

**STUDENT HANDBOOK AND PLANNER
2023 - 2024**



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GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES, AND EXPECTATIONS

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Cheating is taking work, words, information, ideas, research, or documentation from an author or source without properly giving credit, without properly identifying the originator. It includes using unauthorized materials during assessment or other acts specified in advance by the teacher. The teacher's professional judgment will determine whether cheating has occurred. Students are reminded not to give the instructor cause to consider their actions to be in violation of academic honesty. Consequences will be assessed based on the severity of the incident and the student's discipline history. High schools must report negative behaviors to all colleges and universities to which a student applies. Academic dishonesty can be the cause for students to be rejected from their college of choice.

To avoid acts of academic dishonesty, the following list, which is not intended to be all-inclusive, delineates a variety of methods of cheating:

- Letting someone else see one's own or another's paper during an assessment.
- Looking at someone else's paper during an examination, test, or quiz.
- Using any kind of notes or study aides when the teacher has not allowed use of additional materials during the assessment.
- Talking with another student during an examination, test, or quiz.
- Copying work assigned to be done independently, or allowing someone else to copy one's own or another's work, including computer generated information and programs.
- Copying or closely paraphrasing sentences, phrases, or passages from an uncited source while writing a paper or doing research.
- Using electronic devices to take photos of examinations, tests, quizzes, or any independent assessment.
- Giving test information to other students.
- Submitting work, meant to be completed individually, using other students' contributions or the use of uncited AI-generated work
- Fabricating or altering laboratory data.
- Digitally altering performance audio or video recordings for submission when that is not part of the assignment.
- Having someone else do the work for you and then turning it in as your own.
- Hacking into any computer system to get the answers for any examination, test, or quiz.
- Hacking into a school computer system to digitally adjust a grade.
- Using Artificial Intelligence to create or enhance one's work/language/ideas and misrepresenting it as their own actual knowledge or effort.

Consequences for cheating are severe. They are school-wide and cumulative for all the years you attend American High School. These consequences are in accordance with the California Education Code 48900. The complete AHS Academic Honesty Policy can be found on the AHS website.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY STICKERS

An Eagle ASB sticker is sold by the ASB and provides a discount for many of the school's activities. A few advantages of having the Eagle ASB sticker are reduced admission to AHS athletics events, school dances, concerts. The money raised by purchases of the ASB sticker is always invested back into student activities.

ATHLETICS

In compliance with CIF rules, to participate in any sports, students are required to have:

- ⇒ A physical exam by a doctor.
- ⇒ An emergency medical authorization from parents.
- ⇒ Permission of parent/guardian for early sports dismissal. *American High School athletes are excused early for some athletic events. Students are responsible for missed assignments and class work.*
- ⇒ Permission of parent/guardian for transportation. Students are transported to some athletic events on buses, district vans, or by parent drivers. Permission may also be given for students to drive themselves in some cases.
- ⇒ Transferring from one school to another school may affect a student's athletic eligibility under North Coast Section and/or CIF rules. It is the student's responsibility to see the Athletic Director for specific rules/regulations.
- ⇒ A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if they play on an "outside" team in the same sport during the student's high school season of sport. (NCS: Article 6, Sec. 600)

In addition, American High School Athletics requires:

- ⇒ Medical insurance (district requirement)
- ⇒ Students must attend at least four classes on six period days and two classes on block days to participate in athletics activities that day. This also includes practices.
- ⇒ A student must pass a minimum of 20 units of coursework each semester.
- ⇒ A student must maintain a 2.00 grade point average (GPA).
- ⇒ Students falling below a 2.00 GPA but above a 1.75 GPA will be placed on academic probation for the next nine week grading period.
- ⇒ One F grade will put a student on probation, regardless of their gpa.
- ⇒ Two F's in consecutive grading periods will make a student ineligible to participate in athletics programs.

There are three seasons for Athletics each year:

Fall

Cheer
Cross Country
Football
Girls Golf
Girls Tennis
Girls Volleyball
Water Polo

Winter

Boys Basketball
Boys Soccer
Girls Basketball
Girls Soccer
Wrestling

Spring

Badminton
Baseball
Boys Golf
Boys Tennis
Boys Volleyball
Softball
Swimming
Track & Field

Games for many fall sports begin before the first day of school. Conditioning and tryouts for all sports occur several weeks before the start of the season. Students should check the AHS Athletics website for information.

