-	1:23 pm
Period 6	1:28	-	2:15 pm

Finals Bell Schedule:

1st Semester: December 16, 17 & 18, 2026

Undergrad Finals – June 4, 7 & 8, 2027

Period 0	7:30	-	8:25 am
Final	8:30	-	10:40 am
Break	10:40	-	10:50 am
Final	10:55	-	1:05 pm

***Senior Finals for Spring: May 24-28, 2027**

Regular Bell Schedule

Minimum Day Schedule

- **Day after Back-to-School:**
September 4, 2026
- **Day after Open House:**
April 2, 2027

Period 0	7:30	-	8:25 am
Period 1	8:30	-	9:11 am
Period 2	9:16	-	9:56 am
Period 3	10:01	-	10:42 am
Break	10:42	-	10:49 am
Period 4	10:54	-	11:34 am
Period 5	11:39	-	12:19 pm
Period 6	12:24	-	1:05 pm

Rally Schedule

- **August 28, 2026**
- **October 9, 2026**
- **December 4, 2026**
- **March 12, 2027**
- **May 14, 2027**

Period 0	7:30	-	8:25 am
Period 1	8:30	-	9:24 am
Period 2	9:29	-	10:23 am
Break	10:23	-	10:30 am
Period 3	10:35	-	11:29 am
Period 4	11:34	-	12:28 pm
RALLY	12:28	-	1:03 pm
LUNCH	1:03	-	1:33 pm
Period 5	1:38	-	2:32 pm
Period 6	2:37	-	3:30 pm

AUGUST

M	T	W	T	F
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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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FEBRUARY

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MARCH

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MAY

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JUNE

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NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Sept. 7 – Labor Day
 Oct. 5 – No School
 Nov. 11 – Veterans' Day
 Nov. 12 - 13 – No School
 Nov. 23 – 27 – Thanksgiving Break
 • Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day
 Dec. 21 – Jan. 4 – Winter Break
 • Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
 • Jan. 1 – New Year's Day
 Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Feb. 15 – 19 – Presidents' Week Break
 • Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day
 • Feb. 16 – Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)
 March 22 – 26 – Spring Break
 April 23 – No School
 May 31 – Memorial Day

★ First/Last Day of School
Federal or State Holiday (No School)
School Recess or Local Holidays (No School)
Summer Break

RIO AMERICANO IS A CLOSED CAMPUS ALL VISITORS MUST REGISTER IN THE MAIN OFFICE

- § No student visitors are allowed in classes without prior written permission from administration.
- § All Rio students must have student body ID at all times.
- § No special lunch passes will be given.
- § Students may not order lunch from outside vendors to be delivered on campus.
- § All deliveries for students (forgotten homework etc.), go through the attendance office.
- § All students leaving campus early must have an "early dismissal" or proper student body ID with open period sticker.

RIO AMERICANO HIGH SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Athletic Department

(916) 971-7505 William Taylor, Athletic Director

Attendance Office

916) 971-7500 Brandi Richards, Senior Records and Reports Clerk 208-801
TBD, ICT 208-802

Attendance Absence Line (916) 971-7522

Counseling (CD Office)(916) 971-7503

Teresa Mendoza, Counseling Secretary
Jennifer Melamed-Keating, ICT
Student Last Name A - Di: Megan Lopes Cunha
Do - L: Dorie Baker
J - Mo: Elizabeth Irwin
Mu - Sa: Sidney Mitchell
Sc - Z: Ashley Sandoval

Custodian Office, Jeff Page (916) 971-7523

CIVITAS Office (916) 971-7517

FAX - Main Office (916) 971-7513

Finance Office Donna Tufto, Controller (916) 971-7497

Food Services/Kitchen – Cheryl Moran (916) 971-7524

Library (916) 971-7498 Laura Fierro

Principal's Office (916) 979-8860

Cliff Kelly, – Principal

(All calls go through Rosana x 208820) Rosana Millan, Secretary (916) 979-8860

Registrar, Nicole Brito (916) 971-7496

Textbook Room (916) 979-8360

Vice-Principal's Office VP Secretary, Alexis Hart (916) 971-7499

Dustin Hunger El, VP (A-G)

Jennifer Keith, VP (H-O)

Stephanie King, VP (P-Z)

Attendance Improvement Program (916) 979-8604

District Office Main Number (916) 971-7700

San Juan Central - 3700 Garfield Ave., Carmichael (916) 726-5826

Technology Services (916) 971-7195

Transportation (916) 971-7743

McKinney-Vento (916) 979-8604

2026-2027 IMPORTANT DATES

August 13	First day of School
August 14	Back to School Dance
August 18	Fall Sports Info Night
August 21	Senior Sunrise
September 3	Back to School Night
September 4	Minimum Day
September 7	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
October 5	NO SCHOOL
October 10	Homecoming Dance
October 15	SJUSD College Night
October 23	Band Playathon
October 24	ILS Fall Festival
November 3	Winter Sports Info Night
November 4	Prospective Family Info Night
November 11-13	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
November 17-18	Campus Visitation Days
November 23-27	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
December 16 -18	Fall semester finals
December 21 – January 4	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
January 18	NO SCHOOL- MLK Jr Day
January 28	Kiwanis Jazz Festival

February 15-19 NO SCHOOL Presidents Week

February 26	ILS Basketball Game
March 6	Band Dinner Dance
March 13	Black Light Dance

March 22 - 26 NO SCHOOL Spring Break

April 1	Open House
April 2	Minimum Day

TBD Incoming 9th grade articulation

April 10	Junior Prom
May 4-14	AP Testing
May 8	Senior Ball
May 10	27/28 Freshman Sports Night
May 12	Senior Athletic Awards
May 14	ILS Prom
May 19	Senior Awards Night
May 24-28	Senior Finals
May 28	Senior Sunset
May 31	NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day
June 1	Senior Checkout
June TBD	Graduation Class of 2026
June 4 - 8	Undergrad Finals
June 8	Last Day of School

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Administration and Staff - Rio Americano has a principal and three full-time vice principals. A leadership team elected by teachers meets with the Principal monthly to make decisions regarding staff professional development.

Site Council is an elected group of representatives consisting of parents, students, teachers, an administrator, and one classified employee. The council meets monthly to oversee implementation of the **SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement)** Plan and to determine the budget for the State School Improvement grant and any one-time monies made available to the school. A school improvement planning workshop to collect input from the entire school community is held in February.

Rio Student Government is made up of elected representatives and meets regularly to facilitate communication between Administration and Student Government and the rest of the student body.

PARENT GROUPS

PTSA (PARENT/ TEACHER/ STUDENT ASSOCIATION)

PTSA supports student learning at Rio in a number of important ways. PTSA organizes hundreds of parent-volunteers, publishes a monthly school wide newsletter, and collects donations to fund PTSA activities and grant staff requests for supplemental instructional resources. Funds are raised through membership dues, and direct donations. Meetings are usually held the second Wednesday of the month.

RIO and BEYOND – Rio and Beyond volunteers organize a College Night in the fall and conduct interviews with students to inform them about their college and career options, college entrance requirements, and important application deadlines.

BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS

Rio Americano Athletic Boosters (RAAB) – Athletic Boosters raise funds to support the athletic programs including assistance in funding coaching salaries and sports equipment. All parents are encouraged to join and support their fund-raising efforts by buying 4th of July fireworks at their stand on Arden and Eastern.

Rio Americano Band Boosters (RABB) - Band Boosters support the instrumental music program at Rio. Major events are a play-a-thon in the fall, a dinner dance for parents co-sponsored with Arden Middle School, and winter and spring concerts.

Rio Americano Science Boosters (RASB) – Science Boosters is an organization of parents and friends who support science education at Rio Americano. Rio's science department has a long tradition of excellence. RASB supports a rapidly growing science program to provide a quality science education.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE

Reporting an absence

Regular, punctual attendance is required; attendance is the responsibility of both the parent and the student. All absences must be cleared by a note or phone call from the parent or guardian within 5 school days. Absences which are not cleared within 5 school days automatically become trancies. Parents will be notified via the automated phone calling system whenever a student is reported absent the previous day from one or more classes. Students and parents may also access their attendance record via the student information system, Q.

To clear an absence, please send your student to the Attendance Office with a note or call the 24-hour attendance line at 971-7522 (to be used after school hours). Parents are asked to call the school's attendance phone during school hours to clear absences at 971-7500. The following information is needed:

1. The date of absence.
2. Student's name and student number and a contact number.
3. Your name and relationship to the student.
4. Reason for absence.

If you are unaware of an absence, please call the Attendance Office at 971-7500 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to speak with one of the attendance secretaries.

Arriving late to school

Students arriving late during the day should go directly to the Attendance Office with a note from a parent, doctor, dentist, etc. If the student does not have a note from one of the above, the parent should call 971-7500 to clear the absence during school hours or the 24-hour attendance line after school hours.

Truancy

Any absence from school for one or more periods, or a partial period, without consent of parent(s) or guardian and without prior permission from school, is truancy. A student tardy to any period in excess of 30 minutes will also be considered truant and must be cleared through the Attendance Office. Students should check their individual attendance profile by using their personal PIN & password login to Q. If a student notices an error, they should immediately get a correction form from the Attendance Office and have the teacher correct the error and then turn the form in to the Attendance Office.

Seniors who accumulate more than 6 trancies per period (i.e., 30 trancies for 5 periods) during the school year may not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and placed on social probation. Seniors enrolled after the 1st semester and mid-year graduates will not participate in the graduation ceremony if they accumulate 18 or more periods of truancy (or 15 if a student has an open period).

