

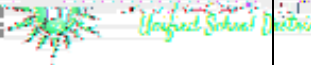


Desert Sky Middle School

Parent & Family Handbook

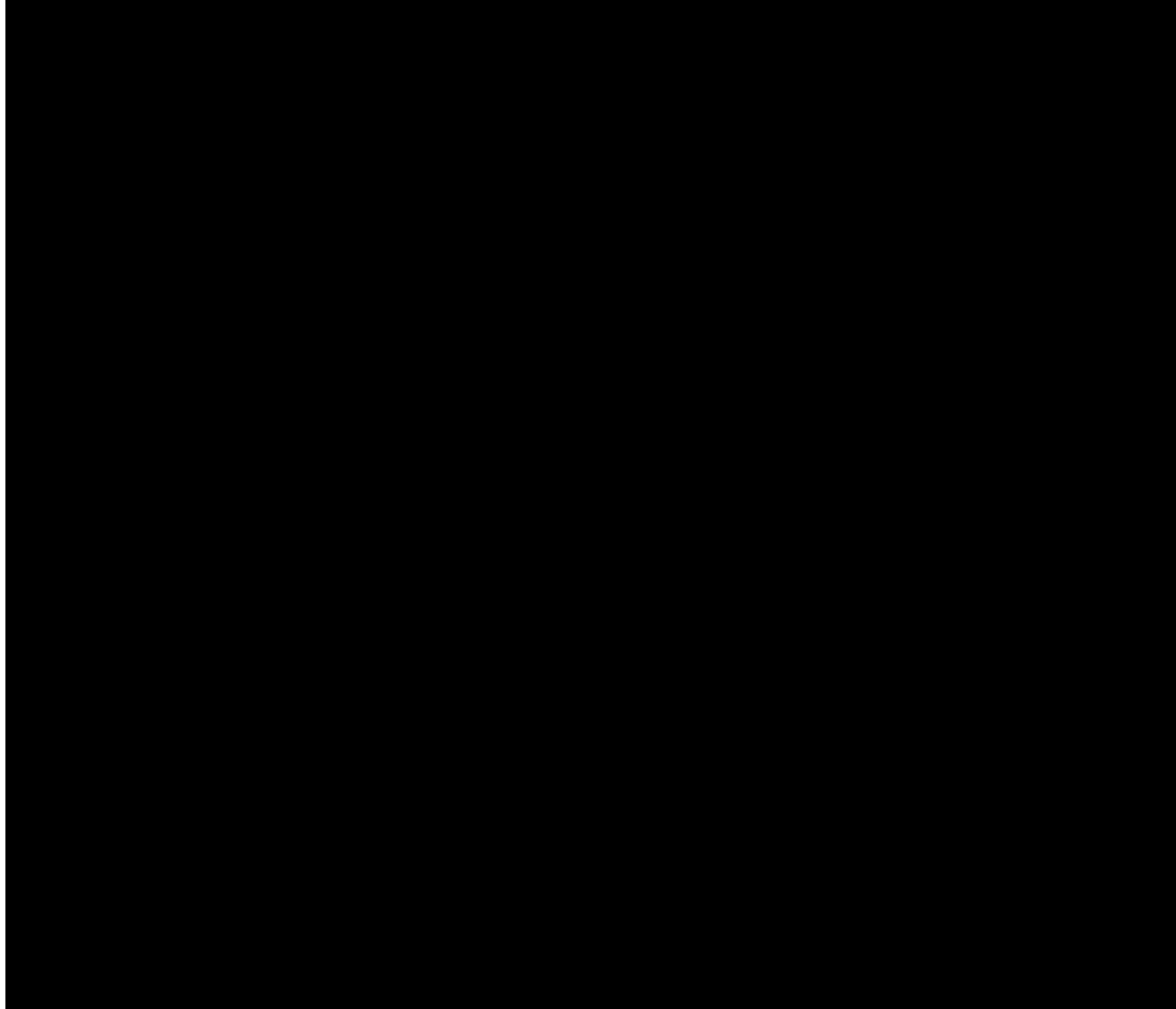
2022-2023

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2022-2023 Instructional Calendar



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Aug 2: End of Year for All Weeks							Sep 5: Labor Day / Release - No School							Oct 6-7: 12-14 MTG for courses / MTG Key							July 4: Independence Day / Obs																																								
Aug 5: 18, 19, 26: Early Release - 90 min							Sep 15, 28: Early Release - 90 min							Oct 10: Fall Break Day / No School							Oct 24, 25: Early Release - 90 min																																								
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Bell Schedule