ATTENDANCE

Each parent or guardian is required to send children ages 6 to 18 to school and each pupil subject to this provision shall attend. (Ed.Code, Sec. 48200-48224) Students not attending school regularly will be processed for truancy, and parents will be referred to a SARB (School Attendance Review Board) at the District Office. See: **TRUANCY**, this section.

If a student is absent from school, a parent/guardian must call American High School at 510-796-1776 and report the absence.

Attendance: Last Name A - F	Ms. Granados	x57227
Attendance: Last Name G - L	Ms. Sheikh	x57238
Attendance: Last Name M - R	Ms. Maliwal	x57229
Attendance: Last Name S- Z	Ms. Maharaj	x57224

If a parent/guardian is unable to call and has not contacted the school prior to the student's return, a signed note must accompany the student upon their return from absence. Absences not cleared within two days of a student's return to school will be considered trancies and subject to disciplinary action.

Students must **always** check in at the main office if arriving late to school, if leaving early, or when returning from an appointment. Students are still required to check-in with the office if their departure or arrival occurs during brunch or lunch.

AWARDS

American High School has a number of opportunities to win recognition and awards. Awards are presented for strong academic and athletic standing as well as a number of other distinctions. These include:

- State Seal of Biliteracy – earned through demonstration of expertise in two or more languages
- Golden State Seal – earned through scores in a breadth of classes and California state assessments
- Academic Block – earned based on academic achievement in all high school courses, strong attendance, and positive behavior
- Eagle Pride Award - graduating seniors each year are honored for their accomplishments in spirit leading, athletics, student government, journalism, the performing arts and/or community work
- Seal of Civic Engagement - earned through participation in civic activities and completion of a civic action project

BULLETIN

Students may request that their class or club related events be advertised in the school bulletin that is read over the PA system each morning. Forms for requesting bulletin announcements are available in the front office. Students must get a club or class advisor to sign off on all bulletin announcements prior to submission. Bulletin announcements will be read a maximum of three times before an event.

CAFETERIA

Free breakfast and lunch is available to all students. A student must scan their student ID to get food.

- Students may not crowd or cut in line.
- Students should not waste food. Unwanted items can be placed on the food share table.

After finishing breakfast, brunch and/or lunch, students are expected to:

- Clean up their table or eating space.
- Put waste in appropriate containers: trash, recycling, or compost.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Any change of address or personal information must be reported to an attendance clerk as soon as possible. Any change of address must also be accompanied by updated proofs of residency.

CLOSED CAMPUS

For the safety of all students and staff, American is a closed campus. This means that students may not leave school property once they have arrived; this includes lunch. It also means that all visitors and invited guests must check in at the front office before entering the school. Parents, visitors and guests must register in the Main Office immediately upon entering the campus. It is not acceptable to have friends from other schools or younger siblings on campus during the school day. Appointments to speak to an administrator, teacher, counselor or other staff member should be scheduled in advance of arrival on campus.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The American High School Student Body (ASB) manages all clubs on campus. Each club must follow the guidelines set out by the ASB by-laws and have an on-campus teacher advisor. There is no GPA requirement to participate in most clubs. Students will learn about available clubs at the beginning of the school year during a week-long Club Rush event. Other club news will be shared in the daily bulletin announcing meeting days, times and locations.

New clubs can only be started in the spring. Paperwork to start a new club is available in the Clubs section of our website. When the window is open for new club approval, paperwork needs to be completed and submitted to ASB for consideration. Clubs that do not model appropriate behavior or fail to remain active as defined by ASB will be disbanded, suspended, or placed on probation at the discretion of the school administration and Activities Director.

All activities are subject to American High School behavior expectations. Extracurricular activities allow students to socialize with one another, become part of groups on campus, hone their leadership skills, and explore interests outside of the classroom. No student shall be prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities related to the educational program because of any inability to pay fees associated with the activity. FUSD will ensure that all students have access to extracurricular activities, student organizations and all school-related social events. Students who are absent from classes on the day of an extracurricular event, will not be allowed to participate.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

The college and career center offers student information about options for after graduation. College information includes speakers from various colleges and universities, a library of catalogs from post-secondary and specialty schools, a reference section with guides to comparing, selecting and applying to colleges, seminars on financial aid and the CSU and UC application process and reference materials on the SAT and ACT tests and how to best prepare for them. Career guidance includes free vocational surveying, job shadowing, internship, mentoring, or local job opportunities, career speakers,

and a library of reference materials on various fields of employment, vocational/specialty schools, apprenticeship and military programs.

