7th Grade Parent Orientation Sign-in

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Meyerland Performing & Visual Arts MS
+ Dual Language Program

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At a glance

- Performing & Visual Arts
- Dual Language Program
- Academic/GT Program with High School Credits
- Electives
- Block Schedule
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Dress Code

2022-2023
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• **Outerwear**
  - Sweatshirts, jackets or sweaters: solid, or a combination of white, gray, purple, and black may be worn during the day. Sweatshirts, jackets or sweaters must not contain profane, illicit, or hateful words or graphics.
  - No vests or other outer wear permitted.
  - Outerwear (such as jackets or sweatshirts) cannot be worn inside out.
Dress Code

- **Outer Shirt**
  - T-Shirts: PTO purchased T-shirt, MPVA Club shirt, 8th grade shirt or MPVA House shirt.
  - Collar w/ 3 buttons: PTO purchased, or solid white, gray, purple or black.
  - Students may not wear the MPVA PE shirt as an outer shirt.
Dress Code

• **Pants**
  • Standard solid blue or black pants/ jeans or khakis fitted at the waist and extending to the ankle.
  • The following are not permitted: (1) sagging pants; (2) leggings, capris; (3) holes or other designs above the knee; (4) cargo pants.
Dress Code

• **Shorts**
  - Solid navy blue or black uniform shorts OR black or blue denim shorts, or khakis fitted at the waist and extending to the knee. No cargo shorts allowed.

• **Skirts**
  - Standard, solid blue or black denim or khaki skirts. May not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Slits may not be more than 2” deep; measured from the hem.
Shoes

Closed toe, closed heel only. **No Crocs**, slides, flip-flops, or house shoes permitted; No toe socks/shoes allowed.
Other

- Bags and backpacks: Must be clear or made of mesh material.
- Belts must be worn in belt loops.
- No extra accessories permitted inside the building or classrooms at any time including, but not limited to headwear such as hats, sunglasses, or caps.
- Hoods may not be worn during the school day.
- No jewelry/piercing is allowed for UIL athletic participation. It is strongly advised not to wear pierced ear jewelry during the PE/athletic period.
Core Academic Content

7th grade

- Math
- Science
- English Language Arts / Reading
- Texas History
- Physical Education
- Thinking Skills
- Magnet 1 or Elective
- Magnet 2 or Elective

Reminder

- **Out-of-zone magnet students** are required to have TWO magnet classes
- **In-zone magnet students** may have one OR two magnet classes
- **In-zone non-magnet students** take electives only
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Student Schedules

- Will be passed out during Homeroom on the 1st day of school
- Homeroom rosters will be posted on courtyard windows the Friday before school starts
- All non-teacher faculty members will be available and helping students find their classrooms during transitions
Thinking Ahead

- 7th Grade Grades will for the most part determine which schools students qualify for in H.S.
- School Choice Application window opens in early September- before the 1st grading cycle closes.
- Students should have an idea of the qualifying scores required at their school of choice.
Social & Emotional Development

- Counseling Services
- School-wide Restorative Practices Philosophy and Implementation
- Circles
- Thinkery
- Wraparound Services
Restorative Practices
Philosophy

• Promote the development of social and emotional competencies for achieving caring relationships and peaceful resolution of conflict

• Students experience positive learning relationships with the teacher and with one another through collaborative processes

• Students are taught how to resolve and understand conflict and tensions in respectful ways that engenders trust, empathy, responsibility, and fosters healthy relationships
MPVA Athletics

- Baseball*
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- Kickstart Kids Karate*
- Soccer
- Softball*
- Swim (+PE option)*
- Track
- Volleyball

* 6th grade eligible to participate
MPVA Clubs

• Anime
• Comic Book
• Creative Writing
• D&D/ Adventurers’ Guild
• Debate
• Fashion Club
• Gamers
• LGBTQ+ (PRISM)
• Name That Book
• Newspaper
• NJHS (8th grade only)
• Spanish
• Student Council
• Yearbook

*Based on last year’s offerings
Student Day

- 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
- Students may enter campus at 8:00 AM
- Breakfast served from 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM
- All students must be in Homeroom by 8:30 AM
- Students dismissed from school at 4:00 PM
- Students not participating in an adult-supervised after-school program or activity should be off campus by 4:30 PM
Afterschool Pickup

• Have a plan

• Students not picked up by 4:30 PM will be pulled into the auditorium foyer area and parents will need to come in and sign them out.

• After the second late pickup, a parent will be given a recommendation for our after-care program. There is a fee for the program.
Bus Transportation

Provided for:

1. Zoned students that live more than two miles away from the campus

2. Special education students

3. Magnet students
Accessibility to the Building

- All visitors must check-in at the Visitor's Window
- Must have a valid government-issued photo ID and sign-in on the visitor’s log
- A badge will be issued to the visitor to allow access to the campus
- Failure to obtain a visitor’s badge will warrant being asked to return to the window
- When leaving the campus, the visitor should return to the visitor’s window to sign out and inform the receptionist of his/her exit from the campus.
Student Pickup

• A valid government issued photo ID must be presented before a student is released. The individual must be a listed emergency contact for the student.

