



VISTA ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Third semester for Robertson and second semester for Vista are in full swing and the staff is pleased with the learning that is happening in the classroom. I would like to stress the importance of consistent communication with your student regarding his/her attendance, grades, how things are going in his/her classes, and following his/her progress on Infinite Campus for RHS or Edmentum Plato for Vista.

Later this month, you will be receiving information through Bright Arrow and Infinite Campus inviting you to attend our Parent / Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

I would like to reiterate the importance of your student being prepared and punctual to school each morning. Our teachers work diligently to ensure that your students receive an engaging academic experience with a focus on learning. When students fail to attend classes, they miss important instruction and fall further behind. Please partner with us to ensure that your student arrives at 8:40 am and stays until 2:36pm.

Maintaining a safe, orderly, and positive learning environment for our students is, as always, a very high priority. Feel free to contact the school with any comments or concerns that require clarification. We are here to serve the Robertson/Vista community; my door is always open, and together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Salvador Herrera, Jr.

Principal



Attendance Corner

- Feb 1: Wednesday Minimum Day**
- Feb 9: Parent Conference Day 4-7pm**
- Feb 10: Friday Minimum Day**
- Feb 17: Friday Minimum Day**
- Feb 20: Presidents' Day – No School**
- Feb 22: Wednesday Minimum Day**
- Mar 1: Wednesday Minimum Day**
- Mar 8: Wednesday Minimum Day**
- Mar 14: Finals for RHS – Out at 12:14pm**
- Mar 15: Finals for RHS – Out at 12:14pm**
- Mar 16: Thursday Minimum Day**
- Mar 17: School is closed**
- Mar 23: RHS/Vista On-Site Open House 5-7pm**
- Mar 24: Friday Minimum Day**
- Mar 29: Wednesday Minimum Day**
- Apr 6: Multi-Cultural Food Day for RHS
Out@1:16**
- Apr 7-14: Spring Break- No School**
- Apr 19: Wednesday Minimum Day**
- Apr 27: Parent Conference Day 4-7pm**
- Apr 28: Friday Minimum Day**

For Robertson - If your student is absent for any reason, please call Mrs. Barrs, the Attendance Clerk, at 510-657-9155 Ext. 49104, or press 7 to leave a message on the attendance line.

For Vista – If your student is absent for any reason on the contract day, please call Ms. Nan at (510)657-7028 Ext. 49113 or press 7 to leave a message on the attendance line.

Unverified absences will result in absences being marked “unexcused”. Students with 3 or more unexcused absences will receive a truancy letter based on Ed. Code 48260.

Automated calls will go out to students with absences in one or more periods. If you feel you have received a call in error, please call the attendance clerk, or have your student see Mrs. Barrs or Ms. Nan in the student office.

Importance of Attendance

We have 180 days of instruction each school year. Each day of learning is important to your student's academic success, and each student brings valuable contributions to their classroom progress and culture when they're present.

When at all possible, please refrain from scheduling elective appointments and vacations that cause your student to miss school.

COVID PROCESS

If your student is sick, please see the flowcharts below:

COVID-19 FLOWCHART FOR PARENTS

Use these charts if student has symptoms of COVID-19 or was exposed to COVID-19 (Vaccinated or Unvaccinated)

[COVID-19 Flowchart for Parents](#) | [Diagrama de Flujo COVID-19 para Padres](#) | [面向家长的2019冠状病毒病应对流程图](#) | [تراچولف](#)

FUSD [student COVID-19 screening](#)

Free Covid Testing for students at Robertson High School/Vista

Thursday 8 - 11:30am in Room 27

or

At the District Office - 4210 Technology Dr.

Monday-Friday 7 am- 3pm.

(Drive around to the back of the building)

Transcripts

To order transcripts please go to www.parchment.com and select either Robertson High School or Vista Alternative.

