



## **APG Calendar**

Today to 9/7	Sports Basement Fundraiser, 20% off for Basementeers			
9/3 - 9/5	Boys Soccer, Baseball & Softball Games Begin ( <u>Schedules</u> )			
9/4	Lunch Club Rush, Students, Lunchtime			
9/5	Staff Breakfast (Volunteers Needed!)			
9/5 - 9/14	Garden Fundraiser with Sloat Garden Center; 10% proceeds go to APG Garden			
9/5 - 9/7	Mixto Restaurant + APG Fundraiser; 15% proceeds go to APG			
9/7	Garden Workday in our School Garden, 12:30 - 3:30pm (MANY Volunteers Needed)			
9/10	APG Athletics Basketball Team Info Meeting, 2:15pm, Gym			
9/11	APG Back to School Night, 5:20-8:15pm ( <u>4 Volunteers Needed</u> )			
9/17	Proposition Chicken Restaurant (West Portal) + APG Fundraiser; 10% proceeds go to APG			
9/30	Retake Picture Day ( <u>3 Volunteers Needed</u> )			
Ongoing	Chicken Care Volunteers Needed; Wellness Center Referrals; Join the APG PTSA			

JOIN US! Back to School **Night** Sept 11th 5:20 - 8:15pm

More details about the **B2SN Schedule are** shared on next slide!

> Volunteers Needed \*especially 8:00-8:30pm



#### A.P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL

3151 ORTEGA STREET SAN FRANCISCO 94122

PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, STUDENTS, AND SIBLINGS ARE ALL WELCOME

BACK BACK SCHOOL NIGHT





Meet your student's Teachers Meet the Wellness Team and Beacon Staff Learn about our PTSA **Purchase Jaguar Gear** 

No food/drinks provided or permitted. Please eat your snacks/dinner off-site, before or after the event.











## **Back to School Night Schedule**

(PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR STUDENT <u>BEFORE</u> THE EVENT TO GET CLASSROOM NUMBERS AND TEACHER NAMES FOR EACH CLASS PERIOD TO MAKE IT EASIER TO GET TO THE RIGHT CLASSES.)

- 5:20pm: Doors open at main entrance by stairs/ramp; Jaguar gear for sale; meet APG/Beacon/Wellness staff & PTSA Board at red tile lobby by auditorium.
- 5:30-6:00: Welcome & Band Performance (Auditorium)
- 6:00-6:15: 1st period \*There is NO 0 Period/Advisory
- 6:20-6:35: 2nd period
- 6:40-6:55: 3rd period
- 7:00-7:15: 4th period
- 7:20-7:35: 5th period
- 7:40-7:55: 6th period
- 7:55-8:15: Buy Jaguar Gear, meet PTSA Board; event ends



PLEASE PLAN TO EAT BEFORE OR AFTER THE BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT AT SCHOOL. THERE IS NO FOOD OR DRINK PROVIDED OR PERMITTED DURING OUR BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN OUR STAFF PARKING LOTS; ALL THE SPOTS IN BOTH LOTS ARE RESERVED FOR APG TEACHERS AND STAFF.



## **BEST OF LUCK, AILEEN!**

Our wonderful Family Liaison, Aileen Sar, will be leaving A.P. Giannini this week. After six wonderful years as our Family Liaison, she'll be moving upward in her career and will continue to serve families across San Francisco.

Thank you, Aileen, for your dedication to our APG Students and families. You made our community brighter with all the connections you created! You'll be greatly missed by our community.

As we look for our future APG Family Liaison, please direct any family engagement questions to our Beacon Director, Allison Bamaca, at <a href="mailto:abamaca@bacr.org">abamaca@bacr.org</a>.

Fruit

Muffin (V)

Fruit



Fruit



with salsa 🕡





Fruit







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Pizza - Pepperoni, Cheese (7), 5 or Chefs Choice

Spicy Chicken Sandwich Spicy Plant-Based Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕥

Two Bean Salad & Curried

Turkey Chilaqueles

Veggie Chilaqueles (V)

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕥 with String Cheese

Sides Baby Carrots & Broccoli Slaw

Sweet Thai Chili Chicken Stir Fry with Rice

Plant-Based Sweet Thai Chili Stir Fry with Rice

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich W

Cole Slaw & Edamame

Black Bean & Corn Southwest Salad with Tortilla Chips Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕥

Sides Tomatoes and Cucumber Cups & Roasted Potatoes

Chicken Adobo with Rice Tofu Adobo with Rice

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich (V

Sides

Sweet Potato Fries &

Chicken Bites
Chicken Bites
Potatoes & Dinner Roll

9 Plant-Based Nuggets VG

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕐

Sides Two Bean Salad & Curried Cauliflower

Chicken Fried Rice Tofu "Egg" Fried Rice VG

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich W

Sides Baby Carrots & Broccoli Slaw

Chicken Meatball Soup

Cannellini Bean Soup VG

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕔

Sides Cole Slaw & Edamame

Pizza - Pepperoni, Cheese (V), 12 or Chefs Choice

Seasonal Fruit and Yogurt

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 💟

Sides Tomatoes and Cucumber Cups & Roasted Potatoes

All Beef Cheeseburger [] Tofu BBQ Burger Va

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🚺 Sweet Potato Fries &

Tikka Tuesday Chicken Tikka with rice Chickpea Tikka with rice VG

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕥 Sides Two Bean Salad & Curried

Taco Pasta with Turkey with Corn, Black Beans, and Bell Peppers

Plant-Based Taco Pasta W Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich VV Sides Baby Carrots & Broccoli Slaw

Szechuan Chicken Dumplings Szechuan Veggie Dumplings

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich (7) Sides Cole Slaw & Edamame

Pizza - Pepperoni, Cheese (V), or Chef's Choice Fish & Chips

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich V with String Cheese

Sides Tomatoes and Cucumber Cups

All Beef Hot Dog 22 Seasonal Fruit and Yogurt 👩 Parfait

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕦

Sweet Potato Fries & Elote Corn

Spicy Chicken Sandwich Spicy Plant-Based Sandwich VG

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕥 with String Cheese

Two Bean Salad & Curried

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Cole Slaw & Edamame

Stir Fry with Rice

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Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕡

Sides Tomatoes and Cucumber Cups & Roasted Potatoes

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Chicken Bites with Roasted Potatoes & Dinner Roll Plant-Based Nuggets VC

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich

Sides Two Bean Salad & Curried

Chicken Fried Rice Tofu "Egg" Fried Rice VG

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Chicken Meatball Soup

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Sides Cole Slaw & Edamame

Pizza - Pepperoni, Cheese (V). Seasonal Fruit and Yogurt 🚺

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seedbutter & Jelly Sandwich 🕚

Sides Tomatoes and Cucumber Cups

LUNCH **ALMUERZO** 午餐



Thank you for dining with us!

Gracias por cenar con nosotras!

感谢您与我们一起用餐!

Available every day:

Choice of 1% or 1% Lactose Free Milk (Optional) Seasonal Fruit + Veggies



For school food updates, follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. @SFUSDSchoolFood

Find more information at sfusd.edu/schoolfood.





NUTRITION





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August

## Harvest of the Month



Find these components in your school lunch!

#### **Fun Facts**





- Cucumbers soaked in vinegar for a period of time turn into pickles!
- Feeling stressed? Cucumbers can help because they contain vitamin B, which can help with stress.



#### Easy Ways to Eat at Home

1. Slice some cucumbers for a veggie platter with your favorite dip.



2. Slice cucumbers with cherry tomatoes, add olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Enjoy!



3. Add cucumber and lemon slices to water for a refreshing and hydrating drink.



## **Multipurpose Family Income Form**

#### MFIF Eligibility Impact Beyond School Meals, with this application you can:

- 1. Help secure **essential funding** for your school, like support for teachers and school supplies
- 2. Become eligible for **discounted utilities** like internet for your home
- 3. Become eligible for after-school programs and SAT fee waivers
- 4. Receive benefits regardless of citizenship status

Create an account today and apply online through SchoolCafe (available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese). Allow 5 business days for processing. You will be notified via email (to the address you have on file with the Enrollment Office) that your eligibility results are ready to access.

Apply at SchoolCafe.com



A.P. Giannini cares about our students' mental health! Refer a child to receive services from the Wellness Center.

Once a referral is made, the student will be contacted by a member of the Wellness Center for a short consultation.

## Make a referral for your student!

### APG's Wellness Center Referral Form for the '25-'26 school year is now open!

Referrals can be made for check-ins with our social worker, outside organizations, and more.

### <u>ATHLETICS</u>

Congrats to all our student athletes who made it on our Girls Softball, Baseball, and Boys Soccer teams!!!

Games begin TODAY 9/3 - 9/5; See Schedules on <u>CIF SF</u>: <u>Baseball</u> <u>Softball</u> <u>Boys Soccer</u>

Athletic Gear can be ordered online at 1st Place Spiritwear HERE. Sale Ends 9/23/25.

25% Sale Now + free shipping on \$75 or more! Sort your online gear search by official logo and sports type.