Tardy Policy

1. Students are expected to be in the classroom prepared to learn and ready for instruction when the final bell rings.
2. Checking into a class 30 minutes late is considered a cut (and truant).
3. Tardy or late students MUST check in with the attendance office or an attendance kiosk before going to class. Our automated Scan Manager will assign consequences, and students will receive a printed slip that they must show to their teacher when they arrive at class. Consequences will include the following:

1st-3rd Tardy = Warning; automated notification will be sent to primary contact

4th-5th Tardy = Lunch detention

6th-7th Tardy = 1 hour after school detention

8th-10th Tardy = 3 Hour Wednesday school

11th+Tardy = 3 Hour Wednesday school & 1 month of Social probation

Early Dismissal

Any student leaving school before the end of the instructional day must have permission and an authorized early dismissal slip in advance from the Attendance Office. The slip must include the student's signature. Students must come to the Attendance Office when sent for and sign the early dismissal. If a student needs to leave campus, he/she must arrive with a note from a parent and make arrangements prior to 8:00 am, at break or at lunch. **A student who leaves school without an early dismissal is truant and in violation of Rio's closed campus policy which is a suspendable offense. After the fact parent permission is not legally permissible. It is unlawful for anyone to take a student from school during the school day without permission.**

Student receives 1 to 18 truant periods	STEP 1	Conference with Community Liaison or Vice Principal 1 after school detention Parents Contacted
Student receives 19 to 24 truant periods	STEP 2	Conference with Vice Principal Attendance contract signed Wednesday School Social Probation 10 days Counseling Contacted Parents Contacted
Student receives 25 to 30 truant periods	STEP 3	Conference with Vice Principal and parent Possible Habitual Truancy Conference and Contract Wednesday School Social Probation 20 days Work Permit may be revoked
Student receives 31 or more truant periods	STEP 4	Habitual Truancy Conference and Contract Mandatory parent conference Social Probation for 9 weeks <u>36 or more periods of truancy will prohibit a student from participating in extracurricular activities for the rest of the year. Seniors with 36 (30 open 6th) or more trancies may be prohibited from participating in graduation ceremonies and activities, including walking the stage at graduation.</u>

Violation of the Habitual Truancy Contract will result in a referral to the SJUSD Student Attendance Review Board.

Absences that are not cleared within 5 school days automatically become trancies.

Students are not entitled to make up work for trancies.

Grading Term	Grading Period End Date	Marks Posted (viewable in Parent/Student Portal)
Interim 1	09/11/2026	09/18/2026
Interim 2	10/19/2026	10/16/2026
Interim 3	11/06/2026	11/13/2026
Semester 1	01/04/2027	01/18/2027
Interim 4	02/05/2027	02/12/2027
Interim 5	03/19/2027	03/26/2027
Interim 6	04/30/2027	05/05/2027
Semester 2	06/08/2027	06/18/2027



College & Career Ready Graduation Requirements



**Class of
2023 &
Beyond**

San Juan Unified graduates will be prepared for life after high school. Our graduation requirements support the expectation of rigor and provide opportunities for students to be ready for college and a global, technology-driven workforce.



English 40 Credits

Must include English 1-4 or the equivalent(s).



Social Science 35 Credits

Must include 10 world history credits, 10 US history credits, 5 American government credits, 5 economics credits and 5 social studies elective credits.



Math 30 Credits

Math through IM2 is a minimum.



Science 30 Credits

Must include at least 20 credits of lab science, including 10 physical science credits and 10 life science credits.



PE & Health 25 Credits

Must include 20 physical education credits and 5 health credits.



World Language 20 Credits

Must be 20 credits of the same world language to meet A-G.



Visual & Performing Arts or CTE 10 Credits

Must be 10 credits of the same VAPA to meet A-G.



Total Credit Requirement
Traditional Schedule – 220 Credits
Block Schedule – 280 Credits

Each course semester = 5 credits.

MORE INFORMATION

Individual schools may have additional requirements. Counselors can also offer flexibility based on student needs. For A-G consideration courses must be passed with at least a C- grade. For more information about the graduation requirements, college A-G requirements and sample course plans, please visit our website www.sanjuan.edu/collegecareerready.

To receive a high school diploma, students must:

- Pass all courses required for graduation, and
- Earn a minimum of 220 course credits.

ENGLISH COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

All students must be enrolled in English on campus at Rio Americano each year. Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 can choose from grade level English or Honors/Advanced Placement English. Students in grade 12 can choose from grade level English, Advanced Placement English, or CCAP Dual Enrollment English on campus at Rio Americano. Students are not permitted to take off campus English at any point.

In accordance with SJUSD policy;

ON-LINE HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (offered through outside organizations/colleges) are approved for the following reasons:

1. Need to recover a failed course,
2. Need to improve a grade, or
3. Need to take an additional course outside of the school day.

***Prior principal approval** is required for a student to take an on-line class.

COLLEGE COURSES ***Prior principal approval** is required for a student to take an on-line class.

* Approval will be granted and high school credit awarded only for classes not offered at the high school, and only when the student has exhausted the available high school curriculum in a subject area.

Eligibility for Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Valedictorian: To qualify for Valedictorian, students must have all A's for all high school semesters through semester 1 of 12th grade. The student with the highest weighted grade point average in the class also qualifies for this honor. *

Salutatorian: To qualify for Salutatorian, students must earn all A's and only one B for all high school semesters through semester 1 of 12th grade or have the second highest weighted grade point average in the class. *

*Students receiving two or more breaches of integrity will not be considered for this honor.

GRADING POLICY

Students receive interim grades three times a semester. These interim progress grades are available online by accessing your student's records in Q. At the close of each semester, a report card/transcript is issued for the semester. Students and parents may always view assignments and grades posted via Q at any time.

Only final semester grades are recorded on the transcript which is the student's permanent record. Transcripts are important documents and should be kept in a safe place. Constant monitoring of graduation requirements is to be the joint responsibility of the student, the parent and the student's counselor. Five units of credit toward graduation are earned each semester a student receives a D or higher in a class.

The expeditious follow-up of the interim progress grade is the joint responsibility of the parent and student with assistance from the instructor and counselor. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers. The

email address for each teacher can be obtained from Rio's website or the Parent Portal. Teachers are encouraged to return communications within 48 hours.

Teachers have the ultimate responsibility for assessing the academic achievement of students. If a grade is to be changed for any reason, it can only be done by the teacher on the approved grade change form and in accordance with board policy.

The grade appeal process can be found on our website:

<https://rioamericano.sanjuan.edu/academics/grade-appeal-process>

Academic Grades

A letter system is used for semester grades which reflect the following scale:

- A - Superior
- B - Above average
- C - Average
- D - Below average
- F - Failure
- I - Incomplete
- CR - Credit

Academic grades reflect the quality and quantity of academic work completed during the grading period. The students have the right to know the objectives and standards of expected achievement for each scholastic grade. Teachers will distribute policies at the beginning of each year/semester pertaining to homework and grading. Policies are also distributed to parents in each classroom at Back-to-School Night. (Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Back-to-School Night at Rio.)

Citizenship Grades

Citizenship grades reflect attitude, cooperation, behavior, participation and attendance. Each student is responsible for his/her behavior, including responsibility for understanding and following local standards of behavior. It is the responsibility of each student to develop self-discipline consistent with school policies. It is the responsibility of the school personnel to monitor student behavior to ensure that the school environment is safe, orderly, and conducive to learning. The citizenship grade for each student will be based on conduct, cooperation, integrity, effort, attitude and attendance/tardiness. Teacher criteria are communicated to students at the beginning of each semester.

A. The citizenship grade for each student will be based on conduct, cooperation, integrity, effort, attitude and attendance (to include tardiness).

B. The general guidelines for determining the citizenship grade are as follows:

1. An **"A"** grade in citizenship should represent the standard of good classroom citizenship. This standard should indicate that the student is attentive, stays on task, complies with teacher requests, is courteous to others, treats equipment well, contributes positively to the class learning climate, follows class rules and procedures, and is on time to class.
2. The **"B"** student demonstrates occasional transgressions in the expectations listed in the standards for the **"A"** student but makes an effort not to repeat them.

3. The “C” student may be inattentive, off task, unprepared and demonstrates little effort or ability to correct these behaviors. The student requires frequent reminders to remain on task. In addition, the “C” student may often be tardy to class.

4. The “D” student is disruptive to the class learning climate and makes little effort to correct these behaviors even after disciplinary actions are taken. The “D” student occasionally fails to comply with teacher requests and fails to follow class rules on procedures and policies. The student may exhibit unacceptable or rude interpersonal behavior. The “D” student may be frequently tardy during the grading period.

5. The “F” student persistently disrupts the class learning environment. The “F” student habitually fails to follow class procedures and policies, often disrupts those around him/her, and fails to respect the rights and property of others. The “F” student may be chronically absent from or tardy to class.

Homework Policy

Homework is the practice, preparation and/or extension of a related learning activity that occurs outside of regular class time. The average for homework time per academic class is 30 to 60 minutes daily. Students will be responsible for completing assignments, and managing their time on long-term projects. Teachers will communicate to the student and parent expectations for homework and its impact on grades.

