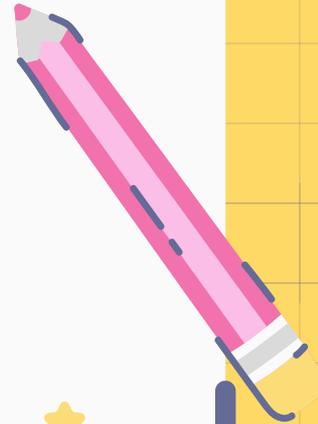




APG Family Bulletin



March 11, 2026



APG Calendar

Help support our
[APG School Wishlist](#)

3/12	Track & Field Meets Begins SCHEDULE
3/13 - 3/22	Garden Fundraiser with Sloat Garden Center
3/18	Student Dance, 3-5pm, Cafeteria; NEED MORE PARENT VOLUNTEERS ; School Site Council Meeting, 4:10pm; PTSA General Meeting + Special Presentation on Media Literacy, 6:30pm, ZOOM . All are welcome!
3/25	Spring Plays, 6-8pm, APG Auditorium TICKETS
3/24 - 3/26	Chalos + APG Fundraiser, proceeds of \$10/dozen empanadas or 10% go to APG
3/27 - 4/3	Spring Break Holiday, No School. APG is closed for 6 weekdays
4/10	Staff Breakfast FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED
4/11	Spring Social Event, 2-5pm, Hellman Hollow/GG Park. Fun, free event for all APG students & families
4/15	PTSA General Meeting + Election, 6:30pm, ZOOM . All are welcome!
4/17	Deadline to purchase 2025-26 APG Yearbook Click Here for 2025-26 Yearbook
4/22	Escape from New York Pizza + APG Fundraiser, APG gets 15% of all proceeds
4/25	Open House + Art/Music Festival VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

School Site Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

Date and Time: Weds, 3/18, 4:10-5:10 p.m.

Location: In-Person, APG Main office (Zoom can be provided, if requested)

Questions? Contact Principal Tai-Sun Schoeman: schoemant@sfusd.edu

3/18/26 Agenda

- Review and approve 2/18 Meeting Minutes
- Vote to approve Carly Chillmon's LCAP member application
- Rapid Response Grant update
- SPSA Review

SPRING DANCE

MARCH 18TH
3:00-5:00PM

Parent Volunteers Needed

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Volunteer Shifts:

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Full Event

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM – Set-Up

2:15 PM – 5:15 PM – Library
Support

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Dance Support

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Clean-Up

A.P. Giannini Student Government presents...

APG Under the Cherry Moon

Join us for our Valentine's Dance!

march 18, 2026
3PM-5PM

ap giannini middle
school cafeteria

Ticket sales @ LUNCH in the YARD
march 11 & march 13

PTSA General Meeting + Media

Literacy Presentation

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:30-7:30pm – ZOOM



All parents, caregivers, teachers, & staff are welcome at our PTSA general Meeting this month. You won't want to miss important info:

- ★ Special Presentation: Jennifer Berger, Media Literacy, *Ready Set Screen*
- ★ Updates from the PTSA Board (events, open positions)
- ★ Update from our Principal
- ★ Questions and feedback from you!

Be engaged in our supportive APG school community and attend our PTSA Meeting to stay informed. See you at our online meeting on 3/18!

APG SSC/PTSA Family Planning Survey 2026-27 SY

Please complete our APG [Survey](#) by 3/20/26 to help inform our APG budget and community priorities for the next school year. All of our activities are aligned to our three school goals:

- A focus on Student Agency/Sense of Belonging
- African American/Latino/ELL student literacy and math achievement
- Addressing the needs of English Language Learners through Systematic English Language Development

Complete one Survey per Family before March 20, 2026. All individual responses will be kept strictly confidential. We will not be sharing names or email addresses.

Thank you for your candid feedback. We value your input and look forward to sharing the results with the APG Community.

[Family Planning Survey](#)

APG Family Culture-Climate Survey

Dear APG Parents/Caregivers,

SFUSD measures school quality by looking at the school's climate as well as the academic performance and social-emotional skills of the school's student body. By **March 19, 2026**, you are requested to participate in a short **online SEL/Culture-Climate Survey**. The family Culture-Climate survey is one important way to help us understand how families feel about our school and their child's learning, and how APG can improve. It is very important that we get as many of our families to respond as possible, so that we have data that truly represents the whole school and not just a few people. Everyone's voice is important! There are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions. We just want to know everyone's honest opinion. Results of the **survey** will be used to assess our programs and initiatives; all reports will be summarized using aggregate data, not individual student/family data.

