

DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL



***2026 - 2027
STUDENT
INFORMATION***

Hello, and welcome to Desert Mountain High School!

This packet includes general information, as well as:

- *Meal payments, balances, and pricing*
- *StudentVUE*
- *ParentVUE*
- *Gmail, Google Apps, and Google Classroom*
- *Attendance procedures*
- *2026-2027 SUSd Calendar*
- *DMHS daily bell schedule*
- *DMHS classroom map*
- *Student/Parent questions & concerns procedures*

Additionally, the Desert Mountain High School Website (sUSD.org/desertmountain) provides links to important information such as:

- *Attendance*
- *Bus Route Finder*
- *Code of Conduct*
- *High School Planning Guides*
- *International Baccalaureate Program*
- *Online Payments*
- *Register My Athlete*
- *School Safety*
- *Single Sign On*
- *Summer School*
- *Tax Credit*
- *Transcript Request*

Our website contains a staff contact directory and other links to specific departments and programs. We invite you to become familiar with the website and check often for new announcements and updates. If you can't find the answers you need, our staff is always happy to help you.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Call 480-484-7000 and select the appropriate number for the department you wish to reach.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

John Andrews, Principal

Kristen Tindall, Assistant Principal - 12th Grade

Cher Fesenmaier, Assistant Principal - 11th Grade

TJ Buckley, Assistant Principal - 10th Grade

Lucus Strohmeyer, Assistant Principal - 9th Grade

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

The counselors' offices are in room **5109**, across the hallway from the Front Office. Students must make an appointment to speak with their counselor, except in an emergency, or you can email them. Visit the Counseling page, under the "Our School" tab, of the Desert Mountain website for their email addresses and other helpful information and links.

(Assigned by first letters of the student's last name)

A-Day	Jonathan Brechner	jbrechner@susd.org
De-Hi	Chris Helder	chelder@susd.org
Ho-Mei	Michelle Okun	mokun@susd.org
Mej-San	Veva Pacheco	vevapacheco@susd.org
Sar-Z	Marie Reilly	mreilly@susd.org

College & Career (located in the Library): Jennifer Dorsch (jenniferdorsch@susd.org)

Social Worker (Room 5154): Michelle Renaud (mrenaud@susd.org)

NURSE

Our Nurse is Kelley Eckhauser (keckhauser@susd.org) and is in room **5124**.

STUDENT ID NUMBERS

Students should learn this number and provide it when signing in and out of the school or an office within the school. **Parents should provide the Student ID number when contacting the school regarding their student.**

ID BADGES

Student ID badges are issued by the Bookstore staff for new students and **must** be worn on the provided lanyard around the neck while on campus.

BUSES

Please visit <http://desertmountain.susd.org>, click on the "Families & Community" link at the top right of the main page, and then on "Bus Routes & Information". Follow the instructions to find the correct route for your address.

Bus riders are dropped off and picked up at the service drive behind the school (between the gym and sports fields).

STUDENT BOOKSTORE

(The Bookstore only accepts payments in cash or by check.)

In addition to issuing books, the Bookstore collects fees and payments for extracurricular activities, issues photo IDs, and sells Desert Mountain clothing and other Desert Mountain items.

DROP OFF, PICK UP, and DRIVING STUDENTS

Students must be dropped off and picked up at the 1000 Building side (across from Mountainside Middle School). After 7:45 a.m., parents can drop off late students at the center lot (flagpole area).

Students who are late must come into the front office to sign in. THIS INCLUDES DRIVERS.*

Unless a parent is walking in to sign a student in or out at the front office, students should NOT be dropped off or picked up at the center parking lot during the school day, but in the 7000 parking lot .

*See the **ATTENDANCE** instructions for important information regarding signing in and out for all students.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Desert Mountain High School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave campus during the school day, **including lunch time**, without a parent or guardian's permission. Students that need to retrieve a forgotten item from their car must have permission from their grade level Assistant Principal before going to their car.