College & Career Specialist

Ms. Chow

ext. 57408

COUNSELORS

Counselors are available to help or provide assistance to all students in our school. Counselor involvement with students varies depending upon individual needs; students do not need to be in trouble to see a counselor. School counselors are available for assistance in planning college or career options, talking about a personal matter, or dealing with an emergency problem. To see a counselor on a non-emergency matter, students should email their counselor or leave a note to request an appointment. Counselors are available at brunch and lunch for quick drop-in questions.

Last Names A-C:	Ms. Cañas	ext. 57211
Last Names D-H:	Ms. Sorensen	ext. 57261
Last Names I-L:	Ms. Chen	ext. 57232
Last Names M-P:	Ms. Felix	ext. 57220
Last Names Q-Sr	Mr. Stallworth	ext. 57248
Last Names St-Z:	Ms. Ronkainen	ext. 57607

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A school bulletin is published everyday and posted on the landing page of our website. Daily announcements are also read over the P.A. system immediately at the start of the first period. Students must receive approval from their club or class advisor to add messages to the announcements.

DISASTER DRILLS

Quarterly fire/disaster drills are necessary for the safety of the students and staff. General site safety protocols are reviewed at the start of each semester. The evacuation map and other information needed for the fire/disaster drills, is posted on the wall closest to the exit door in every classroom and office. When evacuating, students must follow the directions of school personnel in order to reach a point of safety.

Students who pull fire alarms as a prank will be subject to school discipline and referral to Fremont PD and the Fire Marshall. Significant fines and expulsion are potential consequences for students who pull fire alarms as a prank.

DISCIPLINE: Student discipline is managed by the Assistant Principals. Consequences for negative behavior are issued in line with California Education Code and the mandates of Fremont Unified School District. Disciplinary consequences are cumulative for a student's time at AHS.

Last Names A-F Assistant Principal:	TBA	ext. 57230
Last Names G-L Assistant Principal:	Laurie Garcia	ext. 57215
Last Names M-R Assistant Principal:	Sandhya Sharma	ext. 57226
Last Names S-Z Assistant Principal:	Zahra Pelayo	ext. 57214

FIELD TRIPS

Students may attend a field trip with permission of parents/guardians and only if teachers of missed classes agree regarding the absence. Field trip forms must be signed by all parties concerned, and turned in at least two full weeks prior to the activity. Any work missed due to the field trip must be made up in accordance with the excused absence work policy. Students will be expected to make up missed assessments in the class immediately following the field trip.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Final Examinations are given at the end of each semester. Final Examinations of approximately two hours are given in most subjects. AHS strongly encourages avoiding family vacations or appointments during times that conflict with final exams. Most teachers will not offer exams on an alternate date. End of semester exams are offered with a lengthened bell schedule over several days in order to encourage students to perform their best.

FOOD DELIVERY

The availability of food delivery services (DoorDash, GrubHub, UberEats, etc.) can be disruptive to the learning environment and introduce unsafe individuals to the campus community. All food deliveries must be made to the main parking lot in the back of the school with notes to deliver at the green curb. The delivery location must be noted in delivery instructions; food delivered to the main office will be disposed of. It is recommended that students use these services with discretion because it is impossible to control when a driver will arrive with an order. Students who leave class to pick up a food delivery will receive disciplinary consequences and will have their food confiscated. Food delivered during class time will be held until the end of the school day. AHS does not recommend the use of any food delivery service during the school day.

FUSD DRESS CODE The complete FUSD Dress Code can be found on the AHS Website under Policies. In order for AHS students to reach their full academic potential, students must dress in a manner that supports a safe learning environment focused on academic excellence.

