

# APG Family Bulletin

1/24/24

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[SFUSD \\* PTSA](#)

# Upcoming Events

- 1/24: PTSA Meeting, 6:30pm, [Zoom](#)
- 1/24: SFUSD Virtual Town Hall 5-7pm regarding 8th Grade Algebra 1 over [ZOOM](#)
- 1/25: School Tour for Prospective APG Students
- 1/28: Garden Workday, 9am-2pm, Drop-in, All welcome!
- 2/2: Lockdown drill 11:25-11:40, Deadline to enroll for SFUSD Schools, 2024-25 Main Round [[Website](#)]
- 2/6: Campus Cleanup: Meet at 4pm at APG Main Entrance. All Welcome!
- 2/7: Staff Breakfast [[PLEASE DONATE FOOD/COFFEE](#)]
- 2/9: Lunar New Year Holiday, No School**
- 2/12: APG Track Team practice begins (more info below)
- 2/15: Lunar New Year Family Social, 5pm-6pm (Details TBD)
- 2/19: Presidents' Day Holiday, No School**
- 2/28: Family Workshop: Conversations on Social Media with Librarian Ms. E, 5-6pm
- 3/11: Ocean Ambassadors' spring field trip (for 6th graders)

- **Clothing Donations - Wellness Center (we especially need pants, sized adult M, L, XL, XXL)**
- **Ongoing: [Donate to the Jag Fund - CLICK HERE](#)**





A.P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL

January 24, 2023

To All Parents and Guardians:

We are proud to be able to serve you and your children, and we will continually strive to provide a safe learning environment for them.

The safety of our students, the school staff, and support personnel is very important to us. To maintain a safe environment for our students and faculty, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to exercise our procedures.

**A “lockdown drill” will be conducted on Friday, February 2, 2024, from 11:25 to 11:40 am.**

This type of drill will secure the school building and safely shelter all students, staff, and visitors inside the building. The purpose of this drill is to keep the students safe from any danger outside or inside the building. During a lockdown drill, all of the perimeter doors to the school building will be locked and will remain locked until the danger or issue outside or inside the building is removed. No one will be allowed to enter or leave the building until the drill is completed to keep everyone safe. These safety practice drills help maintain our schools as safe places to learn and work.

Please contact our school office if you have any questions regarding the lockdown drill or other safety concerns.

In community,

Tai Schoeman  
Principal



**JOIN US!**

**Wednesday, January 24th, 2024**  
**PTSA General Meeting ~ all are welcome**  
**6:30pm, ZOOM**

Join us - [click here to JOIN BY ZOOM](#)

on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30pm

to hear school info from our PTSA Board and Principal Schoeman. We have important updates for you all to hear ~ don't miss this meeting! This is your chance to ask any questions as well. All are welcome to join our meeting.

# Virtual Town Hall: Algebra 1 in 8th Grade

Students, parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and community members are invited to learn how SFUSD is planning to offer Algebra 1 in 8th grade. Your input at this town hall will help finalize the new math policy that will be presented to the SF Board of Education in February, 2024.