Career Center News

Seniors- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Application for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. Please do not wait to apply. Information about Cash 4 College session is sent out via Infinite campus mail. Cash 4 College explains the FAFSA and helps with the application. Register for a session now!

For one-on-one assistance on the FAFSA or College applications please contact Ms. Rodriguez at orodriguez@fusdk12.net.

Voluntary Parent Donations

As most of you are aware, the student activity and rewards programs are solely supported by parent and community donations. To continue offering reward incentives to our students, we must rely on parent and community donations. Your contributions enable us to reward student achievements and provide scholarships.

If you are able to make a voluntary, tax-deductible donation, we will be able to continue providing quality activities and rewards for student achievement, good attendance, etc. If you wish to donate to our staff wish list, we have listed the items that are used frequently: Kleenex, binder paper, hand sanitizer, pencils, hi-lighters, blue or black pens, white board markers, white board erasers and white copy paper. Thank you in advance for your donation!



Have you signed up for Infinite Campus yet? If no, you still can.

Infinite Campus (IC) is a web-based student information system that stores student data. It provides students the ability to access their class related information as well as allowing the parent / guardian the ability to view their students' academic information. If you have not signed up for Infinite Campus, please check district website at [here](#) for more information.

You will need an Activation Code to sign up. Please email mbarrs@fusdk12.net who will reply with your Activation Code.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Academic Counselor

Our academic counselors meet with your student at least once a quarter to check-in with them and go over their academic plan. If you or your student is thinking about returning to your home school, now is the time to have that conversation with your counselor. Counselors will sit down with you and map out the different options that are available. Many of our students may be eligible to graduate early, so be sure to ask your counselor about that.

Mrs. Annabel Chai is here to assist Robertson students.

achai@fusdk12.net

Phone: (510)657-9155 Ext. 49109

Mr. Mike Hellerud is here to assist VISTA students.

mhellerud@fusdk12.net

Phone: (510)657-7028 Ext. 49206

Both academic counselors have an open-door policy so feel free to have your student contact them anytime with any questions or concerns.

SPED Counselor

Dina Lara is our counselor for Special Education and helps all students when needed, however, focuses on supporting students in resource classes at Robertson. She is bilingual in Spanish.

dinalara@fusdk12.net

(510)657-9155 Ext. 49106

Mental Health Coach

We have two mental health coaches on campus.

They support young minds with tools to be successful in and out of school. They help with -

- Motivation
- Coping strategies
- Problem solving
- Processing emotions and more

Zairin Hussain (Mon/Tues/Fri)

zairinhussain@fusdk12.net

Daniel Barrs (Wed/Thurs)

danielbarrs@fusdk12.net

Phone: (510)657-9155 Ext. 49503

Students can find them in the Wellness Center.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

On-Site Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, February 9th, from 4:00-7:00pm. In addition to speaking with teachers, your counselor will also be available to answer any questions that you may have about your student's progress.



G.E.D. INFORMATION:

For students, who are interested in getting information on getting a diploma by examination through the GED program, please see your counselor.

In general, the GED exam is given to students who are within 60 days of their 18th birthday and deficient in credits. Students who wish to do this MUST get an application to become a full-time adult school student from their counselor. Once this application

is approved by the district and adult school, the student and his/her family will be contacted to make an appointment at Fremont Adult School to complete the process of enrolling for GED preparation classes.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

According to Federal Law, all men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. You must register with Selective Service to stay eligible for, financial aid, student loans, government jobs, job training and obtaining or renewing a driver's license in most states. Registration is easy and takes only a matter of minutes. Simply go [online at WWW.SSS.GOV](http://www.sss.gov) or visit the local Post Office and ask for a registration card.



FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Meals

Student Meals are **FREE** for the school year 2022/23

All FUSD students will have access to 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch daily regardless of their family's economic need.

Snack and beverage items are **NOT** included in the free meals; they can be purchased at designated Ala Carte lines by cash or by using your prepaid Ala Carte accounts.