The specific minimum dress code for each school is as follows:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times at school.
2. All tops must have straps. The midriff must be covered. Garments covering the lower body must be sufficient to cover the buttocks.
3. The School Board has determined that the wearing of gang-related clothing on school premises or at school-sponsored activities poses a danger to students and disrupts instruction. Students may not wear, possess, use, distribute, or display any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, colored bandana, or sash which represents or evidences membership or affiliation with any gang. These restrictions are subject to periodic review. Upon consultation with local law enforcement agencies, or other experts, additional rules which restrict gang-associated dress may be instituted by the school principal at any time with notice to students and parents.
4. Sunglasses, hats, caps, hoods and other non-religious/cultural head coverings shall not be worn indoors.
5. Chains, spikes on jackets/pants or other potentially dangerous objects may not be worn on school sites (E.C. 48900(b)).
6. In cooperation with teachers, students, and parents/guardians, the principal or designee may establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

Students will be instructed to change, add, or remove clothing if in violation of dress code policies. Parents will be notified and consequences issued if a student habitually violates the dress code. Dress code will be enforced at all school dances and school activities with modifications for formal occasions. The dress code for formal activities will be published on the permission slip for each event.

GRADE REPORTING

All grades are visible on the Infinite Campus Portal. Final grades will be updated approximately ten days after the end of each grading quarter.

If a student is in danger of failing a class, teachers will post a Notice of Potential Failure. These notices update families on student progress and provide a warning to help get students back on track. These notices of potential failure are sent in the middle of each quarter.

Credit for courses are assigned at the end of each semester. Most courses will earn students five credits per semester. Some ROP courses which take two periods in a student's schedule will earn ten credits per semester. Students must maintain adequate attendance in each course to receive credit.

For GPA calculation, the following values are used: A (4.0), B (3.0), C (2.0), D (1.0), F (0.0)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students receiving a diploma must successfully complete 230 credits of course work and required service learning hours. Five credits equals one semester of coursework for one class period. The following subjects are requirements for graduation:

English:	40 credits (4 years)
Social Studies:	30 credits (3 years)
Mathematics:	30 credits (3 years) (all students must pass Algebra 1 or its equivalent)
Science:	20 credits (2 years) (one year life science and one year physical science)
Physical Education:	20 credits (2 years)
Art or World Language or CTE	10 credits (1 year)
Health:	5 credits (1 semester)
Electives:	<u>75 credits</u>
	230 Total Credits

Service Learning: 40 hours (*30 hours for the class of 2024)

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Each student throughout the school day, and while attending all school-sponsored activities, must carry their student ID card. Students must show their ID when requested. The first ID card issued is free. If an ID is lost, the student can replace it from Office L in the rotunda for \$5.00.

INFINITE CAMPUS

Infinite Campus is a web-based communication system for K-12 schools that keeps everyone informed about student performance. The program provides visibility and communication to members of a student's

educational team, which includes teachers, administrators, parent/guardians, counselors, staff members, as well as after school support professionals.

The classroom portal is a place where students and their families can access important information regarding a teacher's classroom. Information about homework, attendance, and grades is visible at any time from anywhere with an internet connection.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students who will be absent for a period of four to ten school days may arrange for an independent study contract prior to the date of departure. These contracts may be obtained through the attendance clerk. Parents/guardians need to notify the school at least ten school days prior to the last day of attendance. Written requests for independent study contracts should include parent/guardian signature, dates of absence, and reason for absence. See the FUSD website for further district policies on independent study.

HOMEWORK POLICY

The complete AHS Homework and Testing Policy can be found on the AHS website in the policy section.

Homework

- Typically, the maximum amount of homework per non-weighted class (e.g., college prep courses) will be 100 minutes per week. Students can expect more time in some classes, such as accelerated, honors, and Advanced Placement courses. Incomplete classwork, due to a student's inefficient use of time, can become additional homework when not completed in class.
- Homework will not be assigned on a Friday and due on a Monday. Monday due dates are permitted if an adequate number of school days were provided. Homework will not be due on the Monday returning from break.
- For long-term homework and projects (longer than two weeks), teachers will do regular check-ins with students on progress towards completion. Long-term homework and projects should include verbal and written instructions.
- The homework expectations will be defined in each teacher's syllabus.

