

Granite Oaks Middle School



Rocklin Unified School District

“A National Blue Ribbon and California Distinguished School”

2600 Wyckford Boulevard, Rocklin, CA 95765

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

August 2023

We are excited about the upcoming year and the opportunities your student will have to grow academically, socially, and individually. Prior to the year starting, make sure your Aeries Parent Portal is up-to-date with the correct address, contacts, medical information, etc. If you have not set up a Parent Portal Account, you must do so before the school year begins. [PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK](#) if you haven't created and/or confirmed your parent portal account.

NOTE: Class Schedules will not be available to view until all information in the Aeries Parent Portal has been confirmed.

Granite Oaks students will need to bring a chromebook device each day to school in order to actively participate in the learning process. The use of technology enables staff to connect, engage, and challenge students with different learning modalities to meet their individual needs. Your student's device should be fully charged at the beginning of each school day. **District issued chromebooks will be available for all students who need a chromebook.**

Enclosed is important information that both you and your student should review before school begins. If you have any questions, **the office will be open starting August 7th from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** to assist you.

In addition to reviewing the enclosed, you will want to mark a few important dates on your calendar:

- **August 9th, Math Assessment Testing (1:00 p.m. in GOMS Multipurpose Room):**
For newly registered students to the Rocklin Unified School District who are interested in qualifying for Accelerated Math 7 or Integrated 1. **This test is only for NEW RUSD students who wish to qualify for Accelerated Math 7 or Integrated 1.** New RUSD students who do not wish to qualify for Accelerated Math 7 do not have to take this test. Any new student wishing to take this test must sign up. [\[Please use this link to sign up for the math assessment\]](#).
- **August 9th, is “Welcome Everybody” (WEB) Orientation Day (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.):**
ALL INCOMING 7th graders and any newly registered 8th grade students will meet in the gym, located to the right of the bus loop. After WEB Orientation, students may give their families a tour of the campus from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **August 11th, Academy Placement/Class Schedules:**
Parents and students can now access their student's homeroom and class list on the RUSD Aeries Parent and Student Portals starting Friday, August 11th after 6:00 p.m. Students will report to their homeroom teacher at the start of school on August 16th at 8:00 a.m. to receive a hard copy of their class schedule. Staff will be available to direct students and answer questions on the first day of school. **NOTE: Class Schedules will not be available to view until all information in the Aeries Parent Portal has been confirmed.**
- **August 16th, First Day of School/Class Schedule Distribution:**
On the first day of school, students will receive their class schedules during homeroom. Students are suggested to bring a backpack, educational device such as a chromebook, pencil/pen, and paper on the first day of school *(any additional suggested supplies list will be given to them by their teacher).*



EVERYBODY

WEB Day - 2023
AUGUST 9th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

All Incoming Students New to Granite Oaks

This includes ALL INCOMING 7th graders and newly registered 8th graders

On **Wednesday August 9, 2023**, Granite Oaks will be holding an orientation program for all students new to our campus. The orientation program, **WEB** (for Welcome Everybody) is a fun day designed to provide a student-centered introduction to our school.

This event lasts from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

WEB Day is an excellent way for your student to get acquainted with a new school and learn about all of the great programs and activities that await them.

All incoming 7th grade students, and newly registered 8th grade students, will report to their WEB leaders at 9:00 a.m. in the GOMS Gymnasium. WEB leaders are current eighth grade students who conduct a series of fun, team-building activities and help smooth the jitters that accompany the move to a new school. WEB leaders also conduct a campus tour, answer questions, and provide a friendly face to assist new students transitioning to Granite Oaks. Refreshments will also be provided.

After WEB day ends, students may give their families a tour of campus from 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We look forward to getting to know your students as they get to know us!

The following information should answer any immediate questions concerning the start of school.

Classes begin Wednesday, August 16, 2023

School/Office/Library Hours:

Every **Monday** School starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 1:26 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday school starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m.