STUDENTS EXITING BUILDING

During the school day, **including during lunch time**, students may only exit through the Front Office if being signed out by a parent/guardian or on an early release schedule. Drivers with parent/guardian permission need to check out in the front office to exit to the drivers' parking lot on the 7000 Building side (Gymnasium). They must show their pass to security.

DROPPING OFF ITEMS

Only technology and homework/project items may be dropped off by a parent. Please do not bring lunch from home to your student.

It is the policy of the Scottsdale Unified School District that food from restaurants may not be delivered to students, either by a parent or restaurant delivery service.

STARTING SCHOOL AFTER THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

If you are enrolling after the school year begins, on your first day:

- Bring a backpack, pen/pencil, and a notebook.
- Arrive in the Front Lobby by 7:30 a.m. Provide your name to the Front Office staff and inform them you are a new student.
- Someone will come out to escort you to the Counseling Office.
- A student Ambassador will take you to the Bookstore for your ID Badge, a computer device, and any books you may need. They will then show you where your classes are located.

Meal Payments & Balances

SUSD uses LINQ Connect for student meals plans. You may download the app or by logging in at [LINQConnect.com](https://www.susd.org/NutritionServices). SUSD will continue to use LINQ Connect for handling all meal-related online applications, payments, balance reminders, and transactions. You may visit <https://www.susd.org/NutritionServices> for information about LINQ Connect and the following:

- [LINQ Connect App FAQs](#) (English)
- [LINQ Connect App FAQs](#) (Spanish)
- [Unpaid Meal Balance Policy](#)
- [Student Account Management Form](#)

Meal Prices

Breakfast (includes entree, fruit, and juice or milk)	
Elementary Combo	\$1.50
Middle School Combo	\$1.75
High School Combo	\$1.75
Adult Combo or Student Second Meal	\$2.50
Reduced Price	No charge

Lunch (includes entree, fruit/vegetable, side item, and juice or milk)	
Elementary Combo	\$2.85
Middle School Combo	\$3.10
High School Combo	\$3.10
Adult Combo or Student Second Meal	\$4.50
Reduced Price	No Charge

New Students for the Next School Year: StudentVUE and GMAIL/GOOGLE APPS FOR STUDENTS will not be available for your use until 1 or 2 weeks before the start of school.

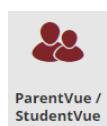
STUDENTVUE

StudentVUE and ParentVUE help students and their parents monitor their academic progress. Grades, attendance, course history, and their future course requests can also be accessed through their StudentVUE account.

EFFECTIVE 12/2/2019, parents must establish their own ParentVUE account to enroll new students.

Log-in instructions:

- Access StudentVUE on the district's website: **susd.org**
- Click on the ParentVue/StudentVue icon:



- Your Username is your Student ID number
- Your Password is your 8-digit birthdate (numbers only, including zeros). *Example: 08302006.*
- Once you have access, click on the Grade Book tab for an overview of all your classes. For a detailed listing of class assignments and scores, select a specific class.

If you are having problems logging in, call the help desk 480-484-HELP (4357).

GMAIL/GOOGLE APPS FOR STUDENTS

This is an internal SUSD Gmail/Google account for students (students can only email their instructors and school staff). Your username and a **temporary default** password should already be in the system. If not, call 480-484-HELP (4357)

Set up instructions:

- Enter **googleapps.susd.org** into a web browser.
- Your Username is your first initial, last name, last two digits of your ID number *Example: jsmith45.*
- Your **Temporary Default** Password is your 8-digit birthdate (numbers only, including zeros). *Example: 08302006.*
- Click on "Sign In." You will be instructed to **change your password**.
- After students have changed their password and logged in, students can access Gmail* and other Google apps available to students from the options in the upper right corner.