★ PAPERWORK THROUGH HOME CAMPUS ★ The SFUSD Athletics Office asks parents / guardians to submit all athletic paperwork at <a href="https://www.homecampus.com">www.homecampus.com</a>

- Use this **LINK** to create an account and complete paperwork
- Use this <u>LINK</u> for instructions on using Home Campus
- Follow this **LINK** for a Home Campus walkthrough video

Student Athlete Pre-participation Physical Form Requires doctor signature. Upload page 4 of this form to athlete's Home Campus account.

Parent Consent Form If not checked off on Home Campus, one form required for each sport. Athletes can only participate in tryouts once all forms are completed and submitted on Home Campus and they receive an official clearance from us.

For more information about athletics, please click here: <u>APG Athletics Information</u> For an overview of Tryouts, visit: <u>Tryouts</u>.

Please email Athletic Director, Mr. Alfaro, at <u>alfaroii.c@sfusd.edu</u> if you have questions,

Follow APG Athletics on **INSTAGRAM** 



## Softball, Baseball, and Soccer Games

Wednesday, September 3 Boys Soccer

VS Lilienthal 3:30pm Beach Chalet Field 1

Thursday, September 4 Baseball

VS BVHM 3:30pm West Sunset Field 1

Friday, September 5 Girls Softball VS Presidio 3:30pm Rossi Field 1



# 20% OFF Sports Rasement BASEMENT

FOR THE **AP GIANNINI** COMMUNITY!

BASEMENTEERS\* SCORE 20% OFF:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 to SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7







#### \*NON-BASEMENTEERS STILL SAVE 11%!

\*Even sale items! Coupon combines with store specials and markdowns but not other coupons. Coupon not valid on trips, rentals, gift cards, bikes or services. See website for exclusions. POS: 2050009260248. ONLINE: APGIANNINI. Valid from 8/21/25 to 9/7/25.

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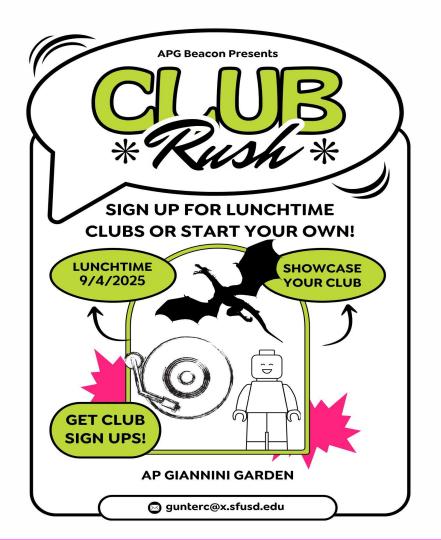
#### ★ SPORTS BASEMENT BASEMENTEERS ★

**Sale: today to Sunday, September 7th**, Sports Basement has a special discount for back to school shopping. Shopping Online? Your discount is already preloaded

—<u>https://shop.sportsbasement.com/</u>! Or, use the code APGIANNINI at checkout. Shopping In-Store? Show the flier at checkout to receive your discount. POS Code: 2050009478278.

P.S. Not a Sports Basement Basementeer yet? <u>Join today</u> for \$25 (lifetime fee!) to unlock even more perks and benefits! 10% off for life and 10% back to local schools (like A.P. Giannini!) and non-profits. Already a member? You can update your Beneficiary to A.P. Giannini -- <u>Update My Sports Basement Beneficiary</u>

Ongoing: If you're a member of the Sports Basement Basementeer program, make sure to choose AP Giannini as your beneficiary. APG will receive 10% of profits every time you shop! You can do this when you join OR you can easily update your beneficiary anytime right <u>HERE!</u>



## September 5th Staff Appreciation Breakfast

We'd love FOOD & COFFEE +

VOLUNTEERS for our Staff
Appreciation Breakfast on
Friday, September 5th!

## SIGN UP HERE signup.com/go/KBYWPyH

Each month, our APG Families provide a delicious breakfast buffet for our incredible teachers & staff before school starts, at 8:45-9:25AM. Drop off items by 8:00-8:30am. Thank you!







Next Breakfast Dates: Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

Enjoy delicious food at Mixto SF on Judah & 45th THIS WEEK on September 5th to 7th and proceeds go to our school! Owned by an APG Family and local to our neighborhood. Dine-in or pickup orders through the restaurant directly.

Make Your Reservation for Mixto SF Today!





AT A.P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL

**EVERY FIRST SUNDAY** 

Help beautify the garden, get trained on chicken care, meet families!