7 th Hour	8 th Hour	FLASH Time	9 th Period	10 th Period	11 th Period	12 th Period	13 th Period
8:15	10:00	10:05	10:05	10:20 pm	10:20 am	1:05	2:05
10:05 am	11:00 am	11:05 am	11:05 am	11:20 am	11:20 am	3:05 pm	4:05 pm

1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	4 th Period	5 th Period	6 th Period	7 th Period	8 th Period
8:15	9:00	9:45	10:30	11:15	12:00	12:45	1:30
8:15 am	9:00 am	9:45 am	10:30 am	11:15 am	12:00 pm	12:45 pm	1:30 pm

9 th Period	10 th Period	11 th Period	12 th Period	13 th Period	14 th Period	15 th Period
10:05	10:50	11:35	12:20	1:05	1:50	2:35
10:05 am	10:50 am	11:35 am	12:20 pm	1:05 pm	1:50 pm	2:35 pm

16 th Period	17 th Period	18 th Period	19 th Period
3:05	3:50	4:35	5:20
3:05 pm	3:50 pm	4:35 pm	5:20 pm

20 th Period	21 st Period	22 nd Period	23 rd Period
5:20	6:05	6:50	7:35
5:20 pm	6:05 pm	6:50 pm	7:35 pm

To practice safety procedures, we conduct a fire drill each month and a lock-down or lock-out drill each quarter. In the event of an actual lock down or evacuation situation you will be notified by our automated calling system, and information will be posted on our school website at desertsky.dvusd.org.

Items for

The cafeteria is a place for students to eat lunch and socialize appropriately. Please encourage your student/students to adhere to acceptable behavior standards and to follow the directions from staff when eating lunch. If you pack a lunch and send it with your child, please avoid food items that could be difficult to chew or which could possibly cause choking.

Any attire that detracts from the learning environment is not acceptable. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, and the health and welfare of self and others.

Clothing must cover the entire buttocks. Shirts and tops may not expose bare midriffs, bare shoulders, or be deeply or narrowly cut in the front, back, or under the arms. Halter tops, spaghetti straps, and strapless tops are not acceptable. Clothing that exposes undergarments are not tolerated for any students.

Bare feet are never acceptable.

Closed shoes are to be worn for any type of physical activity, such as physical education, cheer practice, etc. Jewelry or ornamentation shall not be worn if it presents a safety hazard to self and/or others.

Clothing or jewelry with defamatory writing, obscene language or symbols, or symbols depicting drugs, sex, or alcohol are prohibited.

At Desert Sky, all students are expected to attend every school day and to be to school on time. Your student needs to be in the classroom to participate in the educational process. We ask your cooperation in scheduling appointments outside of the school day as much as possible.) Regular school hours are from 8:15am to 3:00pm and the school expectation is for students to be in their seats in their first period homerooms at the 8:15am bell. On early release Fridays, the school hours are 8:15am to 1:30pm. Students must be in attendance at least one-half of the school day to be eligible to participate in or attend extra-curricular activities.

A parent/guardian must call the absence line at 602-467-6590 within 24 hours to excuse any absence. This line is available 24 hours a day, so your parent/guardian may call and leave your information as soon as you know that you will be absent. Our absence system finalizes at 9:00am, so absences called in after 9:00am will still likely receive an automated call to the number we have on record.

For student safety, the parent/guardian will be required to show picture identification at the time of check out. Students will not be removed from class prior to the parent/guardians arrival.

Please keep this in mind when making appointments.

A parent/guardian must call the absence line at 602-467-6590 within 24 hours to excuse any tardy. If a student arrives from a medical appointment, please provide documentation showing date and time of the appointment. District disciplinary procedures will be followed for tardy infractions. When a student is tardy between 8:15am- 9:00am, a note will be sent home to the parent/guardian and our Automatic Attendance Calling System will leave a message with the home/primary phone number.

Truancy guidelines apply for unexcused tardies beyond the first class period of the day. Upon the 4th unexcused tardy students are issued one lunch detention; unexcused tardies 5-7 will result in two lunch detentions; unexcused tardies 8-10 will be assigned four lunch detentions one after school detention. If a student accumulates 10 tardies or demonstrates continued chronic unexcused tardies, it may result in additional consequences at the discretion of the school administration.

Per Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 15-
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status or have been referred to the Maricopa County C.U.T.S. Program. Fines due to truancy may be applied to the family of the student through the C.U.T.S. Program. If a student has a chronic medical condition that will affect his/her attendance, the parent/guardian must meet with the school nurse and provide documentation from your



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Parents and students have their own user names and passwords to log on to PowerSchools, the Deer Valley Unified School District grades, and attendance websites. attendance and grades using this access and we recommend that you check their grades weekly. You will be able to see if they have any missing assignments or homework by clicking on the percentage listed under the grade for each subject.