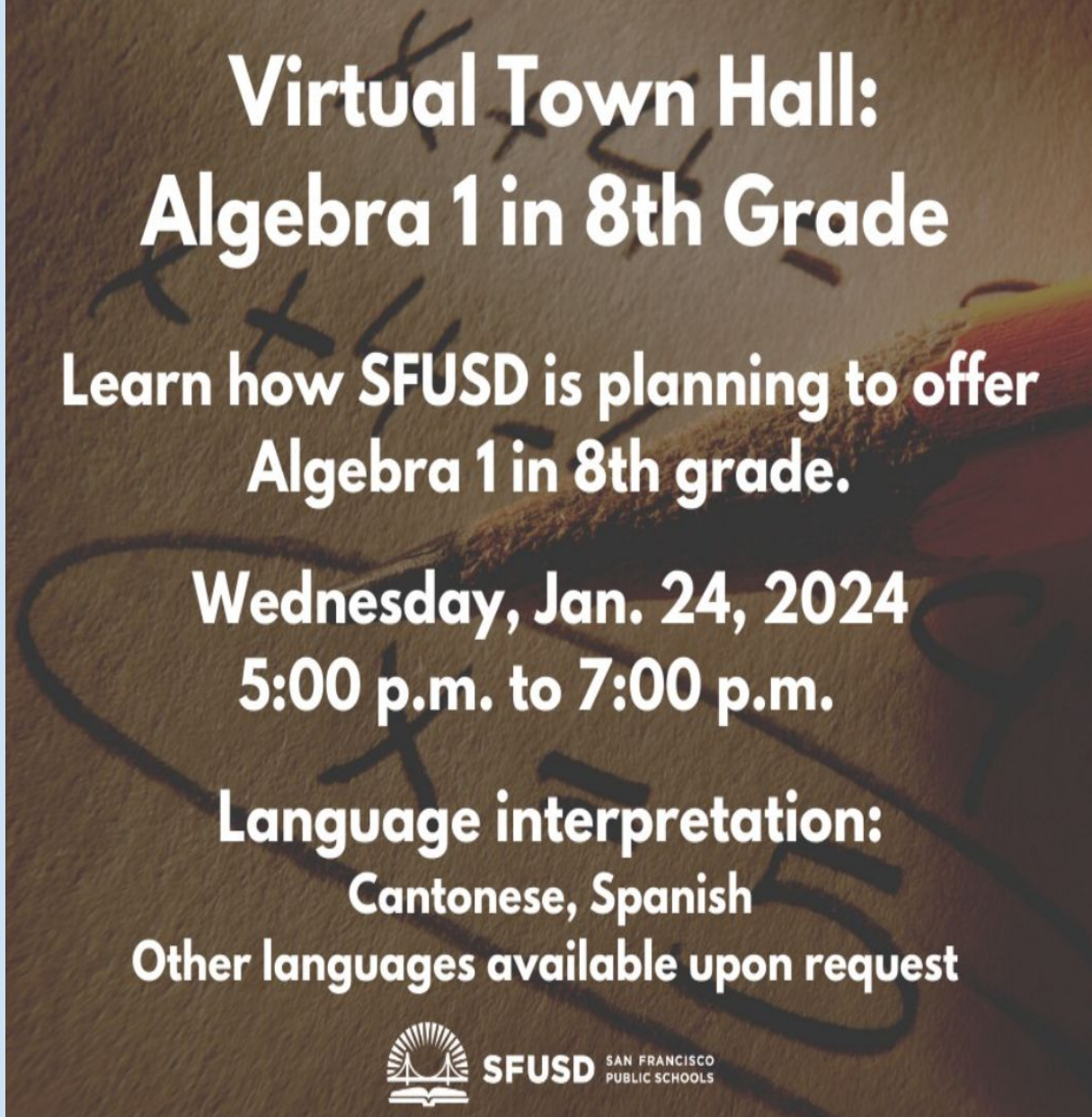
**WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**ZOOM LINK: <https://sfusd.zoom.us/j/88561250211>**

INTERPRETATION: Cantonese and Spanish; other languages available upon request

REGISTER HERE: [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Filipino](#), [Samoan](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#)

**[Flier in multiple languages](#)**


A poster for a virtual town hall. The background is a close-up of a hand holding a pencil, with mathematical symbols like plus, minus, multiplication, and division signs drawn on a wooden surface. The text is white and bold. At the bottom right is the SFUSD logo, which consists of a stylized sun or tree icon and the text 'SFUSD SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS'.

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Algebra 1 in 8th Grade**

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Algebra 1 in 8th grade.

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# AP Giannini MS

Hosted in collaboration with PTSA and Beacon

# GARDEN WORKDAY

**Sunday, January 28**

9:00 to 2:00 PM

AP Giannini Garden

*Come help us spruce up the garden and meet other APG families! Drop in at any time! Wear something comfortable that you can work in!*

**FREE COMPOST PICK-UP**

*See you there!*

# Athletics Announcements

## Giannini Athletics – [SEE MORE INFO HERE](#)

Please make sure to turn in your [physical packet](#) ONLINE to Mr. Cheng or Mr. Alfaro BEFORE the tryout dates in order to be eligible to try out for sports teams. **Physicals should be submitted electronically using [homecampus.com](https://homecampus.com) online for our APG athletics forms.**



HOME CAMPUS

## **APG Track Team**

Track Practices will start on Monday 2/12 in the Upper Yard.