12:30 TO 3:30 PM

3151 ORTEGA STREET, SF, CA

RSVP HERE: HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/CVUFVJP1DFJ46PDK7









Next Garden Workday
Sunday, September 7,
12:30 - 3:30pm

If you have any questions, please contact our incredible Garden Teacher Ansel Schoonhoven at aschoonhoven@bacr.org







## APG GARDEN FUNDRAISER SEPTEMBER 5 - 14

Shop at any local, SF Sloat Garden Center starting this weekend, 9/5 - 9/14. Mention "AP Giannini" at the checkout and our school garden will receive 10% back from all sales!

While you're there, please consider purchasing local compost & soil to donate to our garden. When you purchase these two items at Sloat this week, we benefit twice!

Questions? Donations? Want to join our fantastic Garden Team? Email our Garden Chairs, <u>Ruben</u> and <u>Cat</u>.

Please spread the word, go shop, & support our amazing garden space. Our students and staff adore our beautiful plants and trees, hanging with the chickens, socializing among flowers + growing vegetables, and relaxing in a green space.

## Sign Up for Chicken Care Here

Questions? Email Garden Teacher Ansel, aschoonhoven@bacr.org



## SUPPORT APG JOIN OUR PTSA









- School Garden
- Outdoor Education Teacher
- Classroom Supplies
- P.E. Equipment and Uniforms
- Teacher Grants
- Library and Wellness Center Supplies
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation
- Family Socials and Events

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Read more about APG PTSA at APGSF.COM

#### PUBLIC WORKS NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION DAYS!



Join <u>San Francisco Public Works</u> & community partners to keep out neighborhoods clean, green and beautiful!

Event date: Sat., Oct. 4 at 8:30

**Kickoff:** Sunset Elementary School Parking Lot, 41st Ave., and Ortega St.

Preparing for the event:

- Work will take place for about 3 hours
- As an outdoor event, sunscreen is recommended
- Wear closed-toe shoes and appropriate work clothes
- Reduce plastic waste by bringing your own reusable water bottle
- Lunch will be served to volunteers at the end

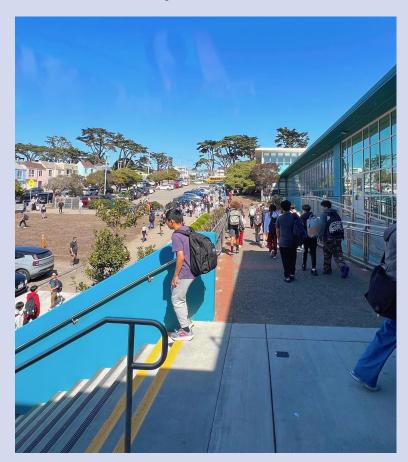
Sign Up Here

## **Ensuring Student Safety**

#### Student Safety is a priority at APG!

Most of our students walk, bike, skateboard, scooter, or take the school buses/MUNI buses to and from APG.

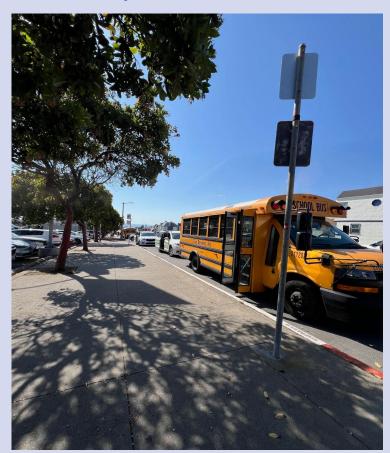
In the first few days of school, there have already been near-misses of vehicles hitting students in crosswalks, close calls of almost- accidents with electric bikes/ scooters /cars/ buses. Many parents/ caregivers have parked illegally in the staff-only parking lots, blocked neighbors' driveways, and exhibited other unsafe behavior to endanger students during morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups.



## **Ensuring Student Safety (2)**

Please pay attention to all the students crossing the streets by our school. If your student is being driven to school, cars/motorcycles/all vehicles are NOT ALLOWED to pull into any of the WHITE ZONES along the school parking lots on Ortega Street, from 37th to 41st avenues, between 9:00am - 4:15pm.

The MUNI and district School Buses also use a large part of 37th Avenue near Ortega as a drop off/pick up zone - Please DO NOT BLOCK BUSES or cause traffic backups near the Ortega St & 37th Avenue intersection.



## **Ensuring Student Safety (3)**

Parking lots are for APG STAFF ONLY! Please do not park in or pull over inside our two school parking lots; these parking lots are only for our teachers and staff use all day, from 8:30am - 5:30pm.

Please do not block our neighbors' driveways on Ortega street across from school or on any other streets when dropping off or waiting for your students. Neighbors have the right to call and get you ticketed for your uncourteous behavior.