Office hours are Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Library is open Monday, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Tuesday – Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[CLICK HERE FOR 2023-2024 Bell Schedule](#)

Students should not arrive on campus before 7:35 a.m. Students should plan to be off campus by 3:00 p.m. unless participating in a supervised activity or studying in the library. Granite Oaks does not have supervision to permit students on campus beyond designated times.

Student Suggested Supplies:

We suggest that students have a backpack, pencil, pen and paper on the first day of school. **Teachers will give a suggested list of supplies on the first day of school.**

Closed Campus Policy:

For the safety of students, Granite Oaks maintains a closed campus policy. Once a student arrives for the school day, they are not permitted to leave campus until the close of school day, unless checked out by a parent or guardian or person listed on Aeries Parent Portal Contact (*must be 18 years of age or older*).

Attendance/Absences:

To report your student absent, please call the Attendance Office, at 315-9009, Ext. 4105. Students must have absences cleared by a parent/guardian. Parents will receive an attendance letter for excessive absences if their student exceeds 10 excused absences or 3 unexcused absences for the school year. If your student is going to be out of school for 3 or more consecutive days, then they will need to request an Independent Study Contract through the Attendance Office, which must be notified at least one week prior to the departure date. The GOMS Student Handbook contains additional information regarding attendance.

Student Check Out/Check In:

If your student needs to leave school during the school day (*i.e. appointment*) they need to bring a signed note from their parent/guardian BEFORE SCHOOL to the attendance office. They will be issued a slip to be released from class. Students can only be signed out by a parent, guardian, or person listed in the Aeries Parent Portal Account and is at least 18 years of age. This policy ensures an uninterrupted learning environment and allows students to be waiting for you in the front office to be signed out.

When checking your student into school, your student must go to the attendance window, located on campus around the corner from the main office, to receive a pass before going into class.

Cell Phones (Board Policy 5131):

Grade K-12 students are allowed to have cell phones and other electronic signaling devices in their possession while at school and may be used before school, during break, at lunch, and after school. Cell phones/Electronic Devices must be put away and turned off during instructional time unless directed by a supervising staff member. Cell phones in use during the day will be confiscated and school discipline will apply.

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Deliveries to Students:

Parents are encouraged to let students assume responsibility for remembering lunches, school items, homework and P.E. uniforms. However, you may leave items on the bookcase located in the Front Office for your student to pick-up. **Students/Parents may not order food to be delivered to the office for lunch (i.e. pizza, door dash, uber eats, etc).**

Student Illnesses/Health Office:

If a student has an emergency or is ill, they must report to the health office located in the Front Office. Granite Oaks staff is available to assist your student.

Medications:

Any student, who may need medication administered during school hours must have a written medication authorization release signed by both the parent and doctor (Ed. Code 49423). This applies to all medications; ***over-the-counter and prescription medications***. This also applies to students who carry their medication with them (i.e., asthma inhalers and auto-injection Epi Pens). For more information and access to the appropriate form, please use the links below:

[RUSD Medication Release Forms](#) [GOMS Health Office](#)

Mandated State Immunization Requirements:

All students entering 7th grade and newly registered students must meet all state immunization requirements, including proof of 7th grade TDAP requirements, or have a temporary or permanent Medical Exemption completed by a doctor. A Personal Beliefs Exemption filed in grade span Pre K through 6th grade is not valid for 7th grade entry.

Reference: [RUSD website for Immunization Requirements](#)

Reference: [California's School Immunization Website](#)

Breakfasts/Lunches:

Free breakfast and lunches will be provided to all students this school year.

Physical Education/Uniforms:

Uniforms will be sold each day for the first week during your student's P.E. class. Your student may buy a uniform from their P.E. teacher. We recommend that students purchase the school P.E. uniform; however, students may wear a black pair of shorts and a gray T-shirt with no pockets or logos during class. **The school P.E. uniform includes shorts and shirt for \$25.00 a set or \$13.00 each for the individual T-shirt or shorts. Make checks payable to Granite Oaks Middle School.** For safety, sturdy laced athletic shoes are required. No slip on, backless or raised sole shoes will be allowed during P.E. class. The school will furnish P.E. lockers and locks for students.