Make-up Homework

It is the student’s responsibility to arrange with teachers to make up work missed due to absences. For planned absences, the student should request homework in advance and complete prior to the absence if possible. It is expected that course work missed during an absence will be made up. The student is responsible for arranging a plan with the teacher to complete any work missed. District policy provides that a student absent from school for excused reasons 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. The teacher of any class from which a student is absent shall determine the tests and assignments, which shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the student missed during the absence. (EC section 46010 and 48205)

[Absences allowed by law can be found in the district handbook](#)

Students are not entitled to make up work for any other absences.

Integrity Policy

Rio Americano is an educational community where personal integrity is highly valued. Academic dishonesty demonstrates a lack of high personal integrity and is not tolerated. The following conduct, if committed by a student of Rio Americano High School while engaged or participating in any school sponsored activity, will be considered a breach of integrity and may subject the student to the consequences outlined below:

A. Academic dishonesty in all its forms, in course work, on examination, or in other academically related activities, including but not limited to:

- 1) Copying from another student or knowingly allowing another to copy;

- 2) Using unauthorized materials and/or technologies;
- 3) Plagiarizing work, which means the appropriation of any other person's work without acknowledgment in one's own work offered for credit;
- 4) Knowingly obtaining, possessing, providing, using, buying, selling or soliciting in whole or in part the contents of an examination or paper;
- 5) Intentionally causing a disadvantage to other students (intentionally tainting lab results, destroying other person's product, erasing another person's program or work, etc.);
- 6) Altering grades;
- 7) Forging.

B. The First Breach of Integrity* will result in the following consequences:

- 1) The grade on the assignment will be lowered at the teacher's discretion;
- 2) A referral citing the problem will be sent to the administration for disciplinary action;
- 3) The citizenship grade will be appropriately lowered;
- 4) The teacher must contact the parent (per SJUSD Board policy).

C. The following consequences will be administered when the second Breach of Integrity referral is filed with the student's administrator:

- 1) No letters of recommendation will be written by the instructor(s);
- 2) No student who has a Breach of Integrity report on file can be valedictorian/salutatorian;
- 3) Students have the option of requesting a conference with the administrator, teacher, student and parent. The ultimate determination of a student's grade is the sole responsibility of the teacher.

Breaches of Integrity are accumulated for all 4 years of high school (*Note: Further consequences for breach of integrity may be stated in the teacher's individual classroom policy.)

9-12 Division Drop-F Policy

The following provisions will serve as school policy for grading when a student fails to complete a class in which he/she is formally enrolled:

- § Students who enroll in classes are expected to complete those classes on either a semester or year basis.
- § After 10 regular school days of each semester, students may not add a course for full credit.
- § Students who drop a course after 10 regular school days shall receive a drop "F" grade for that class that will appear on the transcript as 5 units of "F".
- § Based on the recommendation of the teacher, Department Chair, and administrator, a student may change academic levels without the penalty of an "F" grade.

§ The final decision concerning drop "F" for all class changes will rest with the principal.

Process for Addressing Classroom Concerns

This is meant to be a guide for students and parents to address classroom concerns with teachers. It applies to classroom situations involving homework, tests, academic and citizenship grades and behavioral issues.

1. The student should make arrangements to discuss the matter at a time convenient for both the student and the teacher. Class time does not allow adequate time and privacy for such a meeting.
2. If the student feels that the issue has not been resolved, the next step would be for the parent to schedule a meeting, so the parent, student and teacher can meet. If the parent or teacher feels that an administrator or counselor is needed, either can be asked to attend the meeting.
3. If the meeting with the teacher, parent and student does not resolve the issue, the next step is to have a meeting that includes the student's vice-principal.
4. The last step in the process would be a meeting with the parent, student, teacher and the principal.

It should be noted that this is a progressive process to allow concerns to be resolved at the lowest possible level. If there is a question about the student being placed in the appropriate level class or if it is a behavioral issue, the counselor should be involved.

Class Scheduling

Because class instruction begins on the first day of school, valuable instruction time is missed when students change schedules during the first two weeks of school.

Guidelines to class schedule requests - Class schedule change requests may be requested only if they meet one or more of the following conditions:

- 1) Level change,
- 2) Incomplete schedule,
- 3) Medical consideration,
- 4) Class leveling to meet teacher contract,
- 5) Failed class with assigned teacher.

Zero period classes are scheduled primarily to accommodate students with impacted schedules. After these students have been placed, additional requests for a Zero period class may be considered based on course availability and scheduling capacity. Placement in a Zero period class is not guaranteed. Rio Americano High School does not adjust student schedules to accommodate employment commitments or athletic commitments.

Please Note: All schedule changes are made on a space available basis.

CAMPUS POLICIES

The following are policies of the SJUSD and/or Rio Americano High School:

Alcohol/Drugs:

California Education Code states: Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, including all forms of electronic/vape devices associated with THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol), CBD (Cannabidiol), or other forms of cannabis/marijuana. Students unlawfully possessing, using, selling or otherwise furnishing, or being under the influence of any controlled substance, including alcohol or an intoxicant of any kind will receive a three-five (3-5) day suspension, referral to law enforcement, 10 days per day of suspension of social probation and possible expulsion.

Closed Campus

For the safety and welfare of students and staff, Rio Americano High School has a closed campus. Once students arrive on campus, even prior to the start of the school day, they may not leave campus for any reason without permission and an authorized early dismissal.

- **Students may not leave campus without an early dismissal.** Any time a student needs to leave campus, he/she must check out through the Attendance Office and obtain a signed and stamped early dismissal.
- **Students who leave campus without prior permission** will be subject to discipline for willful disobedience and violation of the District's Closed Campus policy.
- **Students with R.O.P. classes or Open Periods will be issued a sticker for their ID cards.** To leave campus, students must show their student ID card to the campus monitor. Students with a shortened day must leave campus after their last class unless on campus for an approved reason. Only Juniors and Seniors can have a period as an IWE (TA). Not to exceed 10 credits in 11th and 10 credits in 12th grade in total.
- **Student visitors are not allowed on campus.** Students are not to invite friends, relatives, out-of-state relatives/friends, etc., to visit during school hours including breaks and lunch without prior written consent from administration. A "Permission to Shadow Classes" form can be obtained from the Vice Principal's Secretary.
- **All non-student visitors must register in the attendance office from 7:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.** Visitors must wear visitor badges during their time on campus and return them before leaving. Un-authorized visitors will be subject to referral to law enforcement.
- **No outside food deliveries to students.** Students should not be receiving food deliveries.
- **Parents dropping off items for students must go through the attendance office.** All deliveries such as forgotten homework, sports equipment, etc. should be brought to the attendance office.

Student Use of Streets Adjacent to the Campus

Students coming to or leaving the campus may not loiter in front of homes on the streets adjacent to the campus. Private citizens have the option to call law enforcement if students habitually loiter at their

property. Students observed by school personnel loitering in front of homes or on the streets before and after school will be subject to disciplinary action.

Trespassing

School campuses are off limits to students between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:30 AM. Only students who have staff permission or who are engaged in a school-sanctioned event may be on the school premises during the prohibited hours. Students violating this provision by being on school property without the proper permission during the prohibited hours shall be guilty of trespass. Any student found guilty of trespass shall be subject to discipline by his/her home school and be subject to criminal penalties, including citation and/or arrest.

Off-limits Areas of Campus

The area between the buildings and the levee, the parking lots (except the student parking lot when coming to or leaving school), the athletic fields, and the oleanders on the west side of campus are off-limit areas during school hours. Students found in off-limits areas will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Campus Bathrooms

Only one student may be in a bathroom stall at a time. Students are subject to search and consequence if found in stalls together.

San Juan Unified School District Dress Code:

In alignment with [San Juan Unified's Strategic Plan](#) and to support our [8 Point Commitment to Educational Justice](#) this dress code applies to all schools. Schools may not enact more restrictive or less restrictive dress and grooming expectations or modify this code in any way.

Dress Code Core Values

Students have the right to:

- Be treated fairly without discrimination (BP 5132)
- Dress comfortably for an active school day
- Feel good about their bodies

Dress Code Purpose

- Maintain a safe learning environment where students can choose their clothing, except in classes where special clothes or shoes are needed or required, such as science (eye or body protection) or PE (athletic attire/shoes)
- Ensure students can participate in all activities with minimal dress code interruptions

Key Principles

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). In addition, the school is responsible for supporting the health and safety of all students.

Students MUST wear the following:

1. A **non-see-through shirt with straps** that cover the front, back, and sides including the rib cage

2. A non-see-through bottom like a skirt, jeans, pants, leggings, dress, or shorts that cover the buttocks while sitting and standing
3. Shoes (elementary students must wear shoes with a heel strap)

Students MAY wear, as long as these items do not violate Section 1 above:

1. Hats, sweatshirt hoods, durags, beanies, wave caps, and religious headwear may be worn, but the face must remain visible to staff
2. Fitted pants, including leggings and yoga pants
3. Ripped jeans (as long as underwear and buttocks are not showing)
4. Tank tops, including spaghetti straps, halter tops, and midriff-baring shirts
5. Athletic attire
6. Sweatpants/Pajama bottoms
7. Visible waistbands or visible straps on undergarments
8. Sun-protective clothing like hats for outdoor use during school
9. Clothing with brand logos, sports team logos, or images is allowed as long as it doesn't violate section below

Students CAN NOT wear clothing, jewelry, or personal items that:

1. Depict items with violent images or language
2. Display items with images or language about drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or illegal activities
3. Display profanity, pornography, or promote illegal or violent conduct
4. Promote hate groups or target specific groups based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual identity
5. Display or promote hate speech:
Hate speech is any form of expression where people try to insult, humiliate, or encourage hatred against a group of people based on their race, religion, skin color, sexual identity, gender identity, ethnicity, disability, or national origin)
6. Are swimsuits, except when worn for PE or sports
7. Could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon
8. Cover the face (unless for religious, cultural, or medical reasons)
9. Show gang affiliation

Special Events: All special events guidelines (such as dances, sporting events, senior events, graduations, spirit days, field trips, etc) will be updated to match this dress code.

