



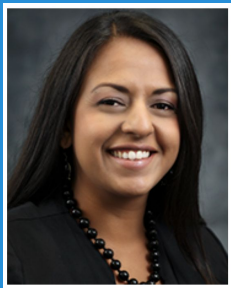
WELCOME TO SMS!

Incoming 6th Grade Info Session
2025- 2026



ABOUT US

SMS PRINCIPALS



ANGELA GUZMÁN

Assistant Principal



VINCE IWASAKI

Principal

ALLISON CRAWFORD

Assistant Principal



GIOVANNI BUI

Assistant Principal

FACTS AND FIGURES

- SMS has 1,050 students
- Classes typically have up to 32 students (PE and Elective classes can be larger)
- All SMS students are issued a Chromebook
- Construction on the SMS campus will continue throughout the 25-26 school year



OUR

Strategic Plan: Sunnyvale Elementary School District

OUR PROMISE

Every student is known by
name, strength, and need,
ready to excel in high school and beyond,
and to lead a *life of joy and purpose.*

PORTRAIT OF A SUNNYVALE LEARNER

- Critical Thinker and Effective Communicator
- Resilient Lifelong Learners
- Healthy Mind and Body
- Effective Collaborator in a Global Society



EQUITY STATEMENT

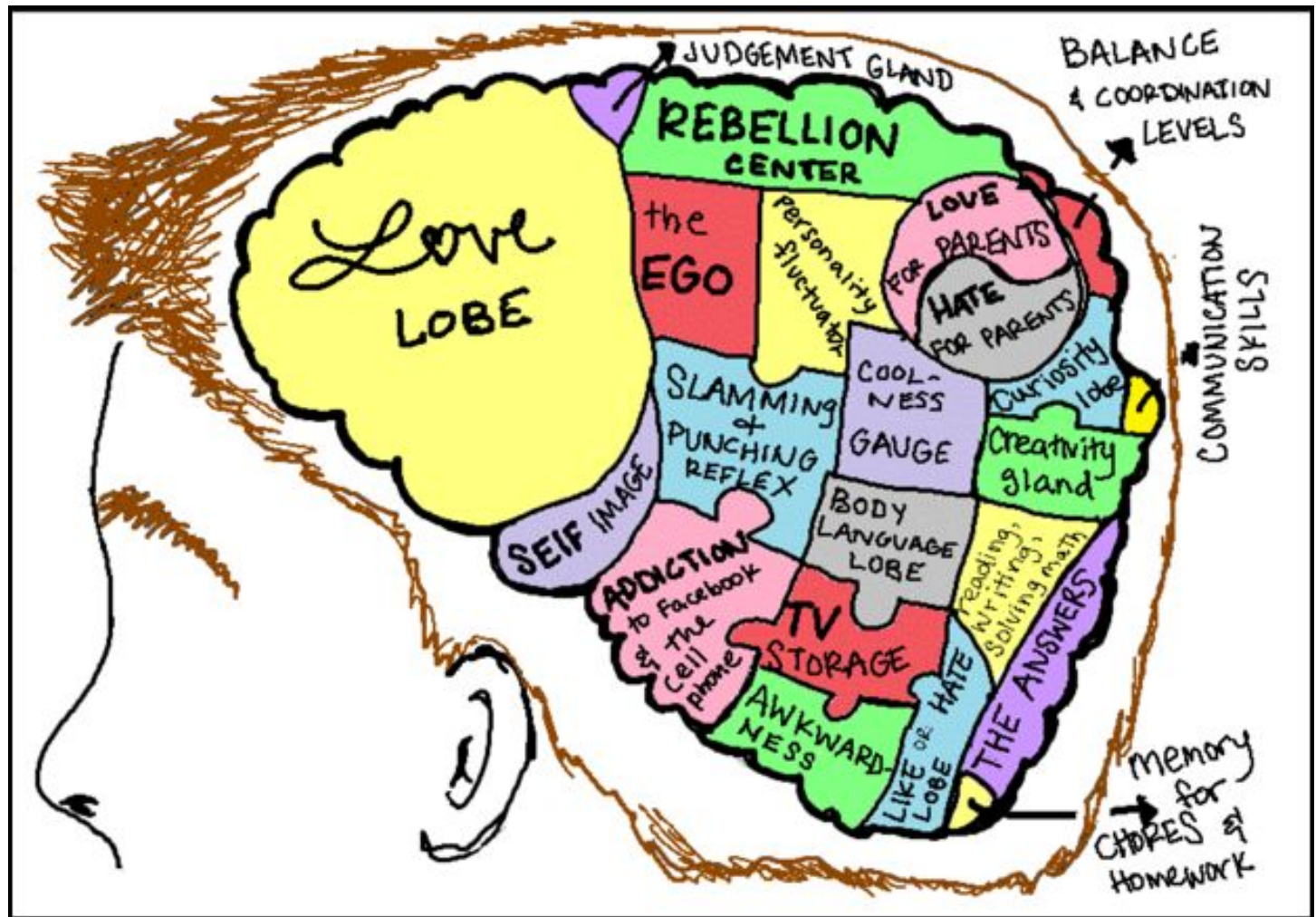
**In Sunnyvale School District,
we believe that equity and anti-racist
practices lead to learning
without limits.**