Tests, projects, and assignments

- Teachers will give clear and repeated reminders on the due dates of upcoming assignments.
- For an assessment that would require a full period, teachers will inform students five full school days before the test. For projects and large assignments, teachers will give clear deadlines at the beginning of the project when project assignments are due.
- Teach students to differentiate between tests and quizzes, since a three-minute quiz does not need as much attention as an hour-long exam.
- Each department will work towards developing a common syllabus with a consistent grade scale across similar courses.

Grades

- All staff agree that timely feedback is essential to learning and student growth. Adequate feedback from assigned work will be given prior to the assessment in order to assist student learning.
- Teachers will update grades at least every two weeks, with a minimum of one assignment, in order for students and parents to actively monitor progress. Teachers are encouraged to use School Loop to communicate grades with students and parents.

Deadlines

- The deadline will be clearly stated for each assignment.
- In order to encourage students to get a full night's sleep, teachers will set online submission deadlines no later than 10 p.m., if due outside of school hours.
- Students with excused absences will be allotted the same number of days of the absence to complete work.
- Students are expected to be proactive in communicating with their teachers about missing work as well as any questions about upcoming assignments, tests, and deadlines.

LEAVING CAMPUS

Since American is a closed campus, students may not leave the campus during the school day without an approved off-grounds pass. These passes are issued for illness, medical and dental appointments and/or other authorized reasons. Off-grounds passes may be picked up from the attendance clerk in Gateway.

If students are leaving for an appointment, parents/guardians must send a note or email the morning of the appointment so the student can obtain a pass to leave. Alternatively, call the attendance clerk at least 1 hour prior to the time the student needs to leave.

Students who are found off-campus, unsupervised during school hours without an appropriate pass may be cited under Fremont Municipal Code 9.45.070, Day Time Youth Protection.

LIBRARY

The library plays an important part in the educational program of the school. Books, magazines, audio books, e-books, computers and other instructional materials are available for student use. The library is located in the front of the school next to Gateway. It is open daily 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Students may come to the library before or after school, during brunch and during lunch. Use of the library is a privilege and this privilege should not be taken lightly. A quiet, studious atmosphere should prevail at all times so all students have the opportunity to study. Students must have their ID card to check out library materials. Students will be held responsible for all materials checked out to them. No food, drink, or gum is allowed in the library at any time.

Printing is available in the school library before and after school. Printing is limited to material required for class use.

LOCKERS

Lockers are available for student convenience. During Maze and during the first week of school, students are able to choose their lockers. Due to the size of the school, all 9th and 10th graders must share a locker. The name of both students who are sharing must be provided at the time a locker is being reserved.

Students can provide their own combination lock, purchase one from our ASB, or borrow one from the school at no cost. Students bringing their own lock must provide the combination to school personnel. Students borrowing a lock must return the lock in working order at the end of the school year or be assessed a charge.

The school does assume responsibility for the lock, the locker, or its contents. Students who place a lock on an unassigned locker, who place a lock on locker which has not been registered to that student, or who have provided an incorrect combination may have their lock cut off.

LOST AND FOUND

American High School maintains a lost and found for items in Faculty Commons. Students looking for lost items should look there during normal school hours. High value lost items like phones, airpods, wallets, etc will be locked in Gateway. Students missing one of these items should check with their attendance clerk to describe the lost item.

MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

Mission: American High School provides a learning environment that challenges students to reach their academic, civic, and social potential in a diverse community so they may become participating and cooperative members of society.

Vision: American High School Students will take responsibility for their own learning in order to grow, achieve success, respect all people in a diverse community, and prepare for adult life as productive, analytical, cooperative members of society.

MEDICATIONS AND MEDICAL INTERVENTION

In compliance with AB 1066, Section 117531 Ed. Code, school personnel cannot give medication during school to a student unless the written instructions from the parent/guardian and physician are on file. These forms are available with the attendance clerks in Gateway.

If a student must take medication at school, the following instructions must be observed:

1. All medications, whether prescription or non-prescription, must be in their original containers, stating name of medication, dosage, and time to be given.
2. A "Medication at School" form must be completed by the parent and physician, and must accompany the medication to the Student Service office. If a student is carrying their own medication, a "Self-Administration of Medication" form must be on file with the school.

All forms are available at Maze and in the main office from the attendance clerks. The school nurse will work with families to ensure forms are correctly submitted.