In order to be eligible to join the team, *you must be cleared on Home Campus prior to the tryout dates.*

Interested? Join the Giannini Track 2024 [Google Classroom](#). Class code: cirha7k

## **Come out & Support APG Girls Volleyball**

Schedule [HERE!](#)

## APG Athletics 202-2024 Google Classroom (for students)

Join the [Giannini Athletics Google Classroom](#) for athletics info and updates all year. Class code: jefixvf

## APG Athletics Website & Tryouts Information for All Sports This Year

For more information regarding Giannini Athletics, please visit: [APG Athletics Website](#)

Tryouts Information - [APG Athletics Tryout Information](#)

Questions? Email [Mr. Cheng](#) or [Mr. Alfaro](#)

[Please visit the  
APG Athletics  
Instagram Account](#)



# Save the Date!

## 6th Grade Ocean Ambassadors' Spring Field Trip

### Monday, March 11, 2024

On Monday, 3/11, all students participating in the Marine Mammal Center's Ocean Ambassadors program will go on our spring field trip. This is a boat cruise around the San Francisco Bay and a visit to the Tiburon shoreline for wildlife observation.

Expect to get a communication from your student's 1st period teacher, asking for anyone interested in chaperoning. We need 3-4 chaperones per class, so if you are interested, save the date, and look out for that email. A permission slip will be sent home in mid to late February.

Thanks!





# Clothing Donations for The Wellness Center

Drop off in the APG Main Office or Wellness Center (Room 128)



The Wellness Center kindly requests your clothing donations for our students. We have a high need for the following:

- Sweatpants
- Leggings
- Joggers
- Any gender (size M, L, XL, XXL, or higher)

If you have any questions, please email Allison Dean at [deana1@sfusd.edu](mailto:deana1@sfusd.edu).



# Winter

*Time to get cozy and donate to the  
Jag Fund*

[tinyurl.com/APG](https://tinyurl.com/APG)

**DONATE**



CLICK TO

**DONATE TO THE**  
**JAG FUND**

Please help us by donating to the JAG  
FUND and you will support:

- Outdoor Science & Garden Educator •
- Teaching Materials & Classroom  
Improvements • Department Grants & Online  
Program Subscriptions • Classroom Supplies  
for Students • School Beautification •
- Supplies & Snacks in the Wellness Center •
- Classroom ELA Libraries • P.E. Uniforms •
- Staff Appreciation •
- And Much More!



## How Does the Jag Fund Support Our Staff?

Here is a list of items I purchased for the classroom with the stipend:

- Number Line Decoration to give students a visual aid for ordering positive and negative numbers.
- Caddies for students to keep materials in for their table. Helps students have one item that they can bring to their table for supplies.
- Calculators to replace broken/taken calculators from the previous year.
- Permanent markers to label materials for students.

- Daniel Sandoval  
6th/7th Grade Educator  
Math



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**Support AP Giannini and Donate Today!**

**Visit:**

[tinyurl.com/APGdonate](https://tinyurl.com/APGdonate)





**8th Grade Families -  
don't miss out on this  
wonderful way to  
celebrate your  
8th Grader in May!**

**[Order Request Form](#)**

APG  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

2024  
LEIS  
FUNDRAISING

*Congratulations*

PRICES

Our prices range  
from \$10-\$50  
for complete pricing  
and more style please  
scan our QR code

SCAN TO  
ORDER



PARENTS:

Order your student's  
leis through our  
fundraising & help  
APGMS PTA  
raise funds  
for our students



CONTACT NKC LEIS FOR QUESTIONS OR  
CONCERNS

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Facebook: @nkcleis  
Instagram: @nkcleis  
(415)713-2712



# **SFUSD 2024-25 School Year Academic Calendar**

## **Approved by the School Board**

The academic calendar for the 2024-25 school year was approved by the School Board on January 9, 2024. The calendar is available in **English, Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Samoan, Spanish, and Vietnamese**. The calendar also includes a list of major religious & community holidays intended to increase awareness and understanding and which may affect student attendance. Student marking periods, parent-teacher conference weeks, and work calendars for district staff will be set in the next month.