Some key things to know about the family survey:

- The survey is short, voluntary, and confidential;
- The survey is available online and is translated into Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Arabic and Samoan. To review/complete the survey questions, visit: <http://bit.ly/2S3HdoJ> OR scan this QR code
- This link will work on a computer or any mobile device.
- Please DO NOT share, tweet or post this link on other social media outlets as it is specific to our school.
- Parents with multiple children in this school should **fill out one survey for each student**.
- If you have children in another school, you should fill out a survey at that school as well.



Thank you!

ORDER YOUR APG YEARBOOK TODAY

Our 2025-26 APG Yearbook will have 110 pages; cost is \$34.98 soft cover, \$41.90 hard cover, before taxes.

Deadline is 4/17. To purchase the yearbook, follow the instructions below:

- If you already have a Treering account for a student at APG, log in and start on Step 4.
 - If you already have a Treering account for another school, log in, go to “My Profile” and add APG by clicking "Add New School/Year” with the passcode on Step 2.
 - If you are entirely new to Treering, start on Step 1.
1. Go to <http://www.treering.com/validate>
 2. Enter A.P. Giannini's passcode: 1013464459651010
 3. Create an account with student’s full name (name that is on schedule), grade, and 1° teacher (update to current 1st period teacher’s name.)
 4. Click the “Explore Yearbooks” button
 5. Use the white button to choose Soft or Hard Cover
 6. Click the black “Add to cart” button and click the shopping cart in the upper right corner.
 7. Follow Treering’s order process.

Students may also add 2 custom pages for their yearbook. Otherwise, they will receive 2 extra blank autograph pages.

It is our plan to have all yearbooks shipped to school and distributed to students in late May (shipping to school is free).

All yearbook orders should be placed by Friday, April 17, 2026 to ensure the yearbook is received by the end of the school year. Orders may be placed after that date, but the purchaser will need to pay for shipping to their home.

Contact Mr. Jang with any questions jangj1@sfusd.edu



Follow APG Athletics
on [INSTAGRAM](#)

APG TRACK & FIELD

Practices are daily! Students are required to attend at least two practices each week if they'll be participating in Meets.

Track Meet: March 12th at Lowell HS, 4:15pm [SCHEDULE](#)

*Students should join the Athletics Google Classroom to get details about the team. Please read HomeCampus messages for updates this season.



March 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Parent Teacher Conference Week 2:20pm-3:30pm High Jump Long Distance	3 Parent Teacher Conference Week 2:20pm-3:30pm High Jump	4 Parent Teacher Conference Week MANDATORY WEIGH-IN EVERYONE MEETS IN THE GYM @2:15	5 Parent Teacher Conference Week 2:20pm-3:30pm High Jump	6 Parent Teacher Conference Week UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION EVERYONE MEETS IN THE GYM @2:15
9 4:00pm-5:15pm Long Distance High Jump Spikes Handed out after Practice in PE Hallway	10 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump Spikes Handed out after Practice in PE Hallway	11 Regular Practice 3:45pm-5:00pm Long Distance 2:30 Spikes Handed out after Practice in PE Hallway	12 First TRACK MEET vs. Lawton @Lowell HS 4:15pm	13 4:00pm-5:15pm Long Distance High Jump
16 4:00pm-5:15pm Long Distance High Jump	17 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump	18 Regular Practice 3:45pm-5:00pm Long Distance 2:30	19 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump	20 TRACK MEET vs. Lilienthal @Lowell HS 4:15pm
23 4:00pm-5:15pm Long Distance High Jump	24 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump	25 TRACK MEET vs. AFY @Washington HS 3:45pm	26 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump	27 Spring Break No Practice!