Parents/guardians of students with health conditions should contact the school nurse to set up a health plan. These health plans provide directions for how site staff should respond in the event of an on-campus health issue or medical crisis. The AHS nurse can be reached at edao@fusdk12.net. School staff will call for emergency services for all students in need of immediate medical intervention.

PARKING

During school hours the school parking lot is a restricted area and considered off-campus. Students may not go to the parking lot without permission from a staff member. Consequences will be assigned for students in violation of this policy during school hours.

Due to continuing growth and limited parking, AHS has moved to the use of parking permits to manage student safety in the parking lots. At the beginning of the year, student parking permits are issued only to juniors and seniors who have submitted the Campus Parking Contract and the \$20.00 fee. Students who drive to school must have a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and vehicle registration for vehicles that may be driven during the school year.

Students parking on campus agree to follow these policies (as agreed to in the parking contract)

1. Students must obey all laws, traffic and otherwise, while on campus with their vehicles. THE SPEED LIMIT IS 15 MPH. Disruptive/Dangerous/Reckless behavior will be addressed immediately.
2. Parking permits must be clearly displayed on the windshield rear view mirror, or in the lower right hand

corner of your windshield while on campus. Lost or misplaced permits must be reported to the front office ASAP.

3. Permits are not transferable to other drivers or cars not listed on the parking contract agreement.
4. All vehicles on campus must be legally and safely parked in appropriate areas. Cars parked in the handicap spaces (without proper permit), fire lanes, dirt/bark covered areas, or labeled staff spaces are subject to citation and/or towing.
5. Do not park in the front of the school or in the MPR parking lot.
6. The parking lot is off limits during the school day. Loitering in the parking lot is not permitted at any time.
7. A student is not permitted to leave campus unless they can provide a signed off grounds slip indicating that the student is allowed to leave campus at that time and date.
8. If spaces remain available, parking passes will be issued to underclassmen starting in October.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

American High and Fremont Unified School District are not responsible for personal articles lost or stolen at school or school-sponsored functions. Students should use common sense in protecting their own personal goods and equipment. Any school property distributed to students must be paid for if it is lost. Some recommendations for personal property are listed below:

- Avoid bringing expensive items or large sums of money to school.
- Do not share lockers with others unless assigned.
- Students should write their name on the inside front cover of all textbooks.
- If enrolled in a P.E. class, lock all valuables in the small locker before leaving the locker room.
- Always lock the locker, both during PE and after accessing the student locker.
- Be attentive to personal items.

SAFETY

Students should not be in the hallways unless they have a hall pass.

- Running in school, especially in the cafeteria, rotunda and hallways is prohibited.
- Skateboards, “wheeled” tennis shoes, bikes, scooters, hoverboards, and in-line blades are inappropriate and prohibited indoors.
- Riding and/or using skateboards is prohibited on the campus. Racks to lock skateboards during the school day are provided in the front of the school near the flagpole.
- Bikes must be parked and locked in the bike racks in front of Gateway. Bikes cannot be left on campus overnight.
- In case of an evacuation or disaster, students must follow the directions of staff and cannot leave campus unless directed to do so.
- Discrimination, harassment, and/or intimidation of students or staff, including bullying, sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior or cyberbullying is prohibited.
- Possession, use, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other prohibited drugs will lead to disciplinary action.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday school detentions are assigned by administrators. The detention starts Saturday morning at 8:30 am and ends at 12:30 pm. Students meet in the MPR. A teacher supervises students at all times. Saturday School is

not a place to socialize; it is a place to complete missed assignments, get caught up on assigned work and prepare for upcoming assessments. Students should bring assignments to complete during their Saturday detention.

SCHOOL DANCES

School dances held at AHS, off-campus Proms, or other celebrations are held from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., unless otherwise advertised. Along with school rules, the following regulations are in force at every school dance:

- Students must present a current AHS picture ID card in order to be admitted to a school dance.
- Students on suspension or students absent from more than 20% of the school day on the date of a dance will not be admitted.
- No student may leave the dance/facility before 9:00 pm. There are no in and out privileges.
- No one will be admitted to a dance after 8:00 p.m. unless the administrator in charge has granted prior permission.
- AHS students who wish to bring a guest must submit a completed Guest Pass request form to their Assistant Principal. The guest pass must be approved prior to the purchase of the ticket. No one 20 years old or older may come as a guest.
- Students are prohibited from bringing pepper spray, sharp objects, food, water, tobacco/drugs/alcohol/or any illegal substances to any school event.