***Your Gmail address is your username followed by @susdgapps.org. Ex: jsmith45@susdgapps.org**

If you need assistance with your account, call the help desk at 480-484-HELP (4357).

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Most of your teachers use Google Classroom. You will use your SUSD Google account to access your Google Classrooms. New students will ask their teachers for the Google Classroom code to join the classroom.

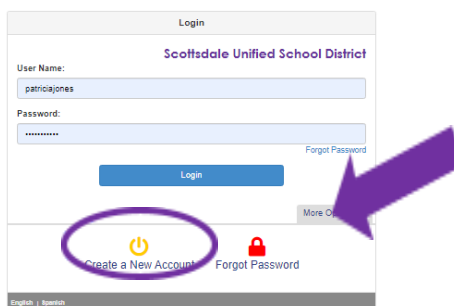
PARENTVUE

ParentVUE and StudentVUE website and mobile applications help you and your student monitor their academic progress. Near real-time information on attendance, assignments and scores, and demographic information can be accessed through your ParentVUE account. Parents will also need to complete the Annual Verification process through their ParentVue account.

Enrolling parents/guardians must have a ParentVUE account in order to begin an enrollment application.

New Account Activation:

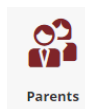
Upon initiating a **REGULAR ENROLLMENT** for a student, you will be directed to the Login page for ParentVUE:



Click on the “More Options” drop down tab and select “Create a New Account.” Then follow the prompts to create your account.

ParentVUE Account access:

Once you have created your ParentVUE account, you can access ParentVUE with your username and password on the district’s website at susd.org and clicking on the **ParentVue / StudentVue** icon:



Previous ParentVUE Accounts

If your child has attended an SUSD school before, and you had ParentVUE access, you must use your previous login credentials.

If you:	then,
remember your Username, but have forgotten your password,	request a reset of your password from the ParentVUE login screen
have forgotten both your Username and password,	email bpaweski@susd.org . Your username will be provided, but you will need to request a reset of your password from the ParentVUE login screen.
are still unable to access your ParentVUE account	call the district help desk at 480-484-HELP (4357)
<i>If you did not, or don't remember, activating your ParentVUE account, please call the Counseling Office at 480-484-7019 for assistance.</i>	

Mobile Application

You can download the **ParentVUE** app from the App Store or Google Play.

Questions? Call the district help desk at 480-484-HELP (4357) directly.

ATTENDANCE LINE - 480-484-7000, Option 1.

Parents/Guardians – If your student is going to be tardy or absent, you must call and leave a message on the attendance line. This message should be made before the beginning of the day of absence/tardy or the next school day at the latest. Otherwise, the absence can't be excused. ***Emails are not accepted to excuse absences or tardies.***

Please include your name and relationship to student, student's first and last name, student ID number, date and reason for absence, and phone number.

To save time, when leaving your voicemail to excuse your child's absence, it is **not** necessary to provide their grade level, teacher's name, or programs they are in.

Leaving Early - When a parent wishes to have a student excused before the close of the school day, the attendance office must be informed prior to the student's departure. Parents must call the attendance line; we ask that parents do this 24 hours in advance. *This includes 18-year-old students. See the 12th Grade Administrator for exceptions.*

The parent, or student if driving themselves, must sign-out at the front office with the exact time for the leave to be excused.

Returning After Signing Out - Students returning to school after being signed out, and returning student drivers, must first go to the front office to sign back in and obtain a pass to class. *In this case, a parent/guardian does not need to come back to the office again to sign them in.*

FAQ

- ***What is a Tardy?*** Arriving to class after the start of the class period (indicated by the school bell) and missing up to ten minutes of class time.
- ***What is an Absence?*** Not being present in class (either all day or a single period). If a student is ten minutes (or more) late to class, leaves class or leaves class early without **prior** permission, this is also an absence.
- ***What is an "excused" absence?*** Absences **must be called in** by a parent and include one of the reasons below to be excused. The Code of Conduct states the definition of "excused absence" according to state law (ARS 15-901) and the Arizona Department of Education.