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Tops: cover the front, back, and sides under the arms, covering the rib cage

Bottoms: pants, jeans, sweatpants, shorts, skirts, dresses, leggings, fitted pants, ripped jeans.

Headwear: Any headwear that does not cover the face



- Hate
- Discrimination
- Illegal Activity
- Profanity
- Violence
- Drugs or alcohol
- Threats



Personal Electronic Devices

Per SJUSD Board Policy: To support student learning and reduce harmful or disruptive acts of the instructional program. [Board Policy \(BP\) 5131.8](#) prohibits student use of mobile communication devices, with limited exceptions.

Rio Americano High School Mobile Communication Policy

Limiting phone and non-educational electronic device use in classrooms is key to an environment free from distractions. **Therefore, the use of personal devices is allowed only before/after school, lunch, passing period, or under the direction of a classroom teacher. Phones are strictly prohibited from use in any school restroom or locker room.** We ask that families partner with us in our effort to protect valuable learning time.

For our purposes, “personal device” will include the following: all cell phones, earbuds, airpods, headphones, smart watches, and/or any other device causing a distraction.

Upon entrance into the classroom, students must put all personal devices away **as directed by the teacher**. Students will be asked to either put their cell phones in their backpack or they will be asked to utilize a class storage device that they will place their cell phone in.

*Appropriate accommodations will be made with individual students as needed for IEP/504 and medical needs (ie. blood sugar monitoring app).

Infraction #1: Teacher/Staff prompts the student to put the device away. Email is sent home to notify parent/guardian of violation.

Infraction #2-3: Teacher assigns after school detention and contacts parent/ guardian.

Infraction #4+: Repeated violations will result in referral to Administration and student discipline may include; parent/student conference, social probation, Thursday School and/or other type of discipline up to and including banning the device from school.

Behavior Referral: Non-compliance or classroom disruption associated with electronic devices will result in a referral directly to administration.

Rio Americano and SJUSD are not responsible for lost, stolen, and/or damaged electronic devices; students who bring an electronic device to school do so at their own risk.

In the event of needing to contact a student immediately during class time, a parent/guardian may contact the office directly.

This policy is in accordance with the state of California adopted Assembly Bill 272 in July of 2019. The bill declares that there is growing evidence that unrestricted use of smartphones by students during the school day interferes with the educational mission of schools; lowers pupil performance, promotes cyberbullying; and contributes to an increase in teenage anxiety, depression, and suicide. The bill further encourages local agencies to adopt policies to address cell phone use in schools. San Juan Unified has a Board Policy that aligns with AB 272.

Personal Property

Rio Americano does not assume responsibility for any personal property that is lost or stolen while on campus, **including, but not limited to, cars, bikes, backpacks, electronic devices (such as, cell phones, IPODs, IPADS, MP3 players) and locker contents. Students are encouraged to leave personal items at home that are not related to instruction.**

Extracurricular Activities

School rules are enforced at all school-sponsored functions, regardless of the time, day or location of such events.

Searches

Students are subject to search of car, locker, backpacks, accessories, other property and self, if the Administration has reasonable suspicion

Fight Rule

Fighting is defined by the SJUSD as a physical confrontation between two or more students. The following will take place in the event that a student is engaged in a fight:

§ For a first fight, students will be home-suspended up to three to five (3-5) days

- placed on social probation for 10 days per day of suspension ;
- a parent conference will be conducted;

§ A second fight committed during the remainder of the current school year or during the subsequent school year may result in five (5) days of home suspension, social probation for 10 days per day of suspension, and possibly recommended for expulsion.

§ During a fight or verbal altercation, any student seen gathering, following, encouraging, or recording the incident will be subject to school discipline including possible suspension for defiance of authority and disruption of school activities. Students are expected to walk away from a fight or altercation in order to ensure the safety of all students and to all administrators or teachers to defuse the situation. Multiple offenses will result in additional days of suspension up to expulsion for 48900(k) Willful Defiance and/or Disruption of School Activities after all means of interventions have failed. **Students are encouraged to report any information of students involved in a possible fight or verbal altercation prior to it occurring to the vice principal's office.**

Signs/Posters

All signs/posters must be approved by the student government advisor and/or administration. Approved signs/posters may be placed in approved areas only. All signs/posters must be removed the day after the event is publicized or after five (5) school days if not publicizing an event. Signs/posters are not to be placed on windows or painted surfaces. Clubs and programs may be held financially liable for removal and/or repainting costs.

Non-Discrimination policy

The San Juan Unified School District Board of Education is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in district programs and activities. District programs, activities and services shall be free from unlawful discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), intimidation, and/or bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

If you believe you have experienced unlawful discrimination, please contact the District's Title IX Coordinator:

Sterling Williams, Equity Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator, 3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608, (916) 971-7110, TitleIX@sanjuan.edu; LegalServices@sanjuan.edu

Section 504 Coordinator: Dominic Covello, Director, Student Support Services, 3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608, (916) 971-7220, DCovello@sanjuan.edu

Wednesday School

Wednesday School is a 3 hour detention assigned by the administration on specific Wednesday afternoons after school throughout the school-year for disciplinary infractions. Students assigned to Wednesday School are notified in advance of the assignment date, time and location to be served. Students are expected to bring school-work to do while there. Students who arrive late will not be admitted. Students who arrive without school-work, who do not work while there, or who are disruptive will be immediately removed from Wednesday School and be referred to the Administration for possible home suspension. Students who fail to attend an assigned Wednesday School may be suspended.

Social Probation

A student placed on social probation will be prohibited from attending or participating in any non-mandatory school function, activity or event. Students on athletic teams may participate in practice during social probation, but may not play in games, including playoffs. Social probation can be assigned along with any suspension, and is 10 days of social probation per day of suspension.

Social probation shall include the GRADUATION CEREMONY for seniors, if a student is placed on social probation during the last grading period of the school year.

Tobacco/ Vaping and Related Products

In the interest of public health, the San Juan Unified School District is committed to schools being tobacco-free. **Smoking is prohibited on all school campuses at all times by all persons of any age.** Everyone's cooperation is expected. Students who possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco, or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco, nicotine packets, and all forms of electronic/vape devices on or near campus are subject to disciplinary action.

Vandalism/Pranks

Any damage to Rio's campus through vandalism or pranks will not be tolerated. Students guilty of such acts will be dealt with to the full extent of the Educational Code, the Penal Codes and SJUSD policy. It is the policy of San Juan Unified School District that parents will be held responsible for school property that is lost or damaged by acts of vandalism by minors under their supervision, and that restitution will be sought from the parents. Vandalism includes negligent, willful, or unlawful damaging or taking of any

district-owned real or personal property. **Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, the following actions: graffiti, toilet papering of trees, school grounds, or facilities, and the physical damaging or defacing of real or personal property of the District.** In addition to any other disciplinary action which may be imposed on a student for engaging in vandalism, that student will also be placed on social probation.

Vehicles and parking

Vehicles on campus are subject to all the rules of the California Vehicle code, as well as good driving courtesy. Once arriving on campus, students may not be in the parking lot or remain in their cars.

§ **Student parking is permitted only in designated areas in the main front parking lots**, but not in spaces designated for visitors; *If a student parks illegally they will receive disciplinary action.*

§ **All vehicles driven and parked by students must be registered the Vice-Principals office.**

§ It is illegal to park in the red or yellow zones, areas with slanted lines or in reserved or visitor spaces. The red zones are fire lanes and are under the jurisdiction of law enforcement. Fines are very high and are given at the option of law enforcement. Rules governing the fire lanes are in effect 24 hours, 7 days a week.

§ **No student parking is allowed in staff parking lots** located in the back of campus and the lot in front of the E wing classrooms;

§ Students parked in un-authorized spaces denoted above will be subject to disciplinary action;

§ **Vehicles parked on campus are subject to administrative search**, if reasonable suspicion exists.

§ Vehicles parked off campus are not accessible during school hours.

Skateboards and Electric Bikes

Must be carried onto campus and stored in the bike or skateboard rack outside the Attendance Office or locked up in the bike rack. They may not be used on campus at any time.

Work Permits

Anyone under 18 years of age is required to have a work permit before they can be employed for wages. Permits may be obtained in the Registrar's office (located in the Counseling Office) during the school year. Work permits may be denied or revoked because of poor grades and/or attendance. During summer vacation it may be necessary to have work permits processed at the SJUSD Central Enrollment Office located at 3700 Garfield Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027 District Guidelines for School Discipline

These K–12 discipline guidelines allow site administrators to assess incidents individually and issue discipline that is **age-appropriate, based on a progressive discipline model, and consistent with California Education Code**. This document is a quick reference, not a complete guide. For full procedural requirements, see Board Policy/AR 5144 and 5144.1.

Discipline is intended to be progressive, age-appropriate, and trauma-informed. Suspension and expulsion are last-resort interventions; the law requires meaningful attempts at other means of correction before exclusionary discipline is imposed, except in the limited circumstances.