SMOKING/VAPING

Smoking/Vaping or the possession of tobacco/drugs/alcohol/or any illegal substances is prohibited at American High School and will result in disciplinary consequences. Marijuana and products that contain marijuana are illegal on all school campuses in the state of California. In case of reasonable doubt of possession, students, their backpacks, and lockers will be searched by administrators.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

All students registered at American High School will:

- attend school regularly and fulfill classroom expectations for behavior and completion of assignments.
- arrive at each class on time, be in their seats before the tardy bell rings, and remain for the full assigned time.
- abide by all school rules and expectations.
- show respect and cooperation to students, staff and the education process.
- use cell phones only before school, during brunch, at lunch, and/or after school, NOT during instructional time or during passing periods.
- protect school property, buildings, furniture, equipment, and grounds and refrain from writing on or defacing walls, posters, bulletin board notices, desks, tables, books, or lockers.
- shall, in accordance with state law and the Fremont Unified School District policy, dress and groom for school with attention to neatness, cleanliness, decency, safety, and personal and public health. (See **DRESS CODE**, this section.)
- help maintain a clean and safe environment.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT (ASB)

American High School encourages each grade level to have an active class government. A Leadership class is offered to help students develop their leadership potential and to learn about the responsibilities of government.

To run for office, a student must:

- have no F's in the last quarter
- be currently passing all classes with a minimum GPA of 2.0
- have no more than three unexcused and ten excused absences in the current semester
- maintain minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

Administration may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities when a student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

TECHNOLOGY USE

If required for a lesson, devices will be provided to students. To access any device while on campus, students must have a signed Technology Use Agreement. These are typically collected at the beginning of the school year, but may be submitted at any time to an attendance clerk. Students found in violation of the Technology Agreement will be disciplined as per school policy.

TELEPHONES

Cell phones, although permitted on campus, may not be used during instructional time. Cell phones may be used before school, during brunch, during lunch, and after school. Parents/guardians should not call their student during instructional time.

School phones are for emergencies and school business. Phone messages will only be delivered to students during class time from the front office in emergencies.

TEXTBOOKS

Students must present a school ID card to receive a textbook. Most school textbooks will be issued from the school book room located in the rotunda. The book room is open before school, at lunch, and after school during the first few weeks of the school year. Students who need textbooks issued later in the school year should see their assistant principal for assistance. Students are encouraged to cover textbooks and write their names on the inside cover to avoid mix-ups. A student must pay the replacement cost for each book that is lost or damaged.

THEFT

The theft of any item should be reported to the teacher in charge, an administrator, or the School Resource Officer. We advise and strongly encourage students to leave expensive, personal property, large sums of money, etc. at home. AHS is not responsible for lost and/or stolen property.

TRUANCY

A pupil who is absent from school without a valid excuse for more than three days or absent from school with a valid excuse for more than six days a year is legally labeled habitually truant. Habitual truancy will result in appropriate disciplinary action, which can range from meetings with school administration, after school detention, Saturday School, on-campus suspension, and/or referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB).

The Fremont Unified School District posts the instructional calendar for each school year, one to two years before the start of school. Families should arrange appointments and vacations with the goal of keeping students in classes every school day.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

A student who finds it necessary to withdraw from AHS during the school year should contact their attendance clerk. Each student should make arrangements to complete the following:

- Receive checkout grades from each teacher
- Clear charges and debts by returning all school textbooks and materials

WORK PERMITS

Any student who is employed and is under the age of 18 must possess a work permit for each individual job site. Work permits are processed by Mr. Lindsay in Room 505. Work permits must be renewed each year.

Each summer, between the end of school and the beginning of the next school year, work permits will be processed through the summer school site.

FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Fremont, California

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2021 STUDENT "BILL OF RIGHTS"

WHEREAS pursuant to Fremont Unified School District ("FUSD") Board Policy 100, FUSD's mission is to provide equitable opportunities that educate, challenge, and inspire students of all ages, talents, and ability levels while preparing each with the skills required to adapt and succeed in an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS in FUSD, the mission of creating an equitable education system is prevalent in all FUSD decisions; and

WHEREAS students are vital and important stakeholders to any education system, and strong student engagement and participation is crucial to the success of FUSD; and

WHEREAS it is integral for school districts to protect the interests of all students, and to take steps to ensure that students feel equipped and prepared to continue their education even in challenging and adaptive circumstances, such as those presented by the 2020 COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic; and

WHEREAS FUSD is dedicated to addressing inequities impacting FUSD students, which the 2020 COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic has exacerbated; and

WHEREAS it is crucial for school districts to ensure direct and uncompromised access to educators and resources during such difficult and challenging times, including within FUSD; and

WHEREAS in an effort to cultivate student agency and recognition of the interests, rights, and potential of students, California school boards should strongly consider adoption of a localized student “bill of rights” that recognizes the role and partnership of students with the districts they are enrolled in, as partners in the education they receive; and

WHEREAS strong student voice in local education policy is important for the successful development and implementation of such policy, and encouraging students to speak out against injustices in their community best ensures accurate representation of all students, including in educational process and policies necessary to address such injustices; and

WHEREAS various student-led organizations, such as SURFBoardE support adopting a student “bill of rights”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the adoption of an FUSD student “bill of rights” is important for the overarching success of FUSD; and to maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all students and staff, prohibited student conduct

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FUSD resolves, as derived from, framed and informed by applicable state and federal law, and FUSD policy, and intended to be consistent with applicable laws and FUSD policy, to adopt the following in the best interest and to support of FUSD students, and the successful achievement of FUSD’s above-noted mission as set forth in FUSD Board Policy 100:

1. All FUSD students should receive an education, including an elementary, middle, and high school education, and the opportunity to earn a high school diploma through accomplishment of applicable high school graduation requirements;
2. All FUSD students should receive academic, collegiate, and career guidance for an appropriate choice of post-secondary education or careers through resources available and designated for such purposes;
3. All FUSD students should receive instruction from certified, qualified, and skilled teachers that prepares them for post-secondary education or careers;
4. All FUSD students should receive appropriate advanced notice of the academic expectations of each of their classes, including but not limited to course grading systems;
5. All FUSD students should have access to the technology necessary for them to successfully participate in the quality education offered to them;
6. All FUSD students should have access to lawful FUSD fee-based programs and activities regardless of their ability or inability to pay applicable fees or costs, and FUSD students who qualify for fee waivers should be able to receive them where applicable, with assistance from their school, within acceptable legal standards; and
7. All FUSD students should experience an equitable, safe, and secure educational process and environment focused on self-improvement, including an environment where students feel supported by everyone on campus, regardless of school site staff position or stature; and
8. All FUSD students should have the opportunity to effectively learn from their mistakes through appropriately measured, non-exclusionary interventions and alternatives to suspension and expulsion, recognizing, however, that consistent with applicable law and FUSD policy, certain forms of student behavior, even if committed for the first time, may call for or require suspension or expulsion; and
9. All FUSD students should experience a school free of verbal, physical, mental, emotional, and sexual abuse;
10. All FUSD students should experience and receive legally protected privacy in their education, including but not limited to their final course grades and other confidential student information;
11. All FUSD students should have equitable access and/or membership to pursue every school program, resource and club, limited by lawful parameters for such access, membership, or participation;
12. All FUSD students should experience an educational environment that does not discriminate against them by race, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, appearance, disabilities, and all other legally protected personal characteristics and backgrounds reflected in the FUSD student body;
13. All FUSD students should feel safe to express themselves and their beliefs through oral, written, and artistic mediums, provided that said expression is consistent with applicable legal standards and do not substantially disrupt the educational environment, whether such student expression is conveyed in a school classroom, at a school site, or distance learning platform;
14. All FUSD students should experience schools and/or classes that provide equal opportunities, including as much as possible for students with disabilities based upon their unique individual needs; and
15. All FUSD students should have access to mental health and emotional support, as available and designated for such purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if an FUSD student determines their school as not acting consistent with the above, that student has the right to speak out in an effort to change the system around them to collaborate through appropriate school and FUSD channels to effectuate positive change in the interest of FUSD students and FUSD's educational mission; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont Board of Education Supports and Adopts this resolution, this 9th day of the month of September in 2020.



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