Acceptable reasons are illness, doctor appointment, mental or behavioral health, homelessness, bereavement, family emergencies, time necessary to process for the armed forces, excused out-of-school suspensions, family vacation, and school-sponsored events. All others are to be unexcused. Fear of illness is not listed as an excusable absence.

- State law also contains guidelines related to excessive absences (whether excused or unexcused).
 - o For high school, students missing at least 10% of a class (more than 9 days in one semester) are at risk of losing credit for that class, even if the student has a passing grade. In SUSD we have a committee of teachers at each high school that meets each semester to review documentation and attendance patterns, who then make a final decision regarding each student who is on a loss of credit contract.
- Students who have 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences at any time will be withdrawn from school.
 - o Please speak with the principal if you need a chronic ill form to continue enrollment.

Notes from Medical Professionals - Notes verifying absences are kept on file; however, **parents still need to call in to excuse the absence or tardy.**

ABSENCE CORRECTIONS:

Class Periods - Once a teacher has recorded a tardy or absence, Attendance Office staff cannot correct it based solely on a call from a parent. The student must speak directly with their teacher and if the teacher determines it is an error, they will notify the Attendance Office to have it corrected

Nurse/Counseling/Testing - If the student was in one of these offices but did not sign in and/or out, and the visit cannot be verified otherwise, the absence cannot be corrected. **Parents: Ensure your child signs in and out when they visit one of these offices to avoid an unexcused absence.**

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE	
P1	7:45 – 8:38
P2	8:45 – 9:47 (DMTV 8:45-8:54)
P3	9:54 – 10:47
P4	10:54 – 11:47
LUNCH	11:47 – 12:20
P6	12:27 – 1:20
P7	1:27 – 2:20

EARLY RELEASE BELL SCHEDULE	
<i>NO LUNCHTIME</i>	
P1	7:45 – 8:25
P2	8:32 – 9:12
P3	9:19 – 9:59
P4	10:06 – 10:46
P6	10:53 – 11:33
P7	11:40 – 12:20
Early Release Days - 2026-2027 School Year 8/26, 9/16, 10/7, 11/18, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/3, 4/28, and 5/12 (Early release days for Finals in December and May are not included in these dates)	