Driving Caution during Drop Off and Pick Up:

Please do not stop in the middle of the traffic lane or in the middle of the parking lot to let your student out. Please pull to the curb or into a parking spot. **Also, please do not park in the bus loop. This area needs to be kept clear for buses. Student drop off is not permitted behind the E Wing Building.**

Bicycles/Skateboards/Scooters:

Bicycles/skateboards/scooters may be ridden to and from school with the understanding that they be maintained and operated in a safe manner. Helmets are required by law. Students should walk bikes on sidewalks and use the crosswalk when crossing the streets near the school. Bikes/skateboards may not be ridden on school grounds, parking areas or in corridors. Bicycles must be parked in the bike racks and are to be locked. The school cannot be responsible for damaged or stolen bicycles. SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES, AND/OR SCOOTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE RIDDEN ON CAMPUS AND MUST BE CHECKED IN WITH THE HOMEROOM TEACHER.

Transportation:

Applications for bus passes **will be available on the district website the last week of July**. For fastest service, bus passes may be purchased by mail, **submit your application with a check payable to the RUSD**. Please send an application and check to 2225 Corp Yard Road, Rocklin, CA, 95677. Beginning in August, they may also be purchased at the Transportation Office located at the above address. Passes should be purchased by the start of school to guarantee service. **A copy of the tentative bus schedule will be available on the district website by July 1st** and in the school office for reference in August. This schedule will list approximate times for pickups. Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time to avoid missing the bus. Students planning to get on or off the bus anywhere other than their designated bus stop must have a signed note from their parent or guardian **and given to the bus driver upon boarding the bus**. Please call our District Transportation Department at 624-9106 for any questions you have.

Electives:

Every effort is made to place students in electives based on preference and space; therefore, elective changes are not permitted. Elective teachers will provide students with any additional information related to course materials and requirements. More information will be given to students during the first week of classes. ***Note: Elective courses are subject to change; placement in preferred elective courses is not guaranteed.***

Yearbook:

A yearbook may be purchased online at www.jostensyearbooks.com beginning in August. Look for yearbook information to come home through our weekly Eblast communications every Friday.

School Pictures:

Each student will have their school picture taken on **August 23rd**. To pre-order photos, go to [Lifetouch](#); enter Picture Day ID **EVTPP3W98**. Limited hard copy order forms will be available in Students Services. Picture packets will be available on a pre-pay basis.

Student Activities:

Events are planned throughout the year to provide positive social opportunities for students. Our website will include a calendar of events as well as a listing of clubs. **A weekly Eblast will be emailed to each family on Fridays with the latest news and information.**

Sports Tryouts:

Tryouts for girl's volleyball and flag football will be announced soon after school starts. There are no tryouts required for cross-country. Please check our website under the athletics tab for sports information.

Back-to-School Night:

Back-to-School Night is Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. *This is a parent only event.*

During Back-to-School Night, teachers will explain student expectations and school curriculum. Please mark your calendars.

Insurance:

The Rocklin Unified School District does not carry medical or dental insurance for your child should they suffer from a school related injury. The district will provide information on a low cost medical/dental insurance program. [LINK TO Annual Parent Notice Document](#) This information also appears in the Aeries Parent Portal under Data Confirmation.

Notice of Rights and Responsibilities of Parents:

The Parent Rights and Responsibility document is available in the Aeries Parent Portal under Data Confirmation. [LINK TO Annual Parent Notice Document](#)

Parent Falcon Club:

The Parent Falcon Club (PFC) is a parent volunteer group whose sole purpose is to support the needs of Granite Oaks, its students, teachers, and academic programs. Their philosophy is “many hands make light work” and they invite everyone to help out in a small way. If you are interested in donating your time and/or helping financially, please email graniteoakspfc@gmail.com, visit the website [here](#), or submit [this](#) form.