A pupil shall not be disciplined, suspended, or recommended for expulsion unless the superintendent, designee, or principal determines the pupil violated one or more provisions of the California Education Code. Discipline may apply to acts **related to school activity or attendance: on school grounds; going to or coming from school; during lunch (on or off campus); or during a school-sponsored activity (going to, attending, or returning from).** [EC 48900(s)]

Students shall comply with regulations, pursue the required course of study, and submit to the authority of teachers [EC 48908]. **Truancy, tardiness, or other absences may NOT result in suspension.** [EC 48900(w) / AR 5144.1]

Suspension (including in-school suspension) **shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct.** Other means of correction must be documented in the pupil's record prior to suspension.

EXCEPTION: A pupil, including an individual with exceptional needs, may be suspended on a first offense for any of the acts in EC 48900(a)–(e), or if the principal or superintendent determines the pupil's presence causes a danger to persons. [EC 48900.5(a)]

A recommendation for expulsion must be based on substantial evidence demonstrating one or both of the following:

- Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct; and/or
- Due to the nature of the act, the presence of the pupil causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

Education Code	Other Means of Correction	May Suspend	May Recommend Expulsion	Contact Safe Schools
48900(a)(1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. Includes fights, physical altercations, and credible threats of violence where the pupil was an aggressor.	May be considered	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(a)(2) Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. Lawful, reasonable self-defense is not a violation; the	May be considered	Yes	May be considered Ref: 48915(a)(1)(A),(E)	Required

use of unreasonable or retaliatory force is.				
48900(b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, absent prior written permission from a certificated employee concurred in by the principal or designee.	May be considered	Yes	May be considered {Ref: 48915(a)(1)(B), (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(5)}	Required
48900(c) Unlawfully used, or was under the influence of, any controlled substance, alcohol, or intoxicant of any kind. Pupils who voluntarily disclose their use of a controlled substance, alcohol, or an intoxicant of any kind in order to seek help through services or supports shall not be suspended solely for that disclosure.	May be considered (mandatory if voluntarily disclosing to seek treatment)	Yes (unless voluntarily disclosing to seek treatment; suspension prohibited)	May be considered (unless voluntarily disclosing to seek treatment; suspension prohibited)	Optional
48900(c) Unlawfully possessed, or furnished to another, any controlled substance, alcohol, or intoxicant of any kind.	May be considered	Yes	May be considered	Required
48900(c) Unlawfully sold a controlled substance, alcohol, or intoxicant. Sale of a controlled substance triggers mandatory action under 48915(c)(3).	Sale of Controlled Substance: must use: 48915(c)(3) All others: May be Considered	Mandatory for sale of controlled substance All others: Yes	Required for sale of controlled substance 48915(c)(3) All others: Yes	Required
48900(d) Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance, alcohol, or intoxicant, and then delivered an imitation substance or otherwise defrauded the buyer.	May be considered	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion, the taking of property from another through the use of force, fear, or threat. {Ref: 48915(a)(1)(D)}	May be considered	Yes	May be considered	Required
48900(f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or to the private property of students, staff, or others.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered	Required
48900(g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or the private property of another person.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(h) Possessed or used tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine,	1st offense: must be attempted; and if voluntarily seeking treatment, suspension	Yes (unless voluntarily disclosing to seek treatment; suspension	No	No

including cigarettes, cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, and chew packets. NOTE: Voluntary disclosure for help is NOT grounds for suspension [EC 48900(h)(2)].	prohibited	prohibited)		
48900(i) Committed an obscene act (lewd or sexually offensive conduct) or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered (obscene act only)	Optional
48900(j) Unlawfully possessed, or offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell, any drug paraphernalia as defined in Health & Safety Code §11014.5.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(k)(1) Disrupted school activities or willfully defied authority. PROHIBITED grounds for SUSPENSION (all grades K–12) and EXPULSION (all grades) through 7/1/2029 [SB 274]. Includes: defiance, dress code, cheating/plagiarism, electronic device, gambling, gang behavior, trespassing, verbal altercation, etc.	Mandatory: see (k)(5) referral & 5-day documentation duty below	No	No	No
48900(l) Knowingly received stolen school property or the private property of another person.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(m) Possessed an imitation firearm, a replica so substantially similar in size and appearance to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude it is a firearm.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault (PC §§261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, 289), or committed a sexual battery (PC §243.4). {Ref: 48915(c)(4)}	{Refer to: 48915(c)(4)}	Required	Required {Ref: 48915(c)(4)}	Required
48900(o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a disciplinary proceeding, to prevent that pupil from testifying or to retaliate.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(p) Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma (carisoprodol).	{Refer to: 48915(c)(3)}	Yes	Required	Required

48900(q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing, any method of initiation likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation resulting in physical or mental harm.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(r) Engaged in an act of bullying, including one committed by means of an electronic act (cyberbullying), directed toward one or more pupils or school personnel.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900(t) Aided or abetted, as defined in Penal Code §31, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person. Expulsion only upon a juvenile court finding of great or serious bodily injury.	1st offense: must be attempted*	Yes	Suspension only (see exception)	Optional
48900.2 Committed sexual harassment as defined in EC §212.5, where the conduct is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact on the victim. Grades 4–12 only.	May be considered	Yes	May be Considered	Optional
48900.3 Caused, attempted, threatened, or participated in an act of hate violence as defined in EC §233(e). Grades 4–12 only.	May be considered	Yes	May be considered	Required
48900.4 Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against staff or pupils, sufficiently severe or pervasive to disrupt class work and create an intimidating or hostile educational environment. Grades 4–12 only.	May be considered	Yes	May be considered	Optional
48900.7 Made terroristic threats against school officials, school property, or both, a threat to commit a crime resulting in death, great bodily injury, or property damage over \$1,000.	May be considered	Yes	May be considered	Required

Additional Information:

Definitions of Bullying/Cyberbullying/Reasonable pupil (EC 48900(r))

“Bullying” means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

(A) Placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil's or those pupils' person or property.

(B) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on the pupil's physical or mental health.

(C) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with the pupil's academic performance.

(D) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with the pupil's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

"Electronic act" (cyberbullying) means the creation or transmission originated on or off the schoolsite, by means of an electronic device (including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager), of a communication, including, but not limited to: (i) a message, text, sound, video, or image; (ii) a post on a social network internet website, including but not limited to posting to or creating a "burn page," creating a "credible impersonation" of another actual pupil, or creating a "false profile," for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1); or (iii) an act of "cyber sexual bullying" — the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording (including a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit recording of an identifiable minor) by a pupil to another pupil or to school personnel by means of an electronic act that has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the effects in (A)–(D) above. Cyber sexual bullying does not include a depiction that has serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities. (B) Notwithstanding the above, an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on, or is currently posted on, the internet.

"Reasonable pupil" means a pupil, including, but not limited to, a pupil with exceptional needs, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of that age, or for a person of that age with the pupil's exceptional needs.

EC 48900(w)(2): Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

It is the intent of the Legislature that a multi-tiered system of supports, including restorative justice practices, trauma-informed practices, social and emotional learning, and schoolwide positive behavior interventions and support, may be used to help pupils gain critical social and emotional skills, receive support to help transform trauma-related responses, understand the impact of their actions, and develop meaningful methods for repairing harm to the school community

EC 48915 (a)(1): EXPULSION RECOMMENDATION

EC 48915(a)(1) Expulsion Recommended (unless principal/superintendent finds expulsion is inappropriate or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct)

Education Code	Other Means of Correction	May Suspend	May recommend Expulsion	Contact Safe Schools
48915(a)(1)(A) Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense.	May be considered	Yes	Yes	Required
48915(a)(1)(B) Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.	May be considered	Yes	Yes	Required
48915(a)(1)(C) Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, except a first offense for not more than one ounce of marijuana (other than concentrated cannabis), over-the-counter medication, or a pupil's validly prescribed medication.	May be considered	Yes	Yes	Required
48915(a)(1)(D) Robbery or extortion: taking property from another through the use of force, fear, or threat.	May be considered	Yes	Yes	Required
48915(a)(1)(E) Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code §§240 and 242, upon any school employee.	May be considered	Yes	Yes	Required

EC 48915 (c): MANDATORY EXPULSION RECOMMENDATION

Education Code	Other Means of	May Suspend	May Recommend	Contact Safe Schools
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	Correction		Expulsion	
48915(c)(1) Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm, where possession is verified by a district employee. An imitation firearm is not considered a firearm (see 48900(m))	Not Considered	Required	Required	Required
48915(c)(2) Brandishing a knife at another person (displaying it in a menacing or threatening manner).	Not Considered	Required	Required	Required
48915(c)(3) Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health & Safety Code §11053 et seq.	Not Considered	Required	Required	Required
48915(c)(4) Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault, or committing a sexual battery, as defined in EC §48900(n).	Not Considered	Required	Required	Required
48915(c)(5) Possession of an explosive, as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code.	Not Considered	Required	Required	Required

Additional Information: “Knife” means any dirk, dagger, or other weapon with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade longer than 3 1/2 inches, a folding knife with a blade that locks into place, or a razor with an unguarded blade. EC 48915(g)

“Explosive” means “destructive device” as described in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code. The term “destructive device” means any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or device similar to any of the devices described

RIO AMERICANO ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Rio Americano High School recognizes that technology, including Wi-Fi access, network access, and Internet services, offers a wide variety of opportunities to further educational goals and objectives and therefore provides these services to its staff and students. Access to these vast resources and information is an educational opportunity requiring responsible use by each individual. As such, every Rio Americano user should act in an ethical and legal manner consistent with district goals and objectives and should conform to educationally appropriate use.