Mid-quarter progress reports can be accessed on-line through PowerSchools at the middle of each quarter. Hard copies of quarterly report cards are available, upon request, through the Desert Sky office. Students are expected to share progress reports and report cards with their parents/guardians. At any time, you may contact the

Students are expected to attend these conferences with their parents/guardians. If there is a concern about a grade or assignments If the issue remains unresolved, please address the issue with the department chair or school counselor before bringing it to the attention of the administration.

In order to participate in the promotion ceremony , 8th grade students must receive passing grades for the year in all classes and adhere to all behavioral expectations and policies. Students may lose the privilege of participating in or recognition during promoting ceremonies if they are in poor academic or behavioral standing. Any fourth quarter suspension may result in loss of the privilege to participate in the promotion ceremony.

Written proof of compliance with immunization requirements is a part of the registration process for Arizona public schools. If you are unsure of the requirements for immunization, see your doctor, visit the school health center, or call the Maricopa County Health Department at 602-506-6767 or 602-263-8856 for locations of clinics and hours of operation. Immunizations are free of charge for children under the age of 18. Exemption forms are available from the nurse.

Parents are required to complete Emergency Contact and Health History forms for each of their children every year. These forms contain vital information should your child become ill or injured at school. Forms and access to update this information are available in Pow

The School Counseling Department is an outstanding resource for students and families. Each grade level is assigned a Counselor. Our School Counselors advise students in academic matters, address attendance concerns, and can provide community resources for families. Your Counselor is a person with whom a student should feel free to discuss any problems that may arise. In order to see your Counselor about a concern, please fill out a request online or email the Counselor individually. Once you have made a request, the School Counselor will send a pass for you when he/she is available. The School Counseling Department maintains a page on the DSMS website at <https://www.dvusd.org/domain/5549>

Desert Sky may employ a School Social Worker who can provide resources and support to students and parents to

Desert Sky uses a Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) program called Top 20. All staff and students on the Desert Sky campus share a common language and recognition of S.T.A.R. Qualities. Through the Top 20 program we support Social Emotional Learning and how it directly impacts behavior and academics. The Top 20 program teaches students to recognize feelings, manage impulses and emotions, problem-solve and build meaningful relationships.

As a part of this program, students earn STARbucks (a virtual currency) when they demonstrate the S-T-A-R qualities. At least once a month, staff members bring out the STARbucks cart before school and students can exchange their earned STARbucks for rewards from the cart.

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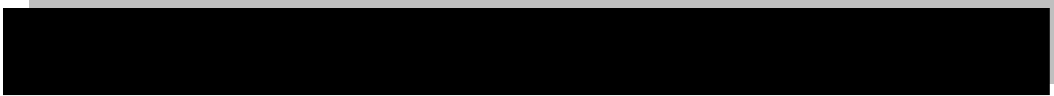
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Desert Sky Middle School firmly believes that each student has the right to a disruption and harassment free school experience. In order to keep students in the classroom as much as possible, teachers will make all attempts to redirect or correct classroom misbehavior as it happens in the classroom. When this is not possible, the flowchart below describes the processes used to address disruptive behavior on campus. Teachers will call parents or families to alert of classroom removals which result in an office referral.



The following notes are added from the Deer Valley Unified School District Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook. The complete Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook can be found at <https://www.dvUSD.org/domain/8266> under the Parents & Students tab; within the Handbooks/Forms link on the Parents & Students Directory.

Administration will exercise discretion when determining consequences and may assign a more or less severe consequence than outlined in the guidelines below. An underlined infraction indicates that an administrator may opt to use an in school suspension as a possible disciplinary action in lieu of out of school suspension. All violations must be reported to ADE. An asterisk (*) indicates that the violation must also be reported to local law enforcement.

Progressive discipline will be used in cases in which a student commits the same infraction repeatedly over the course of the year in the District. Progressive discipline is discipline that is carried over year to year. For example, if a student is disciplined once for Endangerment during his/her 6th grade year and then again for Endangerment during his/her 8th grade year, the later incident may be categorized as a second offense and may warrant a more severe consequence than the minimum consequence listed in the discipline matrix in this handbook.

Personal searches may be conducted by a District/school official when there is reasonable suspicion that a



- All students should be dropped off from the RIGHT lane along the
- When possible during drop-off, please pull forward to the _____ or close the gaps with the cars in front of you, this helps speed up the process for all
- Students should be ready to promptly exit the vehicle, do not allow any other vehicle passengers exit the vehicle during drop-off
- Vehicles should pull away with caution()-3(c)3Tm0 gT/F1 Ik3