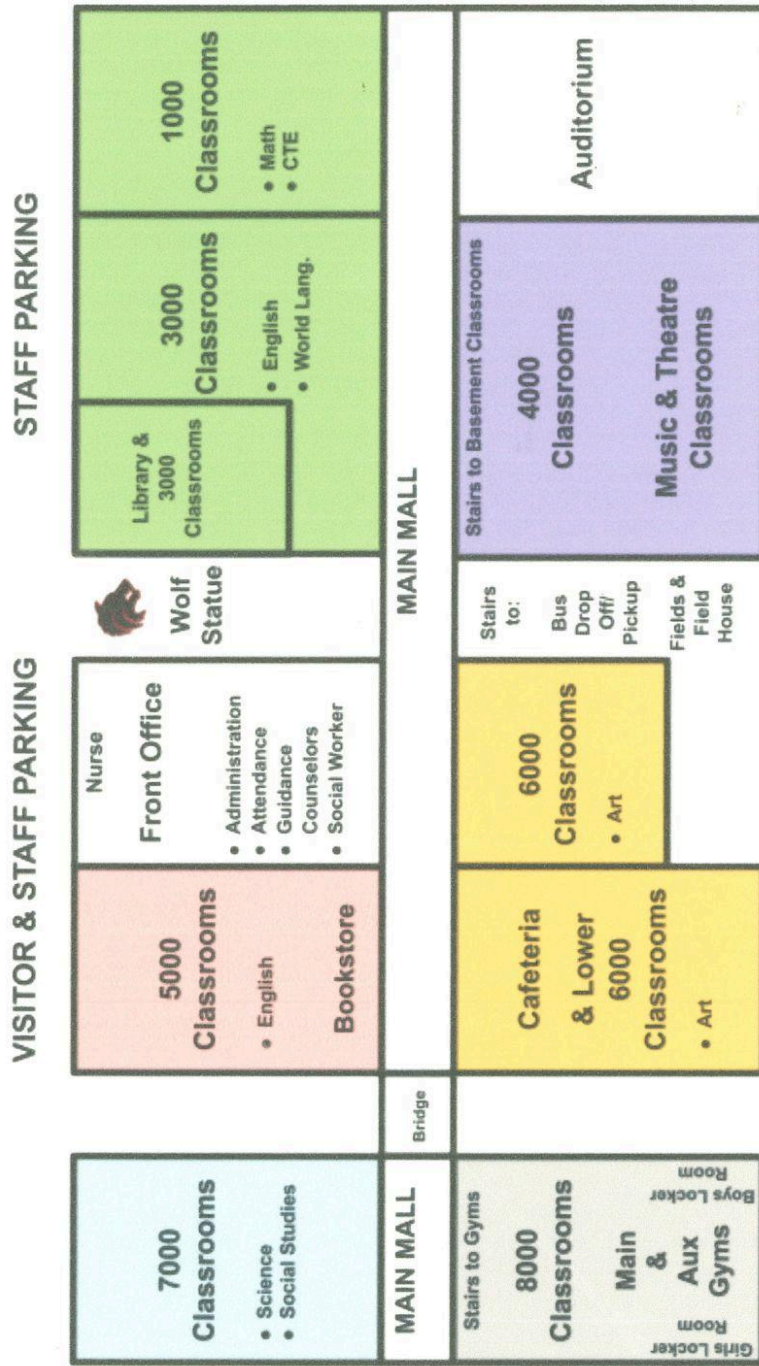
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VIA LINDA

124TH STREET

STUDENT PARKING



MAIN STUDENT DROPOFF & PICKUP

The buildings of Desert Mountain High School have three floors and the classroom numbers indicate their location:

- The first digit indicates the classroom location: 1 - 8 = 1000s - 8000s
- The second digit indicates the floor: 0 = basement; 1 = first or main floor; 2 = second floor

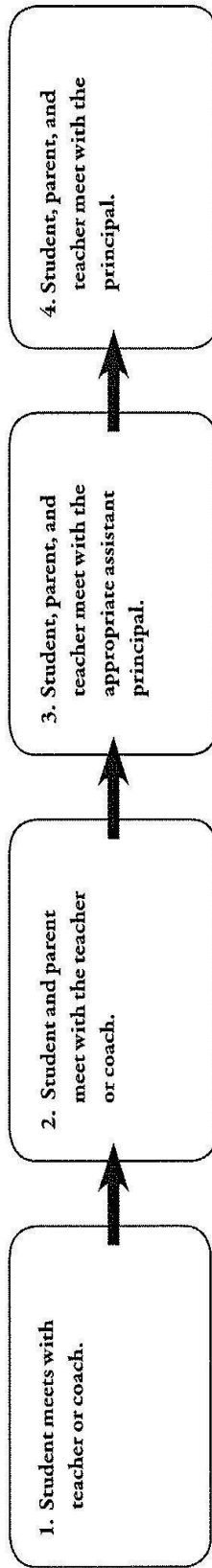


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Home of the Wolves

Student/Parent Questions & Concerns Procedure

Desert Mountain considers student advocacy an important part of education. We encourage parents and students to communicate compliments, questions, and any concerns using the following steps. These steps should help you appropriately and successfully answer questions or resolve concerns as they arise.



If at any point you need extra information or guidance, please feel free to contact your student's guidance counselor.

Per SUSD policy, teachers and staff will respond to communications within 24 hours. We are confident that by following the above procedures, we can resolve any concerns you may have.

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