Users of Rio Americano technology and network services should remember that the level of confidentiality on district-owned computers may not be the same as that expected when using their own equipment or Internet services. Electronic communications, files and Internet records may be examined for educational and administrative purposes and to verify that acceptable-use guidelines are being followed. E communications include but are not limited to e-mail, text messages, chats, blogs, discussion forums, and instant messaging.

Rio Americano has taken reasonable steps to ensure that technology services and network use is primarily for activities that support district goals and objectives. While the District has deployed Internet content filtering technology in the interest of keeping harmful and inappropriate content from being accessed, Internet content filtering is not a perfect science and it may be possible for users of the Internet to access information that is intended for adults. Likewise, computer security cannot be made perfect and it is possible that a determined user can make use of computer resources for inappropriate purposes. Rio

Americano believes that the benefits of Internet access in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration far exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parent(s) and guardian(s) of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. Use of the District technology, network services, and the Internet is a privilege that may be revoked at any time for inappropriate conduct. The use of the Internet, network, and technology services are strictly limited to educational purposes.

RESPONSIBILITY

As a user of the Rio Americano technology services, network and Internet connections, I agree to:

- A. Use my network access in an acceptable manner, follow all district rules and regulations regarding network use, including being polite, using appropriate language, and respecting privacy of others.
- B. Use on-line time and other technology/network resources efficiently and for educational purposes only.
- C. Report any known misuse of technology or network services to the appropriate teacher, administrator, or the District Office.
- D. If I have been issued an individual network account, I will be the sole user of it. I will protect my account by not giving out my password and I will report any suspected misuse to the appropriate teacher or administrator. I will be responsible for all use by this account.
- E. Follow all applicable copyright laws. I understand that inappropriately copying or misusing other people's work may be considered plagiarism. Likewise, any work that I create through the use of the Rio Americano technology services/network is my own property, yet it is subject to all of the guidelines in this policy.
- F. Assist in keeping the Rio Americano network free from virus or other malicious attacks by refraining from opening attachments from unknown sources, downloading and/or installing unauthorized software, and being alert to warnings.

INAPPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY/NETWORK/ON-LINE CONDUCT includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Using technology or network services for illegal activities, including unauthorized installation, use, storage, or distribution of copyrighted software or materials in violation of copyright laws.
- B. Unauthorized installation or use of any software or hardware not belonging to, or properly licensed by the District (e.g., games, applications, operating systems, computer components, and peripherals).
- C. Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing or displaying harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others ("cyber bullying") based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.

California Penal Code Section 313(a).

* Cyber bullying will not be tolerated. Harassing, dissing, flaming, denigrating, impersonating, outing, tricking, excluding, and cyber stalking are all examples of cyberbullying. Don't be mean. Don't send emails or post comments with the intent of scaring, hurting, or intimidating someone else. Don't take or post pictures of any students or staff at Rio Americano without their permission. Engaging in these behaviors, or any other e-activities intended to harm (physically or emotionally) another person, will result in severe disciplinary action and loss of privileges. In some cases, cyber bullying can be a crime. Remember that your activities are monitored and retained.

- D. Using technology or network services for private business, commercial enterprise, or for political activities.
 - E. Use of another individual's name, user account, or password.
 - F. Allowing another user access to your account, sharing electronic account passwords, leaving passwords available in obvious locations, or leaving "signed on" or "logged on" computers unattended.
 - G. Disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification or "contact information" about oneself or others when using electronic communication. Students are cautioned not to disclose personal information by any means to individuals located through the Internet without the permission of staff members and are urged to discuss on-line privacy issues with their parents or guardian. Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other individually identifiable information.
 - H. Reading or accessing other users' electronic mail or files. (Collaborative efforts will have appropriate and identified locations and/or resources for sharing files and information.)
 - I. Attempting to interfere with other users' ability to: use technology resources, send or receive electronic mail, deleting, copying, modifying or forging other users' mail or files.
 - J. Sending or exchanging messages that are inconsistent with school or district policies.
 - K. Using encryption, encoding, or passwords to deliberately conceal or hide email or files.
 - L. Distributing electronic media or files in a manner that is likely to cause network congestion or significantly hamper the ability of other people to access and use the system (e.g., downloading extremely large files; sending/distributing mass electronic messages or chain letters; downloading of video and audio files not directly related to district goals; excessive chat or instant message use for non-educational purposes).
 - M. Intentionally uploading, downloading, or creating computer viruses.
 - N. Attempting to vandalize, harm, tamper with, intercept, or destroy district equipment, data, or materials including use and/or possession of "hacking" tools.
 - O. Attempting to bypass, circumvent, or disable: network security, virus protection, or Internet content filtering; not limited to but including use of Internet anonymizers to disguise user/computer origin or content.
 - P. Manipulating the data of any other user, school, or district resource.
 - Q. Unauthorized access to servers, computer systems, or network equipment.
 - R. Use or connection of any personal (non-district) equipment to the Rio Americano network.
- * Students who violate the Rio Americano Student Technology Acceptable Agreement, Board policy, misuse technology or network services, or violate state or federal laws may be subject to disciplinary action, loss of access privileges and/or legal action in accordance with law. The District Technology Services Department and site administration reserve the right to delete files or remove access to resources found to display or propagate inappropriate on-line conduct. We support the parent's or guardian's right to authorize or decline network/Internet access for their student.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The following websites for UC and CSU will help parents and students learn more about college admission.

- www.calstate.edu
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu

Students meeting the University of California entrance requirements generally will meet requirements of private and out-of-state colleges and universities. Refer to individual college catalogs for specifics.

High school counselors are available to meet with students during the school day as well as before and after school. Students may schedule an appointment in the counseling office during passing periods, break, and lunch..

RIO and BEYOND

The Rio and Beyond program utilizes parents who assist counselors in meeting with students to check high school graduation requirements and provide college and career guidance. One-on-one interview sessions are done with sophomores (and seniors, by request) in the fall, with the cooperation of the English classes. Rio and Beyond also arranges College Night, and financial aid seminars. Information about this program is available at rioandbeyond.net

Visiting college representatives also make their presentations at the Counseling Office. A list of colleges and upcoming visitation dates is posted in the Counseling Office. Announcements are also made in the daily student news bulletin.

Financial Office

Purchases made through the Financial Office include student body cards, yearbooks, dance bids, dance pictures and P.E. clothes. A student ID card is required for all purchases made through the Financial Office. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Special Outside Purchases

Some purchases such as class rings, letterman's jackets, graduation announcements and caps and gowns are made directly through the supplier, who visits campus on a regular basis.

Student Health

Emergency contact information is required to be on file and updated each school year. Parents must complete and/or update their student's emergency information by going to the Parent Portal at www.sanjuan.edu/parents, and by clicking on "Annual Student Information Update" or by going to the re-enroll link at the top of the main screen. Please complete all information including all pertinent health information and telephone numbers to call in an emergency. If you need assistance, please contact your student's school office for assistance. (Reference Ed. Code § 49408)

If there is a change of address or phone number during the school year, please notify the school immediately and follow the instructions available online to update your child's emergency information via the Parent Portal.

Students who are feeling ill should report to the Attendance Office to arrange to go home. Rio staff will notify the parent/ guardian and request that the student be issued an **early dismissal** and taken home. There are no facilities on campus for sick students.

In the case of a life threatening emergency, staff will call 911 before notifying parents. The student and family must be prepared to take financial responsibility in that event. In a non-life-threatening emergency, staff will make every effort to contact parents.

Prescription medication and “over-the-counter” medicines: A designated school employee may administer medication during the school hours only upon written request of both the physician and parent(s) or guardian, detailing the method, amount, and time the medication is to be taken.

Medication will be administered only to students whose parent and physician deem it necessary for potentially life-threatening medical conditions or for those who need medication administered during the school day in order to interact appropriately at school.

Authorization forms for medication are available to download [here](#), or at each school office. A new form must be completed before the start of each school year. Medications must be brought to the school office in their original container. Parents are encouraged to ask the child's physician to prescribe long-acting medication if possible so that medication does not need to be given at school.

Ed. Code § 49420-49425; District Policy 5141.21/Ed. Code § 49480

Parents of students with chronic/critical health: If your student has a diagnosed chronic illness, you may receive a physician's authorization to excuse absences for your student. The form requires the treating physician to verify the diagnosis and list symptoms that would not necessitate an office visit, but require the student to remain home from school.

With this authorization, the parent or guardian sends a note when the student returns to school listing the symptoms the physician has identified. These absences will be considered verified. The form is available in the Rio Americano Attendance Office. The form expires at the end of the academic year. A new form must be obtained annually. For questions, please contact your school site or the Attendance Improvement Program at (916) 979-8604.

Library

The Rio Library provides students an additional place to learn. The library has an excellent reference section, classical and contemporary fiction, and up-to-date non-fiction material, along with a computer lab utilizing technology for computer-assisted research.

The Rio library facilities are available for student and class use throughout the school day. While in the library, students are expected to be considerate of others by being quiet. **Students are required to have an ID card before material can be checked out at which time all items become the responsibility of the student and parents/guardians.** Books circulate for three-week periods and may be renewed as needed.

Lockers

As a convenience for students lockers are available to use for the school year. Lockers must be registered in the attendance office at the beginning of the school year and may not be shared. Students can register their lockers at schedule pick up in August or in the attendance office once school has begun. **Lockers are school property and can be searched at any time.**

The school is not responsible for books or private property left in lockers. All books and valuables should be taken out at night and on weekends.