April/May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Spring Break No Practice!	31 Spring Break No Practice!	1 Spring Break No Practice!	2 Spring Break No Practice!	3 Spring Break No Practice!
6 4:00pm-5:15pm Long Distance High Jump	7 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump	8 Regular Practice 3:45pm Long Distance 2:30pm	9 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump	10 TRACK MEET vs. Hoover @Kezar 4:15pm
13 4:00pm-5:15pm Long Distance High Jump	14 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump	15 Regular Practice 3:45pm Long Distance 2:30pm JUMP MEET @Presidio 3:15pm	16 Everyone 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump	17 TRACK MEET vs. Aptos @Lowell HS 4:15pm
20 4:00pm-5:15pm Long Distance High Jump Long Distance	21 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump Long Jump Long Distance	22 Regular Practice 3:45pm High Jump Long Jump Long Distance 2:30pm	23 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump Long Jump Long Distance	24 4:00pm-5:15pm High Jump Long Jump Long Distance
27 All-City Trials @Kezar Stadium 2:30pm	28 All-City Trials @Kezar Stadium 3:00pm	29 All-City Trials (if needed) Practice @3:45	30 All-City Trials @Kezar Stadium 3:00pm	May 1 All-City Finals @Kezar Stadium 3:00pm
May 4, 2025 End of Season Team Meeting in Gym Return Track Uniforms and Spikes				



growing Up
GREEN
Fundraiser Program



APG GARDEN FUNDRAISER

March 13th - 22nd

Shop at any local, SF Sloat Garden Center location from Fri 3/13 to Sun 3/22, Mention "AP Gianni" at the checkout, and our school garden will receive 10% back from all sales!

While you're there, please consider purchasing local succulent & garden 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, Ruben and Cat.

Our students and staff adore our beautiful plants and trees at APG, hanging with our two chickens, socializing among flowers, growing a variety of vegetables each season, and relaxing in a green space. Let's keep up this lovely space!

Happy Gardening!



A.P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA · 家长教师学生会

Can YOU step up to be our
fearless leader as PRESIDENT?

2026-2027 APG PTSA Board Nomination Form [CLICK HERE TO SEE POSITIONS AND INFO](#)

We invite you to nominate yourself or other PTSA members to join our fabulous 2026-2027 APG PTSA Board by [March 16th, 2026](#).

The open Board positions are listed below. We'd like YOU to help and represent our community of 1,200 students, 120+ staff, and 1,150 families.



A.P. GIANNINI
FUNDRAISER

GET YOUR CHALOS TODAY

MARCH
24-26

YOU
CAN'T EAT
JUST ONE!



Let's get our
empanadas on!
Head over to
Chalos on
Taraval from
March 24-26th!!!

USE CODE **JAGUARS2026** AT
CHALOS AND SUPPORT APG!

GET A
BAKER'S
DOZEN

\$10 WILL BE
DONATED TO
APG PER DOZEN

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10% OF IN-STORE
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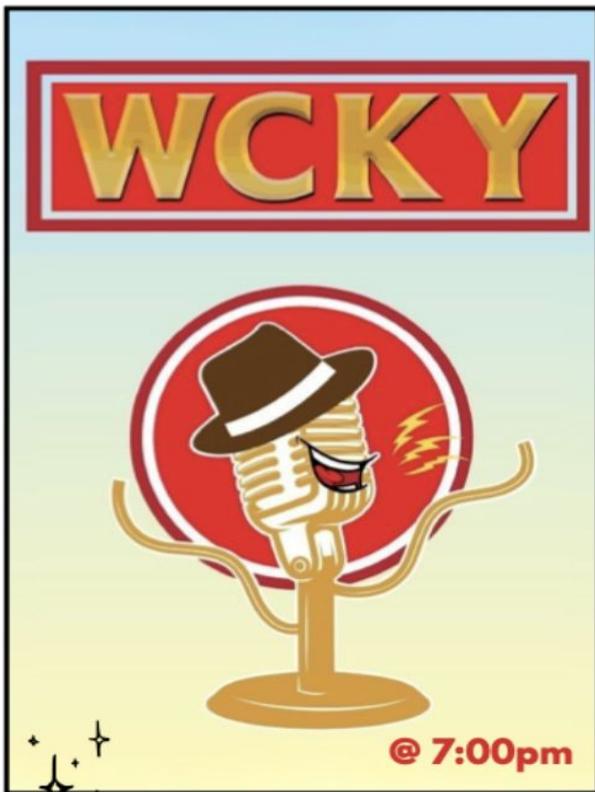
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 2PM AND 4PM - 7PM
SATURDAY 9AM - 4PM



2240 TARAVAL STREET
ONLINE PURCHASES MUST
BE MADE AT: CHALOSSF.COM

Use the code
JAGUARS2026
when ordering
food for proceeds
to APG!