## **SFUSD Calendar**



# Put it Out, Before it Puts You Out



-Be kind to your heart and lungs-



## ANTI-SMOKING/VAPING ART & VIDEO CONTEST



## PRIZE: WIN UP TO \$200



A special opportunity for SFUSD students

### CREATE A:

- Video -ART PIECE- Minimum 8x11
- Poem Maximum 11x17
- Infographic
- Spoken word -VIDEO- 30-90 seconds
- Digital art

\*Be sure to include three facts about anti- smoking/vaping

### SIGN UP HERE!!



All submissions due on April 19th, 2024

### CATEGORIES

- Elementary School (4th & 5th grade)
- Middle School
- High School
- LGBTQ Community



### FOR MORE INFO:

<http://tinyurl.com/sfusd-shab-psa-contest>



# SFUSD Anti-Tobacco/Vaping Art and Video Contest: Put It Out, Before It Puts You Out!

SFUSD students Grades 4-12 get to create either a 30-90 second video or any form of art (spoken words, poetry, infographics) in a minimum of 8x11 and maximum 11x17 to help spread the awareness of tobacco and vaping prevention. Students can win up to \$200 for their original creations.

- Submissions are due on April 19, 2024.
- Submissions must include 3 facts about the harm of smoking or vaping.
- For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/sfusd-shab-psa-contest>
- To submit an entry: <https://bit.ly/2024PSAcontest>

Contact Najwa Ahmed ([ahmedn@sfusd.edu](mailto:ahmedn@sfusd.edu)) if you have any questions!







**SFUSD is pleased to offer a family engagement curriculum to all families of students from Pre-K through 8th grade that sends learning tips for parents and caregivers to use with their children. ParentPowered's family engagement curriculum is a free research-based text messaging program for families with children ages 0-14 that builds on daily routines and sends messages that match a child's age. Each message supports healthy child development with actionable insights, research-based activities, and learning extensions that are:**

- **Fast and fun to do, for kids and their grownups**
- **Accessible to everyone — no extra materials required**
- **Strengths based, building on existing family routines**
- **Tailored to each child's age**

**Each week families receive 3 texts with fun facts and tips on ways to help children stay on track to meet their learning goals. Many SFUSD PreK through 8th grade families already received these texts in previous school years, and report the service is a helpful resource for supporting their children.**

**The [ParentPowered program](#) will launch on January 22nd for families that weren't previously enrolled. If a family has opted out but would like to re-enroll, they can text START to 70138. Please email Tim Burke at [burket@sfusd.edu](mailto:burket@sfusd.edu) with any questions.**



**CalKIDS gives children in California a jump start on saving for college or career training.**

The State of California is proud to announce the launch of the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS).

To be eligible for CalKIDS, participants must be:

1. Born in California on or after July 1, 2022; or
2. An eligible low-income public school student in grades 1-12\* in California.

All participants receive a seed deposit in a CalKIDS account to help pay for future education after high school!

To learn more, visit:

[CalKIDS Website](#)



# Have you heard of our local Working Families Credit?

You can get **\$250** if you qualify for the federal or state Earned Income Tax Credit and are a parent living in San Francisco.

Get an application or apply online at **FreeTaxHelpSF.org**

If you have questions, you can call us at **(415) 557-6284** or email **wfc@sfgov.org**



And remember, there are **FREE** tax filing services available if your **2023** income was **\$64,000** or less. Learn more at **FreeTaxHelpSF.org** or call **211**.

## San Francisco Working Families Credit

The City and County of San Francisco offers \$250 to low-income parents who qualify for the federal or state Earned Income Tax Credit and are living in San Francisco.

Also, there are **FREE** tax filing services available if your 2023 income was \$64,000 or less.

Learn more:

[FreeTaxHelpSF.org](https://www.freetaxhelpsf.org).

Questions:

Phone: 415-557-6284

Email: [wfc@sfgov.org](mailto:wfc@sfgov.org)

**Deadline to apply is Apr. 16, 2024**

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Every 5 years, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development reaches out to the San Francisco community to learn about your housing preferences and needs. We also reach out to understand your experience with housing services, non-housing community services, and workforce development services offered by the City of San Francisco. Your responses will inform decisions we make about how to design and improve services and other resources to meet the housing needs of our residents.



