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Dear Visalia Unified Afterschool Program Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are excited to have your family as part of the Visalia Unified Expanded Learning Program and look forward to another year of learning, exploration, and fun. As our program continues to grow, you will notice some exciting changes this year. We are placing a strong focus on building community and creating meaningful partnerships with local organizations that bring a wide variety of high-quality enrichment opportunities to our students. We are committed to providing a safe, engaging, and enriching experience for every student. To help ensure a successful year for all, we ask that you carefully review the important program information and expectations outlined below. Your partnership and understanding of these policies help us create the best possible experience for every child.

Program Schedule

Afterschool Program will begin on the first day of school, August 13, 2026 and will run every day that there is school. Program will run daily from **2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** The VUSD Afterschool Program will also operate on school minimum days.

Student Pick-Up (Gate Times)

To ensure student safety and minimize disruptions to activities, students may be picked up during the following designated gate times:

- **4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** (*documentation may be requested if a student is picked up before 4:15pm*)
- **5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** (*All students must be picked up by 6:00 p.m.*)

If you need to pick up your student outside of these designated gate times, please contact your Site Specialist to make arrangements. Additionally, this year we will be implementing digital sign out through 6crckets at each school site. QR codes will be available at the sign out location to scan daily. Follow the prompts to sign out. Please plan for this to take a few additional minutes for the first few days of school as we provide support and assistance for this new process.

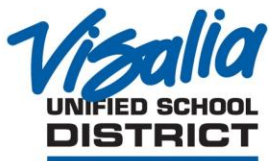
Attendance Expectations

The VUSD Afterschool Program is designed to provide students with consistent, meaningful learning experiences. Regular attendance allows students to build relationships, participate fully in enrichment activities, and benefit from the continuity of our programming. While we understand that occasional absences are unavoidable, attendance below 85% does not meet the requirements of our funding. Students who are absent more than two days per week, even if those absences are excused, will be contacted to discuss attendance concerns. Continued absences may result in removal from the program so that a student on the waitlist has the opportunity to

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participate. We appreciate your partnership in helping your student attend consistently so they can take full advantage of everything our program has to offer.

Behavior Expectations

All afterschool program staff will follow the same expectations that support Visalia Unified School District's goals, policies, and procedures. Students are expected to follow all school rules during after school hours, actively participate in program activities, and treat others with respect. Our staff works closely with school site administration to support students and maintain a positive, safe, and welcoming environment for everyone. Students who do not follow these guidelines may be removed from the program.

Thank you for choosing the Visalia Unified Expanded Learning Program. If you have any questions, please contact the Expanded Learning Office at (559) 931-8062 or email expandedlearning@vusd.org. We look forward to an amazing year together!

Warmly,
The Visalia Unified Expanded Learning Team

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