A.P. Giannini Drama Department Presents



@ 7:00pm



@ 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 25th

Reserve tickets at
apg drama.booktix.com

A.P. Giannini Middle School
Robert "Bob" Landis Auditorium
3151 Ortega St.

Suggested donation
\$4/student, \$7/adult



Tickets available here

2026
8TH GRADE
FUNDRAISING

Congratulations

PRICES

Our price start at \$14 for complete pricing and more style please scan our QR code

SCAN TO ORDER



PARENTS:

Order your student's leis through our fundraiser and to help the PTSA raise fund for our students



CONGRATULATIONS




A. P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL



CONTACT NKC LEIS FOR QUESTION OR CONCERNS

8th Grade Families - don't miss this!

Our 8th Grade Promotion is sooner than you think!

ORDER GRAD LEIS

Deadline:
March 31, 2026

**No late orders accepted; the vendor handmakes all items and has to finalize our APG orders by 3/31/26.*

Staff Appreciation Breakfast Donations for April 10th

We'd love **MANY FOOD**
DONATIONS + VOLUNTEERS for our
Staff Appreciation Breakfast on
Friday, April 10th!

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. Please drop off your food items by 8:00-8:30am. Thank you!

Next Date: May 1st



Free, fun,
family event for
our entire APG
Community!



A.P. GIANNINI
SPRING
SOCIAL EVENT

APRIL 11
FROM 2-5 PM

HELLMAN HOLLOW
GOLDEN GATE PARK
TABLES 10, 11 & 12.

Snacks & drinks will be provided.
Please bring your own outdoor
seating & play equipment.

Don't miss it!
Saturday, April
11th from
2-5pm in
Golden Gate
Park!

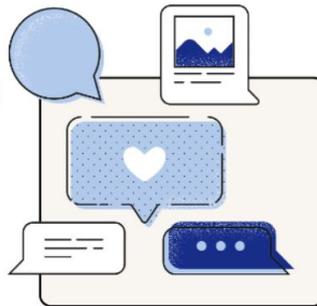


A.P. GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL

APG Tough Talks

Who Are You Talking to Online?

Presented by our APG Librarian,
Shannon Engelbrecht



Wednesday, April 22 at 4:00PM in Library

- 4:00PM - Family Mixer and Dinner
- 4:20PM - Ms. E's Presentation
- 5:00PM - Q&A and Closing



RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/apgtoughtalks> or with the QR Code

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to:



Denelle C. (APG Family Liaison)
crespod@x.sfusd.edu



Danielle S. (Community Health Outreach Worker)
shimw@sfusd.edu



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15%

**OF YOUR ORDER
TOTAL GOES TO
A.P. GIANNINI!**

APG OPEN HOUSE PRESENTS

ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL



SATURDAY APRIL 25TH 2026

10 AM - 2 PM

**AP GIANNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL
3151 ORTEGA ST, SF CA**

APG JAG FUND

Together, we give to
A.P. Giannini

apgsf.com/fundraising/give/

THANK YOU



Donate to the APG Jag Fund

to help our teachers get all the classroom supplies they need for all 1,200 students!

You can make a one-time donation or donate monthly (suggested \$150 from every APG family this year).

Don't forget to ask for matching donations from employers, non-profits, and trusts to double your contribution to APG.

2D PTA Algebra Discussion
with BOE Commissioner Supryia
Ray. All are welcome!

**TODAY, Weds 3/11,
7:00-8:30pm, Zoom.
[Register here](#).**

This session is open to all SFUSD
parents/caregivers for Q & A directly
with BOE Commissioner Supryia Ray.
If you have any questions about the
middle school Algebra/Math
curriculum, please jot down your
question in the form when you're
[registering online](#).

8th Grade Math/Algebra Discussion

Hosted by San Francisco
PTA with BOE
Commissioner Supryia Ray

Q & A session for all
parents

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



**REGISTER HERE:
bit.ly/2D-algebra**

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San Francisco

SFUSD Ad Hoc Committee on Public Engagement

March 12, 2026

Please join us at the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Engagement on Thursday, March 12 at Leola M. Havard Early Education School (1520 Oakdale Ave., San Francisco), from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Food, childcare, and interpretation services will be provided. Parking is difficult; public transportation best.