**[LINK TO SURVEY](#)**  
**[\(MULTIPLE LANGUAGES\)](#)**



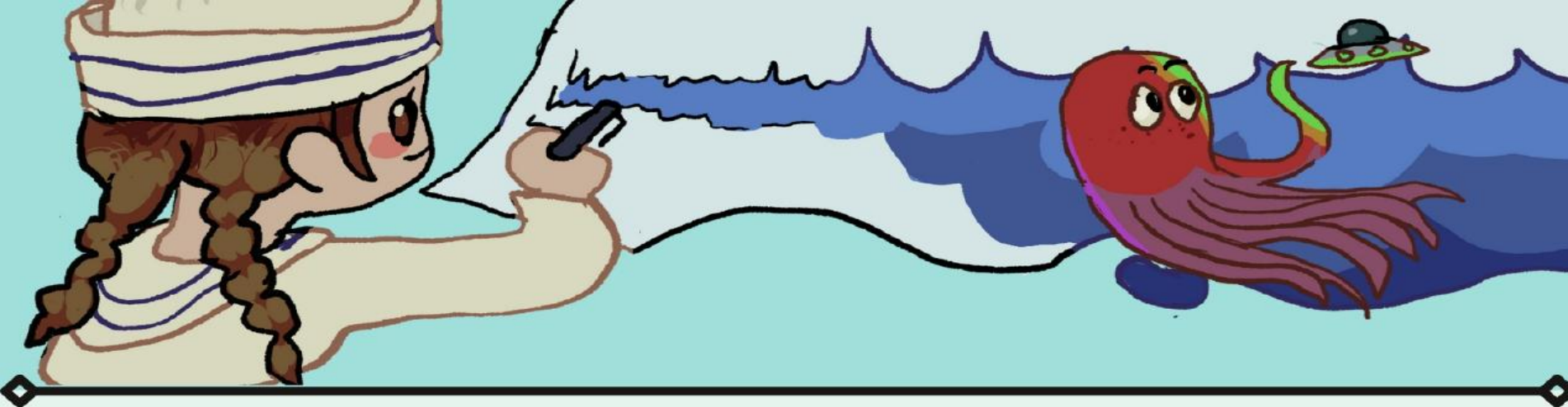


Start your summer planning today! SummerGATE will be based in the Outer Sunset at 40th and Lawton from June 10th - August 2nd, 2024, offering top notch, K-8, STEAM-based classes, including *Coding/App Building, 3D Printing, Robotics, Cooking Club, Photography, Journalism, Theater Arts, and Sports Clinics in Volleyball and Basketball*. Signature SummerGATE classes, such as *Harry Potter and His Wizardry, Mad Scientist's Lab, Lego Engineering, Dragon Tales* and more, will also be on offer. **Rising 8th graders will have the option of a half day of classes and a half day of TA work (spots limited). Students in 9th grade and up may apply for TA positions.** Priority Registration opens on January 15th, 2024. General Registration will open on January 25th, 2024. **Generous financial aid is available to those who need to apply.**

**For more information: Email: [infosummmerge@gmail.com](mailto:infosummmerge@gmail.com) Website: [summergate.org](http://summergate.org)**







## FREE WRITING WORKSHOPS AT 826 VALENCIA

826 Valencia hosts regular writing workshops for students 8-18. Offerings are always rotating, so keep an eye on this calendar for new workshops every month!

826 Valencia organiza regularmente talleres de escritura para estudiantes de 8 a 18 años. Las ofertas van rotando, así que no pierdas de vista este calendario para ver los nuevos talleres cada mes.



Scan here to view open workshops!

Be creative! Learn new skills! Meet people!  
Become a published author!

**APPROVED**  
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Approved by: [Signature]  
Expires in 90 days.

Fill out an application online by scanning the QR code above.

Contact us with questions!  
workshops@826valencia.org  
(628) 226-3350



A nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting under-resourced students ages six to eighteen with their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write.

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[826 Valencia Workshop Calendar](#)

628-226-3350

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WANT BETTER SUPPORTS FOR LGBTQ+ STUDENTS?

CALLING ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!  
JOIN THE QUEER & TRANS\* ADVISORY  
COUNCIL (QTAC)!

TELL SFUSD WHAT YOU NEED!

DECEMBER 6TH, 2023  
JANUARY 31, 2024  
MAY 1ST, 2024

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FROM 5:00-6:30PM

EARN UP TO \$300!!!  
FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED!



Join The SFUSD Queer & Trans\* Advisory Council (QTAC): Calling all middle & high school students interested in advocating for the needs of LGBTQ+ students in SFUSD and to community stakeholders.

- January 31, 2024
- May 1st, 2024

All Meetings will be held from 5:00-6:30pm Earn up to \$300!!! Food will be provided!