• The latest a student may be picked up is 20 minutes before the end of the school day, which is 3:40 PM. If a parent arrives after this time, they will need to wait for the 4:00 PM school wide dismissal.
Bullying/Cyberbullying

- Defined as frequent and targeted physical and/or verbal harassment of a student, either in person, writing or through social media
- Is considered a Level III offense and must be reported immediately to the grade level administrator
- Any incident of misconduct may be reported via the Say Something platform
Say Something

- Anonymous reporting system
- Used to report
  - Bullying
  - Self-harm
  - Harm to others
  - Other concerns or issues
- Can be reported via
  - MPVA website
  - Say Something app
Electronic Devices Policy

- All electronic devices must be completely powered off during the school day from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Electronic devices include cell phones, ear buds, headphones, smart watches, iPads, etc.

- Electronic devices must be stored in a backpack. They **cannot** be kept in pants or jacket pockets.

- Students that violate this policy will have their electronic devices confiscated. Failure to comply with phone confiscation will result in an administrative referral.
Electronic Devices Policy

- Electronic devices will be turned over to the parent/guardian at the end of the school day in the Main Office.

- Upon the third offense of a cellphone violation the parent will be charged a $15 fee (per HISD policy) which must be paid before the device is returned to the parent.

- The cell phone policy applies to all areas of the school, including the hallways during transitions, and the cafeteria during lunch.
Absences & Makeup Work

• Students that are absent will be given an opportunity to make up work missed within five school days upon returning to school.

• During an extended absence, work may be requested (with a twenty-four-hour notice) from the Grade Level Dean.

• Students that are absent the day an assignment is due will be able to turn in the assignment with no penalty the following class period.
Attendance

• When possible, schedule appointments outside of school hours

• If an appointment is required during school hours, parents are encouraged to schedule the appointment for the afternoon

• Students must be signed out at Visitor's Window

• Students will only be released to the parent/guardian or emergency contacts as indicated by the parent/guardian in enrollment documents

• Students will not be released the last 20 minutes of the school day.
Parent Conferences

- In most instances parent conferences include the student’s entire team of teachers.
- Parents may make appointments for conferences by emailing any teacher on the team.
- The team lead will reach out to the parent to confirm the date and time of the conference.
- Students may participate in parent-teacher conferences.
Student Deliveries

• Homework, backpacks or ID’s may be dropped off at the visitor’s window

• The visitor’s window will not hold or deliver food dropped off by parents and there will be no food or beverage deliveries to students during the school day from businesses/ 3rd party vendors (i.e Uber Eats)

• If a student does not bring their lunch on a given day, they can request a free lunch from the cafeteria.
Tardy Policy

Teachers will document unexcused tardies and conference with students and/or parents to address patterns of late arrival to class.

The 4th unexcused tardy will result in a referral to the grade level dean where appropriate consequences will be assigned (i.e. lunch detention; afterschool detention, etc.).

Tardies are counted on a cumulative basis (all classes combined).

Excessive tardies may result in the loss of participation in extracurricular activities (i.e.-dances, end of year activities).
We Need Your Help

- Keep contact information current
  - Phone number
  - Email address
  - Physical address
  - Persons authorized to pick your child up
We Need
Your Help

• Monitor cell phones & social media
  • Text messages
  • Instagram
  • Tik Tok
  • Snapchat
We Need Your Help

- Backpack organization
- PowerSchool App
  - Monitor grades
  - Monitor attendance
  - Monitor missing assignments
Chain of Communication

Teacher -> Dean -> Assistant Principal -> Principal
Join the PTO

• Don’t forget to join the MPVA PTO to receive communications on volunteer opportunities, PTO events, fundraisers, uniform sales and more. Joining the PTO is absolutely free. If you have joined in the past, you can also make sure your contact information is up-to-date by logging in at https://mpva.membershiptoolkit.com.
Join the PTO
BRITTANY PEREZ, BSW
(SHE/HER/HERS)
Ms. Perez, BSW
Room 100
(in the back of the Library,
Wraparound Resource Room located in 119) at
Meyerland PVA Middle School
What is Wraparound?

Non-academic support, which includes, but not limited to:

• Mental health services
• Basic needs (food, shelter, clothing, etc.)
• Legal services
• Extracurricular services
• Community Engagement
• ... and many other challenges that can have adverse effects on a student's readiness and ability to learn.
Your Wraparound Specialist is the Connector!
How Can I help?

I HELP WITH ALL NON-ACADEMIC NEEDS FOR OUR GREYHOUND SCHOLARS, TEACHERS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY!!!
Types of Resources

- Housing
- Financial
- Clothing
- Food
Other Resources

- After School/Enrichment Programs
- Mental Health
- Dental/Vision Assistance
- Parent Engagement
Wraparound Services Provided at MPVA:
How to get help?
Complete a Student Assistance Form
www.tinyurl.com/hisdsaf

Need help? Talk with your Wraparound Resource Specialist!
HISD Wraparound Services-Chavez Feeder
LET’S FILL OUT A SAF!

Student Assistance Form

I am a...

- Student
- Teacher or Staff Member
- Parent or Caregiver
- Community Member or Service Provider
Q & A?
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED CLARITY ABOUT?
Ms. Perez Contact Information:

**Email:**
Brittany.Perez2@houstonisd.org

**Phone:**
W: (713) 726-3616
C: (713) 909-0928

*If texting/leaving a VM, please leave your student’s name and your name with what assistance is needed.

***Best reached by text if assistance is needed immediately.***
HAVE A GOOD WEEK