Ad Hoc Committee on Public Engagement

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

- Ad hoc committee meetings are subject to change.
- Meetings are not official until a formal agenda is posted. [Meeting agendas](#)  are posted on BoardDocs.
- Meetings usually do not take place in the month of July.

The priority for Fall 2025 is to conduct the ad-hoc committees on public engagement and progress monitoring, while the ad-hoc committee on board policy will begin in early 2026. Each committee will consist of three commissioners, have a defined scope and deliverables, and will ultimately make a recommendation to the entire Board. The commissioner assignments for each ad-hoc committee are:

- Public Engagement
 - Committee Chair: Commissioner Gupta
 - Committee Members: President Kim, Commissioner Fisher

RSVP HERE

All families are welcome!

SFUSD 4th to 8th grade students are welcome to join the SFUSD HS Stem Lab at the San Francisco Robotics Competition!

RSVP Link:

<https://forms.gle/4ywoyFNVanVxP3mp7>

Date/Time: Saturday, 3/14/2026, 10AM to 12PM and Sunday, 3/15/2026, 10AM to 12PM

Location: St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco

Students will be led by tour guides from San Francisco's four public school robotics teams (RA SOTA, Lowell, Galileo, and Washington). They will get to meet teams from all over California, including the 2025 World Champions and learn more about what it's like to be on a robotics team!

This event is **FREE** and open to the public all weekend long ([webpage here](#))!



INFO

- Date/Time:
 - Saturday, 3/14/2026, 10AM to 12PM
 - Sunday, 3/15/2026, 10AM to 12PM
- Location: St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco, California

ACTIVITIES

- Meet teams from around California
- Meet recent World Championship Winners
- Learn about FIRST Robotics
- Scout teams and check out cool robots
- Eat the SI cookies



FREE

(AND) FOR GRADES 4-8

SFUSD ACCELERATED MATH PROGRAM, SUMMER 2026

Deadline: [APPLY HERE](#) by Friday, March 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

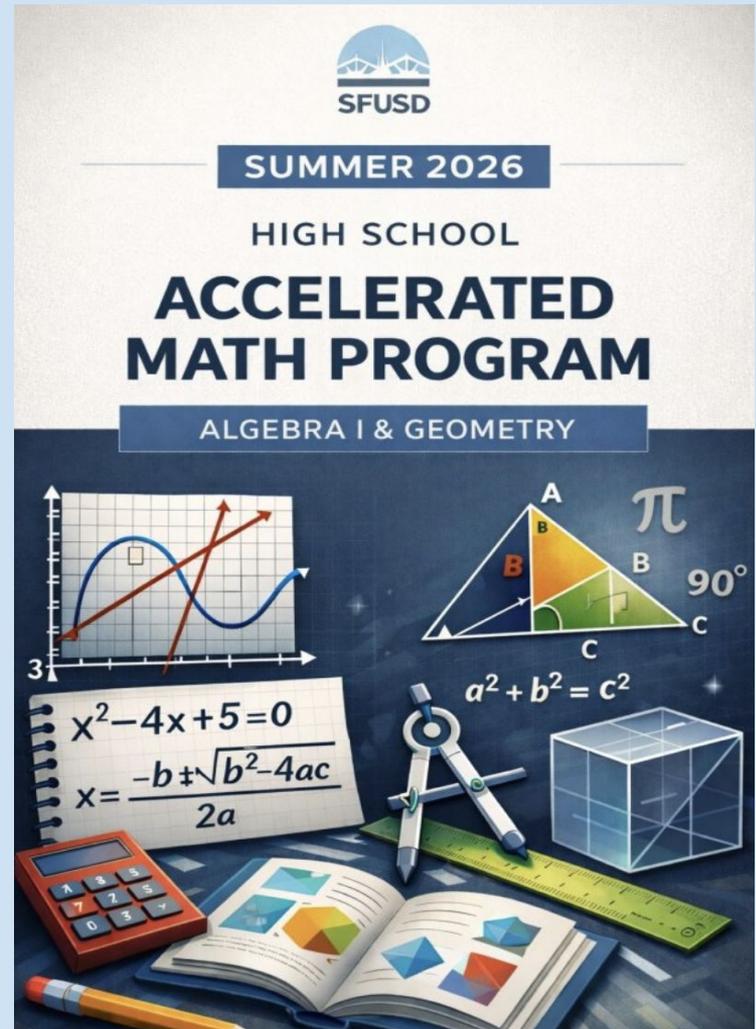
SFUSD will offer a FREE summer math program at [Lowell High School](#) from June 9 – July 17, 2026 (no class June 19 or July 3), 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