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[More information on QTAC](#)

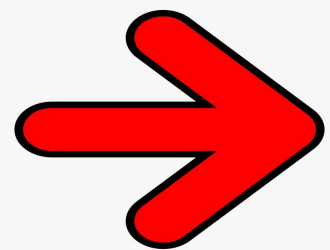
\*\*\* Seeking two high school LGBTQ+ sophomores or juniors interested in sitting on SFUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

You can find more details about what LCAP is and how it will shape the decisions the district makes for the next three years [here](#).

SFUSD Students can apply to both QTAC and LCAP on the same Google Form [CLICK HERE](#)

# Permit to Leave School Early or for a School Tardy

**NEW!**



**Email**  
**[404\\_apgattendance@  
sfusd.edu](mailto:404_apgattendance@sfusd.edu)**

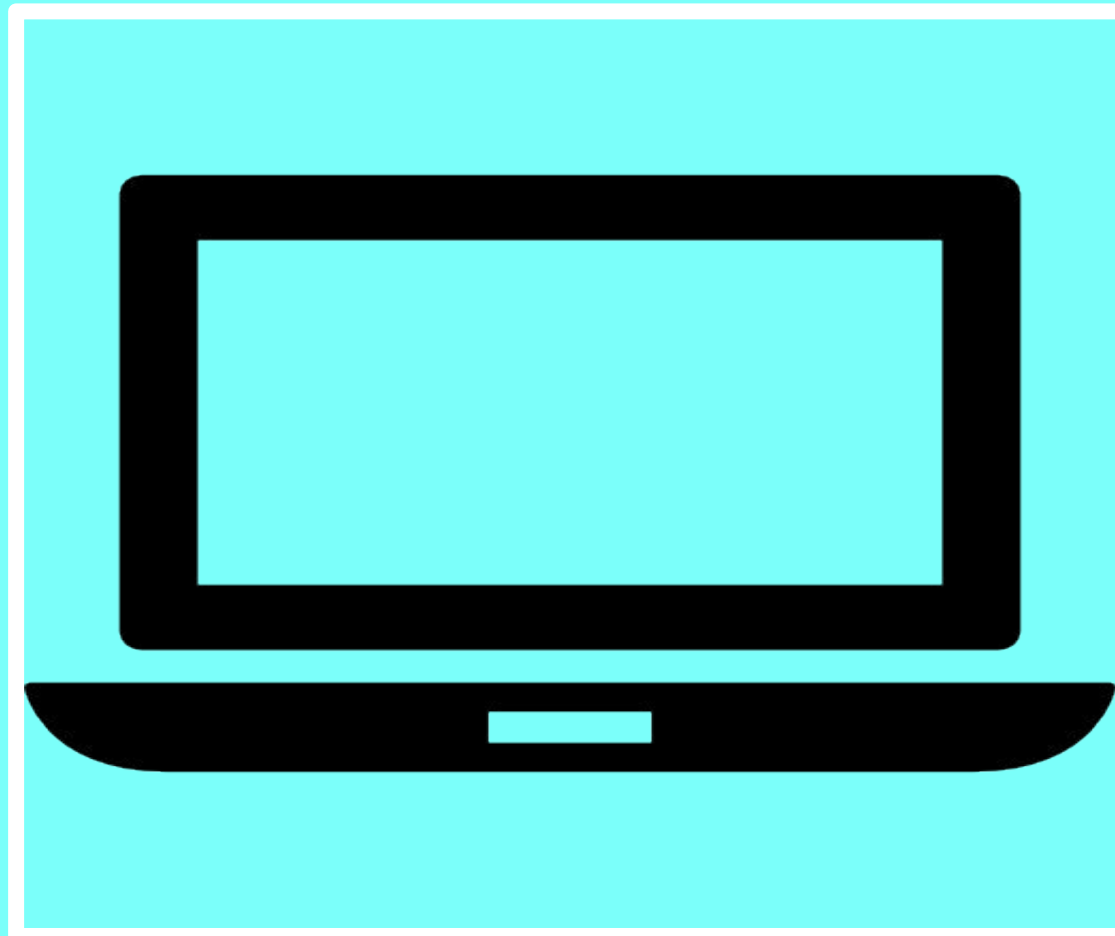
**Student can bring a written  
note from parent/guardian to  
the Counseling Office  
(Room 231)**



# Report an Absence Online

*For One day or Multiple days*

[Click Here for  
Absence Reporting Form](#)



# APG Attendance Policy (part 1)

## Report a Student Absent

For Parent/Guardian Use \*\*\*ONLY\*\*\*

[Please complete this online form](#) ONLY to report your Student Absent ALL DAY or MULTIPLE DAYS. Please DO NOT email the student's Counselor for attendance issues. DO NOT use this form to request a Permit to Leave School. For a Permit to Leave School have your student provide a note to the Counseling Office before 9:30am Allow at least 5 days for the report to reflect in the Student's record.