Please note: Any lock attached to a locker which is either not registered or registered to someone else will be cut off. Inside or outside of lockers are not to be decorated with anything. Students will be held liable for the cost to remove and/or clean lockers that have been decorated.

Lost & Found

Items found on school premises should be turned into the administration office. Lost articles may be claimed with proper identification. Lost textbooks are returned to the textbook office. Students are then credited for the returned textbook.

Textbooks

Textbooks and specific novels required for a student's schedule can be checked out and returned to the textbook room located at the back of the cafeteria building area. Students must have a valid student ID card to check out textbooks, which can be a card for the current year or a previous year's student ID card. If a student needs to replace their card, they can purchase another from the Financial Office for \$5 or obtain a one-time note from their vice principal.

Textbooks must be returned promptly after they are no longer required by the student for class. This includes at the end of the semester or school year, when a student transfers out of a class and into another not requiring the same textbook, when a student transfers to a different school, or when a class returns a novel they have finished reading for their curriculum. Textbooks that are not returned promptly when they are due will be converted to fines. The fine is determined by the price for which the book was purchased by the district or site.

Textbooks should be returned in usable condition with only reasonable wear and tear. Torn or missing pages or covers, defacement, liquid damage, food, mold, other unidentified substances, or any other issues rendering the book unusable will incur fines for the book's replacement. The fine is determined by the same method as for a missing textbook.

All thefts or vandalism of textbooks or other belongings should be immediately reported to the vice principal's office. The school is not responsible for book theft or damage. Students should not leave books in lockers overnight, share the combination to their lock, or leave belongings unattended, even for brief periods of time.

Students with textbook fines for missing or damaged books may find some privileges unavailable until these fines are taken care of, either through returning the books or paying for the fines at the Financial Office. Restrictions may include but are not limited to:

- Inability to purchase dance tickets or have guest passes processed for dances at other schools
- Inability to walk on the stage at graduation.
- Inability to access High School transcripts. (Please note that fines will never prevent transcripts from being transferred to another educational institution. This refers to personal access to transcripts.)

Notification of textbook fines are sent out once a month, every month, in the form of paper lists delivered to students' classrooms. Students owing more than \$250 will receive an automated call home once a month until they owe less than that threshold.

Any extenuating circumstances or existing hardship that results in the inability to return books can be discussed privately with the administration.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available free of charge. **Tutoring services for most core classes are held Monday through Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:30 pm based on the monthly tutoring schedule posted on campus and the Rio webpage**, once the program is established for the school year.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES/STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students are urged to participate in the various extracurricular activities. It is satisfying and enriching to serve as a student body class officer or as a member/officer of one or more of the clubs or organizations available on campus. All students must have a 2.0 grade point average with no F's to participate in student government.

STUDENT I.D. & STUDENT BODY CARD

Every student will receive a photo identification card free of charge which must be carried at all times while on campus. The opportunity to take the free ID photo is given at schedule pick-up in August. With school dances and football games starting almost immediately, it is important to obtain a school ID early in the year. Students who are active in school activities, such as dances and/or sporting events, are also encouraged to purchase an (ASB) Student Body Discount at MySchoolBucks. The link can be found on the Rio Americano website <https://rioamericano.sanjuan.edu/>. The benefit of purchasing this discount is to obtain reduced prices for dances, plays and free admission to all home sporting events, excluding playoff games. The money raised from the sale of student body activity tickets is the backbone of the student body budget which subsidized numerous extracurricular activities and events.

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS 2026-2027

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Publicity:

The term for Student Body Officers is for the duration of the school year. The Student Body Officers and five elected officers from each of the four classes participate in a regularly scheduled student government class and receive a grade and credit for the class. Student Body and Class Officers are elected each spring for the following school year. The incoming Freshman Class Officers are elected at the beginning of the new fall semester.

CLASS OFFICERS 2026-2027

SENIOR CLASS OF 2027

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Publicity:

JUNIOR CLASS OF 2028

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Publicity:

SOPHOMORE CLASS 2029

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Publicity:

FRESHMAN CLASS 2030 *To be elected after start of 2026-2027 School Year

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

RIO AMERICANO DANCES

Rio Americano dances are important social events for students. The school must maintain a reasonable standard of appropriate behavior and dance movements. Students must recognize that movements and dance styles present in non-school settings or portrayed in the entertainment industry are not always appropriate in the high school setting. Therefore, the following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate behavior and dance movements.

All Rio Americano High School rules will be enforced at school dances.

RIO AMERICANO DANCE RULES (CURRENT SCHOOL I.D. REQUIRED AT ALL DANCES)

1. **No tickets will be sold at the door. All tickets must be purchased by 4:00 P.M. on the last Thursday prior to the dance.** Current student ID is required to purchase dance tickets. Tickets are sold online via the [Rio Student Store website](#). All tickets must be purchased in advance. **Students will not be admitted without proof of purchase.** Replacement ID's have a 24 hour turnaround time. No replacement student photo ID's will be made on the last day of ticket sales.
2. NO Refunds will be given.
3. **Admission into the dance will be allowed during the first hour only.** Special circumstances resulting from school sanctioned events must be brought to an administrator's attention at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the dance.
4. Rio Americano dances are for Rio Americano students and their pre-registered guests only. **Guest passes must be submitted to the Vice Principal's Office by school closing on the**

Wednesday prior to the dance. Only one (1) guest or date may be invited and registered per student. A guest or date must arrive with the student who invited and registered him/her. **Guests must adhere to all rules. No guests over the age of 20 or enrolled in middle school will be approved.** Students who wish to bring a guest from another school must submit a completed Guest Pass form by the posted deadline.

5. **Students AND guests must show current picture identification to be admitted.**
6. Tobacco, vaping, drugs, and alcohol, will not be allowed at the dance or on school property.
7. Students who are in possession of drugs or alcohol or who are intoxicated at the dance will have the following consequences imposed:
 - § 3-5 day suspension and possible expulsion referral
 - § Possible referral to law enforcement.
 - § Social probation for 10 days per day of suspension during which time the student will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity, including athletics.
 - § Potential exclusion from next school dance.
8. **Dancing needs to be appropriate for a school setting.** Students who engage in dancing deemed inappropriate will be removed and will lose dance attendance privileges. If large groups engage in such activities, it may be necessary to stop the music and end the dance. We want to maintain a safe atmosphere conducive to everyone's enjoyment. The school administration and staff chaperones will use their best judgment to identify dance moves or styles that are contrary to the dance rules.
9. Students may leave the dance at any time. However, once a student leaves the dance, he or she must leave the premises and may not return to the dance.
10. Loitering in the parking lot or around the campus will not be permitted. Students and guests must leave immediately after the conclusion of the dance.
11. Students may have **NO MORE THAN 2 F's**. Tickets will NOT BE SOLD to students who have 3 or more F's.
12. Students must have no outstanding discipline (Wednesday schools and detentions) in order to participate in dances.
13. Students on Social Probation will not be permitted to purchase dance tickets or attend dances.

Please remember: If a student is ineligible to attend a Rio Americano dance or other school-sponsored event, their request to be a guest at another school's event will not be approved either.

DRESS CODE

§ **For semi-formal dances (Homecoming Dance and Spring Fling):** School dress code is enforced at the dance with the following exceptions: strapless dresses may be worn, but may not expose undergarments. All attire will be subject to the approval of the administration at the door, and all determinations will be final.

§ **Dance photos:** Dance photos showing students engaged in inappropriate conduct (e.g., sexually suggestive poses or dress, crude, profane or gang related behavior) will not be permitted or distributed. Students will be subject to disciplinary actions.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Club activities are an integral part of the total educational program. Coordination of club activities is a function of the student government. New clubs may be organized when ten or more students indicate an interest in forming a purposeful organization, have obtained a faculty advisor and constructed a constitution. All clubs must be chartered through Student Government. Students are encouraged to become involved with clubs which will supplement their academic program.

All school programs, activities and student clubs are available to all students, without regard to actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or on the basis of a student's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Athletics at Rio Americano are an integral part of a well-rounded educational experience. We feel that our athletic offerings are diverse enough to meet the needs of every student on campus.

Rio's sports program includes the following:

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Cross Country (co-ed)	Boys Basketball	Baseball
Football	Girls Basketball	Boys Golf
Girls Golf	Wrestling (co-ed)	Softball
Girls Tennis	Boys Soccer	Swimming (co-ed)
Girls Volleyball	Girls Soccer	Dive (co-ed)
Boys Water Polo		Boy's Tennis
Girls Water Polo		Track & Field (co-ed)
Girls Flag Football		Boys Volleyball
		Girls Lacrosse

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

District Governing Board of the California Interscholastic Federation (C.I.F.) shall have general control of and be responsible for all aspects of interscholastic athletics. They shall assure that all inter-scholastic policies, programs and activities are in compliance with state and federal law. Rio Americano adheres to a strict eligibility policy about and beyond the guidelines provided by CIF and San Juan Unified School District AR 6145. Our local league is the CAL League.

General eligibility requirements:

1. Each prospective athlete must complete an athletic clearance packet on-line at [SportsNet](#)
2. Have a medical doctor's signature on the sports physical examination form (this form can be obtained through the athletic office at Rio or downloaded from [our site](#)).
3. An athlete cannot be absent the day of the game unless it meets the criteria of a district approved absence.
4. An athlete cannot participate on a school team and an outside team in the same sport at the same time.
5. Students who use or are in possession of alcohol or drugs on campus or at school-authorized functions will be penalized in accordance with the Rio Americano High School discipline and athletic policies. Students violating this policy will be subject to:
 - a. a 3-5 day suspension.
 - b. 10 days per day of suspension of social probation during which time the student will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity, including athletics.