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Understanding the Middle School Brain Presentation

1 hour zoom
presentation



PBIS

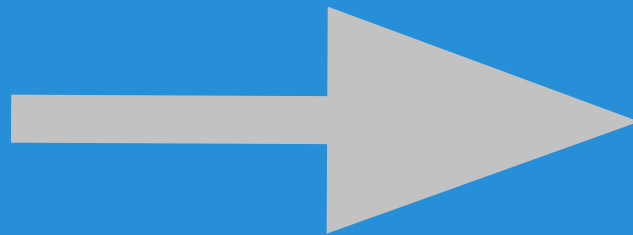
**POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL
INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORTS**



**Restorative
Practices**







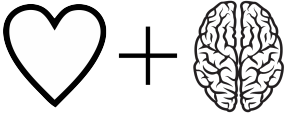








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Academic Support Time



Progressive Discipline

Spartan PRIDE in the Classroom

P PREPARED	R RESPECT	I INTEGRITY	D DETERMINATION	E EMPATHY
<p>Classwork Completed </p> <p>Charged Chromebook </p> <p>Ready to Learn </p>	<p>Use appropriate language </p> <p>Listen to instructions </p> <p>Be On-time </p>	<p>Represent values </p> <p>Accept responsibility </p> <p></p> <p>Do right when no one is watching</p>	<p>Have a growth mindset </p> <p>Challenge yourself </p> <p>Do your best </p>	<p>Just be kind </p> <p>Accept similarities and differences </p> <p>Be safe emotionally and physically </p>

CELL PHONE

POLICY

- Cell phones should be turned off and put away from 8:25am-3:10pm
- If a student is using their cell phone during the school day...
 - **1st time** - student's cell phone will be held in the office, student can pick it up at the end of the day
 - **2nd time** - student's cell phone will be held in the office, an adult caregiver can pick it up at the end of the day
 - **3rd time** - student turns in cell phone to the office daily or leaves their cell phone at home
- ***95% of peer issues start on social media and/or escalate on social media - our cell phone policy is rooted in student safety***

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES







SCHEDULES

SMS BELL

SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Start Time - 8:25am

End Time - 3:10pm

Wednesday

Late Start- 9:36am*

End Time - 3:10pm

*Brunch starts at 9:22am



SMS BELL

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Academic Periods - 51 minutes

AST - 35 minutes

Wednesday

Academic Periods - 41 minutes

AST - 30 minutes



YOUR STUDENT'S CLASS SCHEDULE

ACADEMIC CORE CLASSES - DAILY:

SCIENCE

MATH

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

SOCIAL STUDIES

ACADEMIC SUPPORT TIME - DAILY

ELECTIVE -A/B DAY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION- A/B DAY



SAMPLE A/B DAY SCHEDULES

A Day

1 - Science

2 - Math

Brunch

3 - Math

4 - ELA

Lunch

AST

5 - Social Studies

6 - PE



B Day

1 - Science

2 - Math

Brunch

3 - ELA

4 - ELA

Lunch

AST

5 - Social Studies

6 - Elective

ELECTIVES

Each student will have one year-long elective class in 6th grade - they will request their first choice class along with two back-up classes that they would also be interested in taking if their first choice is unavailable.

ART 6

CODING 6

FOOD & NUTRITION 6

ORCHESTRA 6

BAND 6

CHOIR

MUSIC GENESIS 6



PHYSICAL EDUCATION - PE 6

- Sports PE curriculum in 6th grade
- Students “dress out” in PE uniforms - these are available for purchase at SMS
- A/B day class - 5th or 6th period for all 6th graders
- Students participate in a swim unit every school year



MATH PATHWAYS

Teaching and Learning / Middle School Math Pathways



COURSE REQUEST FORM

Students will request their elective and math course by filling out a Google form in May.

Students and families will be sent information about available electives and a math course recommendation letter before request forms are sent out.

Students at SESD feeder elementary schools will fill out this form with their 5th grade teacher.

Students outside of SESD feeder schools will fill out this form at home with their families.