See details for [Valid Excused Absences by CA State Law](#)

## Permit to Leave School

If your student needs to leave school for an appointment they must first get a Permit To Leave School from the Counseling Office. Students WILL NOT be allowed to leave campus without a Permit to Leave School. Please have your student bring a note to the Counseling Office to PICK UP a Permit to Leave School between 9:00AM - 9:30AM The note must have the following information: Student Name and Grade, Date, Time and Reason for Leave, Parent Name & Signature.

If you email your request to [404\\_apgattendance@sfusd.edu](mailto:404_apgattendance@sfusd.edu), your student MUST PICK UP their Permit to Leave School in the Counseling Office between 9:00AM - 9:30AM.

Students with a valid Permit To Leave School will be allowed to leave campus on their own. Parents/Guardians do not need to enter the building if they have provided their student permission to leave school. Students returning from an appointment must come to the Counseling Office to get an Excused Tardy Pass before they return to class.

See details for [Valid Excused Absences by CA State Law](#)



# APG Attendance Policy (part 2)

## Tardy- Late Arrival to School

Any student arriving at school after 9:35am is Tardy and must report to the Counseling Office. It should be noted that being tardy in any amount of minutes beyond the bell is unacceptable and may result in loss of some school privileges or eligibility for attendance incentive recognitions.

### Attendance Codes in Synergy (ParentVue & StudentVue)

- TE = Tardy that has been Excused
- T = Tardy Unexcused
- T-30 = Tardy Unexcused greater than 30 minutes
- A = Absent Unexcused
- E = Absent Excused
- ACT = School Activity (field trips, athletics, school related events)

## Excused Tardy

To Excuse a Tardy, have your student bring a note from a parent/ guardian/ medical provider to the Counseling Office when they arrive at school. The note must have the following information: Student Name and Grade, Date, Valid Reason for Tardy, Parent Name & Signature. Please provide any documentation confirming medical appointments.

See details for

[Valid Excused Absences by CA State Law](#)

## Unexcused Absences

### Definition of Unexcused Absence

Secondary (middle/high): Missing a full day of school, a class period, or being tardy 30 or more minutes within any class period of the school day.

### Unexcused Absences Include:

1. Missing class or school without an excused or approved reason, whether the absence is student or parent/guardian/caregiver-initiated (eg for childcare or household shopping).
2. Absences for which advance approval is necessary and was not obtained before the absence.

### Chronic Absence

In our effort to promote satisfactory attendance, parents may receive calls after any absence, and can expect calls or written notification if "excused" absences become in excess of 10% of the school days. If excused absences or tardies due to illness exceed 10% of school days, the administrator may request medical verification of the need for absence.

[See Details for The Importance of Attendance](#)

# SFUSD Illness Protocol

## What to do if your student does not feel well?

If your student is exhibiting any of the symptoms below, please have your student stay home and rest.

*Fever of 100.4° F or higher, body chills/shivers	Sore throat	Shortness of breath	Headache	New loss of smell or taste
Nausea or Vomiting	Diarrhea	Body aches	Fatigue	Cough
Pinkeye	Rash	Mouth Sores	Abdominal Pain	Runny Nose

\*For fever: please return to school after 24 hours has passed of being fever-free without medication.

Families may be contacted for further follow up if needed for an ill student. If you are contacted to pick up your sick student, please do so promptly or arrange for them to get home safely immediately. We have limited spaces in our Wellness Center/School for sick students to wait without exposing others.

For more information regarding SFUSD Covid-19 protocol, please visit webpage [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding the SFUSD illness or Covid-19 protocol, please visit webpage [HERE](#) or contact our School Nurse, Nurse Judy ([ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu](mailto:ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu)).