## **Ensuring Student Safety (4)**

There are FOUR CROSSING GUARDS from Sunset Blvd down to 41st Avenue to help out students safely walk on crosswalks - please listen to the crossing guards when they hold up their Stop Signs.

NOTE: Sunset Elementary School also has drop off at 9:30am every morning and dismissal times close to ours. There are younger students walking and crossing the streets on Ortega/41st/43rd Avenues.

Let's work together to keep all our students safe! Thank YOU for making a better effort to read the 37th Avenue and Ortega Street signs! YOU can help by staying away from bus zones, avoiding double parking, stopping for students, and pulling over for drop-off or pick-up at the correct times in the loading zones or on side streets around school.



## <u>Attendance</u>

Full-Day Absence	To report a full-day student absence, use the <a href="ParentVUE">ParentVUE</a> portal and select "Report Absence."  This can be done for the current day or a future date.		
Early Dismissal	Use the PTL (Permit To Leave Schoo I) online form for partial day absences. You can also find it on the <a href="#">APG school website</a> under the <a href="#">Attendance tab</a> .		
Late Arrival, Past Absence, or Correction?	For reporting a late arrival, past date absence or correction please email: 404 apgattendance@sfusd.edu		

Please do not email your counselor for attendance matters.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES & ILLNESSES**

#### What to do if your student does not feel well? PLEASE STAY AT HOME!

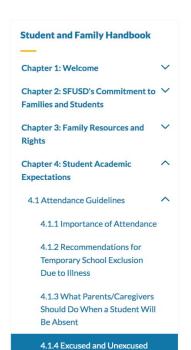
If your student is exhibiting any of the symptoms below, please have your student stay home and rest. For fever: please return to school <u>after 24 hours</u> of being fever-free, without medication, has passed.

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

Families may be contacted for further follow up if needed for an ill student. If you are called 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. If you have any questions regarding the SFUSD illness protocol, please visit webpage HERE or contact School Nurse, Judy (ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu).

## **HANDBOOK: EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

#### 4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused Absences



#### **Excused and Unexcused Absences**

(SFUSD Board Policy 5113 <sup>□</sup>)

#### Valid Excused Absences (Absences Excused by State law)

Verification of student absences is accepted only from parents/guardians/caregivers, or the student if they are 18 years old or older.

CA Education Code 48205 states that a student shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- 1 Due to the pupil's illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
- 2 Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- 3 For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
- 4 For the purpose of attending the funeral services or grieving the death of either a member of the pupil's immediate family, or of a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than five days per incident.
- 5 For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- Oue to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child, for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.

#### **Importance of Attendance**

California law requires that children between the ages of 6 and 18 attend school every day. While the law does not currently apply to children below the age of six, research shows that early education (pre-school and kindergarten) is essential for future academic success. It is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to ensure that their child gets to school every day.

#### Tips for Parents/Caregivers: Getting to School on Time

- Make sure your child goes to bed early and gets a good night's sleep.
- Develop a morning routine (get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth) and stick with it.
- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school every day for academic success.
- Arrange a time every night without interruptions for your child to do homework.

#### **Regular Attendance is Essential!**

National and local research has shown that students with frequent absences, whether excused or unexcused, have lower literacy levels, lower grades and higher drop-out rates than students who attend school regularly.

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Board will work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy. Absence in excess of 10% or more days of school, whether those absences are excused or unexcused, will be considered Chronic Absence.

For support in keeping your child in school, or if you have any questions about District Attendance Policy, please contact your school administrator or the Student Family Services Division, by calling (415) 340-1716, emailing sflink@sfusd.edu or submit an online form at familylink.sfusd.edu.

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT

## PARENTS & CAREGIVERS PLEASE HELP MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT IS AT APG EVERY SCHOOL DAY!

YOUR SUPPORT IS #1 IN
ENSURING YOUR
STUDENT'S SUCCESS IN
ATTENDING SCHOOL AND
LEARNING WHAT THEY
NEED TO KNOW IN
MIDDLE SCHOOL.





## Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- · Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### Make school attendance a priority

- . Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- · Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

#### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor you teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Support your students if you notice signs of anxiety, and if needed, seek advice from your school or health provider

#### Communicate with the school

- . Know the school's attendance policy incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- . Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.

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## Did you know that...

- Research shows that missing just two days of school each month can set students back—whether it's a kindergartener building critical grade-level reading skills, a 7th grader keeping up with core math concepts, or a 10th grader staying on track to graduate.
  - And because public schools are funded based on attendance, strong attendance helps keep essential dollars flowing to our schools.
- Absence is just as high in elementary school, as it is in high school. Supporting students is also about supporting families.
- We have not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels of attendance, so now is the time to act.