TRANSPORTATION (ELLIS & VARGAS)

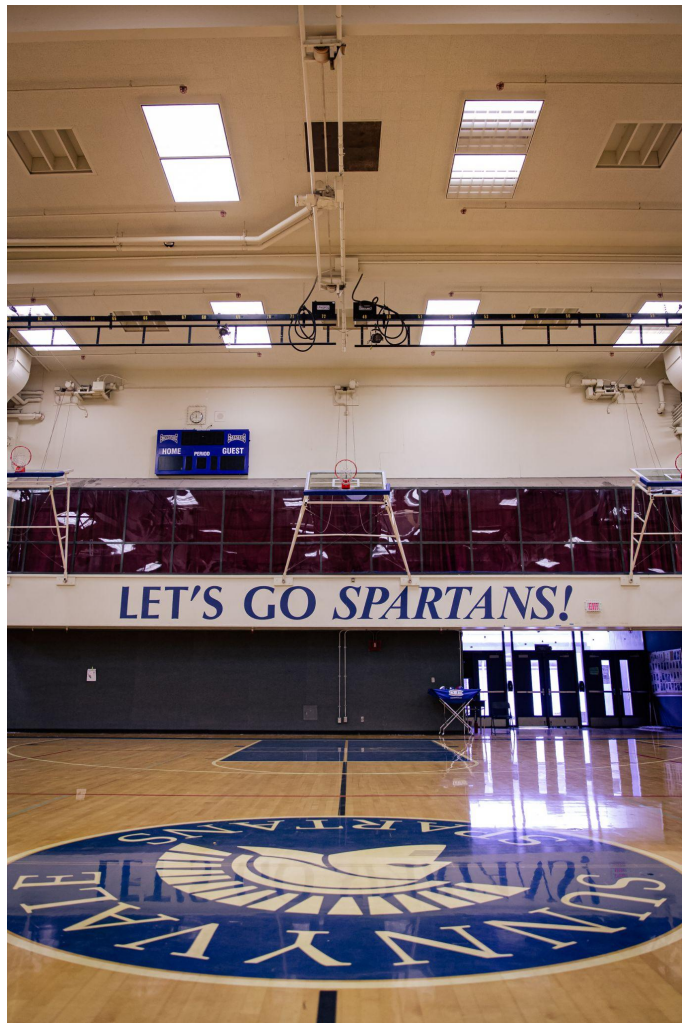
Families in designated areas will register for Transportation. Once granted, families will be given their student's bus stop, bus pass, and pick-up/drop-off times.



In addition, there are buses at:
4:30pm AND 6:00pm

For students attending after
school homework center, clubs,
or athletics.

[Apply for Transportation here](#)



ACTIVITIE

HOMEWORK CENTER

- Monday-Thursday from 3:10-4:30pm
- High school volunteers are on-site to help students with their assignments as needed
- This is a drop-in opportunity, students can come as frequently as they'd like
- Students can leave early if signed out by an adult caregiver



STUDENT CLUBS

Anime Club

Art Club

Climate Club

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Future Business Leaders of America

Gaming Club

Garden Club

GSA - Gender/Sexuality Alliance

K-Pop Club

Lunchtime Movie Club

Latino Student Union

Math & Science Club

Model United Nations

Musical Club

Photography Club

Robotics Club

Star Wars Club

Zero Waste Club

Clubs can change from year-to-year based on student interests.

Any student can start a club!

Clubs meet either during lunch or after school, typically once per week.

OTHER AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

- High School Led Clubs:
 - FBLA
 - Science Bowl
 - Model United Nations
 - Debate
 - Steel City Codes
 - Math Club



AFTER-SCHOOL

ATHLETICS

NO-CUT SPORTS

Cross Country

Wrestling

Cheer

Track & Field



TRY-OUT SPORTS

Basketball

Soccer

Softball

Tennis

Volleyball



WEB (WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS)

TBD: EITHER AUGUST 11TH OR 12TH



- Opportunity for 6th graders to spend time on campus at SMS before the first day of school
- Connects 6th graders with 8th grade student-leaders
- Allows 6th graders meet their classmates before the first day
- 6th graders pick up their class schedule at the end of the orientation event



FAMILY

JOIN THE SMS PTSA!



Support Academic Needs:

- Teacher and department grants
- Field-trips/educational opportunities
- Support for extra-curriculars
- Staff appreciation events

Advocate for Important Issues:

- Enhance communication between school and families
- Advocacy on state and national levels on school policies
- Advocate for needs and concerns of families

Community Engagement:

- Parent education
- Building connections within the SMS community
- Resource for all students and families

Questions? Email: president.sms.ptsa@gmail.com



LATINO PARENT GROUP

- The Latino Parent Group at SMS meets monthly to share information and resources that will benefit our students and families
- This meeting is conducted in Spanish and held in person
- LPG meetings are facilitated by our parent outreach coordinator, Carmen Bliss (carmen.bliss@sesd.org)

WAYS TO HELP AT SUNNYVALE MIDDLE SCHOOL



- Join the PTSA
- Join the Latino Parent Group
- Run for School Site Council
- Chaperone / drive on field trips
- Coach after school sports
- Volunteer to help supervise at lunch
- Volunteer to lead or supervise after school clubs
- Substitute teach



QUESTION

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