Academic Eligibility

In order to encourage academic excellence, all students participating in athletic activities shall demonstrate satisfactory educational progress by undertaking the prescribed course of study and meeting the standards of proficiency established by the district.

Academic eligibility requirements will be determined at interim progress and semesters.

Secondary Grades Eligibility Standards

Eligibility for athletic activities in the high schools of the San Juan Unified School District will be determined by the standards below.

1. In order to be eligible for participation without restrictions, the student shall have earned an overall minimum 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale during the preceding grading period in both scholarship and citizenship.
 - a. When grades are issued, a pass counts as a "C" and has a value of two points when determining the grade point average.
 - b. According to CIF rule 205 B (4), incomplete grades that are issued shall be counted as an F grade when computing the student's GPA, until such time that the student has made up the grade and the teacher has sent that grade to the registrar and it has been verified.

2. To participate without restrictions, a student may not have more than one F in a grading period/progress report. For example, students on a traditional schedule must pass 5 of 6 or 6 of 7 classes during the preceding grading period/progress report. If they enroll in only 5 classes they must pass all 5 of them. Students on a block schedule must pass 3 of 4 or 4 of 5 classes during the preceding grading period. If they enroll in only 3 classes they must pass all 3 of them.

3. Athletic eligibility will be based on district printed grades which are issued after the completion of the grading period/progress report. There is a one week "window" period in which grades are reported to the district, printed, and then returned to the schools. During this "window" period, only previously eligible athletes may continue to compete. All athletic eligibility actions become effective on the 2nd Monday after the end of the grading period/progress report.

4. Each high school must have athletic probation. Each high school may have a more stringent policy provided it is board approved. These standards must be printed and distributed to students and parents/guardians.

5. Students transferring from outside the district shall have their transcript evaluated by the Athletic Director to determine initial academic athletic eligibility.

6. Grades that are issued at the end of the grading period are final. No grades may be changed without the approval of the Principal or his/her designee.

7. Restricted Athletic Eligibility – CIF rule 205(a) allows school districts the opportunity to provide the option of Athletic Probation.

Athletic Probation

Students who do not meet the criteria listed above may be placed on probation. Probation is defined as being allowed to practice and compete while attending a school approved intervention program. Probation may be granted only if the student has met one of the two academic eligibility requirements provided they meet CIF criteria for minimum credits when they are issued. This requires that students on a block schedule earn 15 credits in the previous semester and students on a traditional schedule earn 20 credits in the previous semester. (CIF 205b). If the student is below both standards, he/she will not be granted probation. The purpose of probation is to allow the student an opportunity to remediate his/her academic deficiencies. School personnel will support the student in his/her effort to improve. A student may be granted one period of probation during each academic year. The duration of probation shall be until the next grading period. If the student meets the aforementioned standards of athletic eligibility, he/she may continue playing if he/she were on probation. If a student was athletically ineligible, they could begin to play provided they meet the athletic eligibility standards. If the student does not meet the athletic eligibility standards he/she would be ineligible to participate in school athletic events until the next regularly scheduled grading period, at which time their grades would be re-evaluated.

1. Athletic Ineligibility is defined as; an athlete may not play in any athletic contest (including scrimmages) against another school, but may practice with the team provided they continue in the school approved intervention program.

2. Students may reestablish athletic eligibility by attending summer school and successfully completing their course work. Students may not obtain more than 10 credits during summer school to be eligible for fall sports. In selecting summer school course work, the student must repeat the same course(s) in which grades from the preceding grading period caused them to be ineligible. In the event the identical course(s) are not available, other course work with the same or higher level of difficulty may be substituted. All substitutions must have the approval of the student's home school site administrator or his/her designee.

- a. Summer school courses failed shall not impair an athlete's scholastic eligibility achieved in the semester immediately preceding. (CIF 205c).

Sportsmanship:

If a parent or student is removed from a game or if a report is made by a referee to CIF about unsportsmanlike conduct during a game, this may lead to non-attendance in the next sporting event and the next contest against the same opponent either away or at home.

That the Sac-Joaquin Section will distribute a contract to each of its member schools requesting that the appropriate administrator(s) distribute, review and discuss the enclosed recommendations of the CIF State Federated Council with all members of each school's administrative staff, coaching staffs, athletic squads, spirit squads, booster clubs, drill team, marching band, faculty and any other school entity concerned or involved with interscholastic athletics.

CODE OF ETHICS

It is the duty of all concerned with high school athletics:

1. To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play;
2. To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game;
3. To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly;
4. To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials;
5. To establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts;
6. To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials;
7. To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of rules of the game and the standards of eligibility;
8. To encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by the players on a team;
9. To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players;
10. To remember that an athletic contest is only a game – not a matter of life and death for player, coach, school, officials, fan, community, state or nation.

SPORTSMANSHIP PREAMBLE

The member schools of the CIF are committed to providing a sportsmanlike environment for students, coaches and spectators. To that end, the CIF Federated Council has adopted the following sportsmanship and crowd control recommendations. Each member school is requested to commit itself to implementing these recommendations and completing the enclosed sportsmanship contract.

DEFINITION

A person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating and who treats his/her opponents with fairness, courtesy and respect.

1. The following are expected to be role models demonstrating sportsmanship at all times:

- a. principal/administrative staff;
- b. athletic directors;
- c. coaches, players and cheerleaders;
- d. faculty members;
- e. booster club members;
- f. band director.

2. Coaches, players, cheerleaders and spectators will respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.

3. The conduct of coaches, players and cheerleaders generally sets the tone for CIF contests. They will be expected to maintain the highest level of decorum at all CIF contests.

4. The following behavior is unacceptable at all CIF high school contests:

- a. berating your opponent's school or mascot;
- b. berating opposing players;
- c. obscene cheers or gestures;
- d. negative signs;
- e. complaining about officials' calls (verbal or gestures).

5. The following rules regarding noisemakers and bands are to be followed by all CIF Sac-Joaquin Section schools.

a. Noisemakers at ALL indoor events are prohibited. Non-mechanical handheld devices (i.e., small cow bells and thunder sticks) are allowed at outdoor events, excluding baseball and softball. One authorized, school-sponsored air-powered/mechanical noisemaker (i.e., cannon) is allowed to be used by the home team at football games only, and only after a scoring play or the end of the game; this device may not be used if the point differential is 35 points or more or a running clock is in effect. This noisemaker must be approved at a league meeting. All other whistles, air horns and other air-powered/mechanically powered noise making devices are prohibited.

b. Bands and sound systems are the sole responsibility of home schools at non-playoff contests. Visiting teams may bring school bands and sound equipment to non-playoff contests provided they receive prior administrative approval from the home school principal or designee.

c. Bands are encouraged to attend and participate in playoff contests. The visiting school must make prior contact with the home team if they plan on bringing a band to a playoff game to ensure appropriate

seating. The Section office, prior to the event, must approve bands participating at neutral site Section finals.

d. Bands are not allowed to play during the course of the actual contest.

(i) In the sport of football, bands may play during timeouts, halftime or in between plays. Bands must stop playing when a team breaks the huddle or in the case of a no huddle offense, when the quarterback lines up in position to take a snap.

(ii) In the sport of basketball, the band may play during timeouts, at the end of each quarter or during halftime.

e. It is the responsibility of the site administrators to make sure the above stated regulations are enforced.

f. The game officials may stop a game and seek help from the site administrators if they believe the regulations are not being enforced.

6. The following action plans are recommended.

a. A script should be provided to the announcer including:

(i) welcome;

(ii) sportsmanlike expectations;

(iii) acknowledgement and introduction of the game officials;

NOTE: There should be a short statement endorsing the officials as neutral persons who have been certified as official by the NCOA.

(iv) introduction of players;

(v) sponsorship recognition.

b. Include the CIF Code of Ethics in the game programs.

c. Each participating school's administration is expected to emphasize sportsmanlike behavior at all CIF contests.

(i) This shall be directed to coaches, players, cheerleaders and spectators in the day(s) prior to the contest.

(ii) Rallies, team meetings, faculty meetings and spirit club meetings, school bulletins and P.A. announcements are all appropriate venues.

(iii) Contact the principal or administrator-in-charge of the opponent's school at least one day prior to basketball and football games and other contests as appropriate to promote practical applications of the sportsmanship and to ensure the proper environment for the contest.

d. It is the responsibility of the administration of each participating school to designate an administrative representative:

(i) Who will check in with the site manager 30 minutes prior to the game time and establish where he/she will be throughout the contest;

(ii) Enforce the highest standards of sportsmanship within his/her own student body;

(iii) Contact the administrative representative of the opponent's school to report any violations of sportsmanship by either school's supporters.

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To Rio High

our dreams and hope we bring

and through the years

we'll help her praises ring

so as each one goes forth to spread her fame

we shall be loyal

and proudly wear her name.

Our voices blend

FIGHT SONG

Go Rio Raiders

battle the foe for green and gold

ready to meet all invaders

with our heads held high we will hear the victory cry

and when the battle is over

and on high you'll hear our name

you will know the Rio Raiders

have won another game

to raise her victory song

our pledge shall be

all forever join our loyalty to show

all hail to Rio Americano