I. Accelerated Geometry (for current SFUSD 9th graders)

II. Accelerated Algebra 1 (for current SFUSD 8th graders, part of the 8th grade Alg. 1 Pilot)

- For 8th grade students who have not yet taken Algebra 1 in 8th grade
- Must have a B or higher in 8th grade math
- Self-paced online Algebra 1 with daily in-person teacher support
- Held on campus during the same summer schedule

[INFO ON THE WEBSITE HERE](#)



Climate Action Youth Summit 2026

You are invited to the **2026 Climate Action Youth Summit (CAYS)**! This event showcases the work of San Francisco youth, fostering peer-to-peer learning, inspiring young people, and celebrating the passion, creativity, and innovation driving climate action.

Come join thousands of students and educators for a free field trip filled with inspiring climate solutions and peer-to-peer learning.



Event details



DATE: Friday, April 24, 2026, 10AM - 2PM

LOCATION: Yerba Buena Gardens, 750 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94103

TRANSPORTATION: In honor of Earth Month, we ask attendees to take San Francisco's wide range of public transportation options to get to the event. Exposing students to sustainable, accessible transit options like Muni builds lifelong habits to support Climate Action!

LUNCH: Please bring your own lunch

Environmental Education Team
San Francisco Environment Department
1455 Market Street, Suite 13A, San Francisco, CA 94103
SFEducation.org | (415) 355-3700



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Free environmental programming

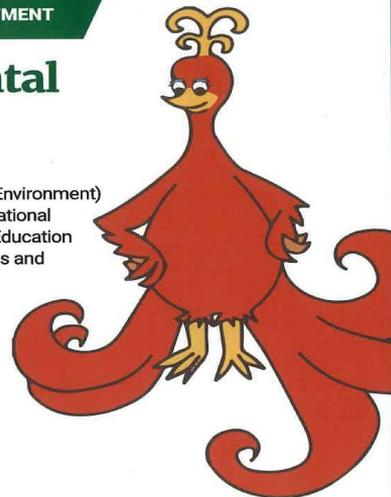
San Francisco Environment Department (SF Environment) provides **free** year-round environmental educational programs to all PK-12 schools and colleges. Education is offered through hands-on, engaging in-class and assembly programming.

Topics:

- Zero Waste
- Food waste/recovery
- Fast fashion
- SF's 2025 Climate Action Plan
- Water conservation
- Water pollution prevention
- and more!

Join SF Environment and Phoebe the Phoenix this 2025-2026 school year by becoming Nature Action Heroes!

Phoebe and the team of environmental educators are ready to come to your school to teach SF youth how their actions can make a difference in the community. Programming is offered in English, Spanish, and Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese).



To schedule a school visit or request more information scan our QR code and fill out our easy form or email: env-education@sfgov.org

San Francisco Environment Department
1455 Market Street, Suite 13A, San Francisco, CA 94103
SFEducation.org | (415) 355-3700

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[Reserve your spot here](#)

Attendance

Full-Day Absence	To report a full-day student absence, use the ParentVUE 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 School) online form for partial day absences. You can also find it on the APG school website under the Attendance tab .
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 after 24 hours 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

Student and Family Handbook

Chapter 1: Welcome ∨

Chapter 2: SFUSD's Commitment to Families and Students ∨

Chapter 3: Family Resources and Rights ∨

Chapter 4: Student Academic Expectations ∧

4.1 Attendance Guidelines ∧

4.1.1 Importance of Attendance

4.1.2 Recommendations for Temporary School Exclusion Due to Illness

4.1.3 What Parents/Caregivers Should Do When a Student Will Be Absent

4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused

Excused and Unexcused Absences

([SFUSD Board Policy 5113](#))

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.
- 6 Due 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.