Student Transit Pass Program

The [Student Transit Pass Program](#) provides free youth Clipper cards to eligible middle and high school students in Alameda County which can be used for unlimited free bus rides in their area, as well as a 50% discount on BART trips and youth discounts on other transit systems.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission implements the program to make it easier for students to travel to and from school and school-related programs, jobs and other activities.

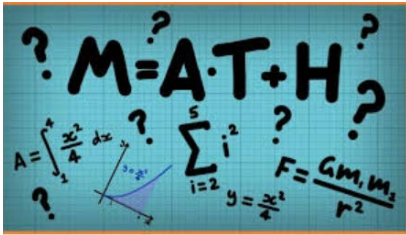
[Click here to view the application for FUSD schools.](#)

HOMWORK CLUB

2:45-3:45pm

Do you need extra help with.....

MATH?



SCIENCE?



ENGLISH?



SOCIAL SCIENCE?



If yes, come to the homework club after school on

Mondays and Thursdays

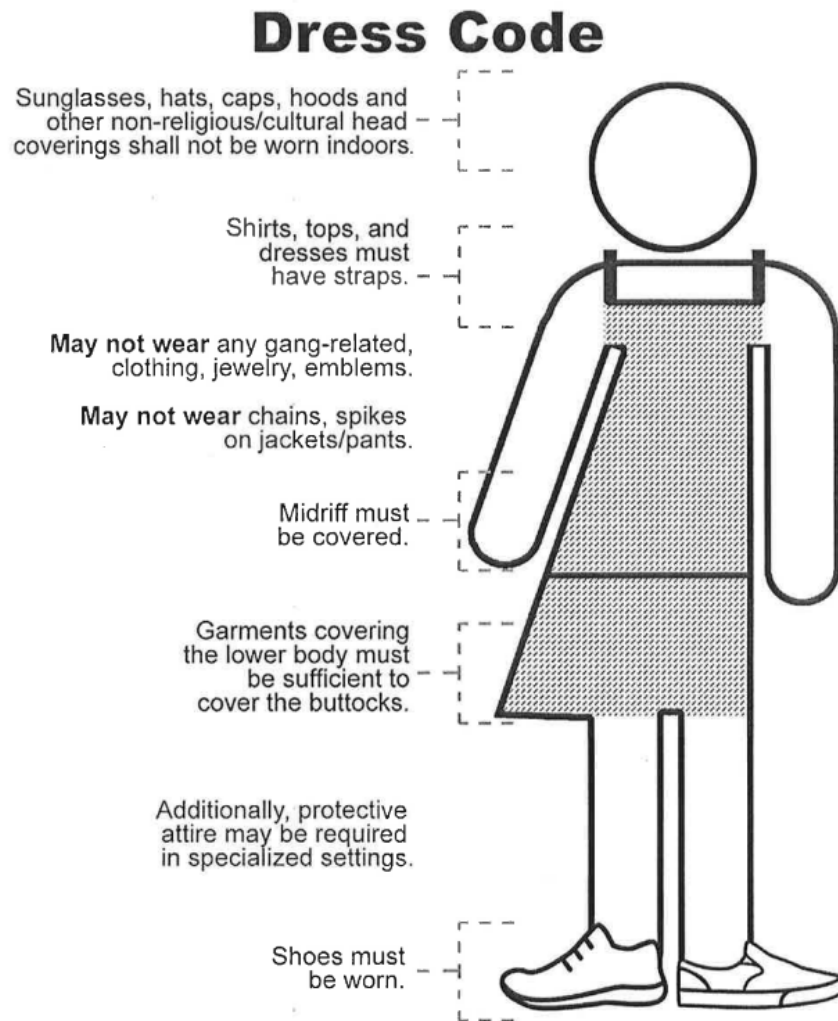
from 2:45pm to 3:45pm

Please check the Bulletin for specific Homework Club Dates.

This is a great opportunity for students to get extra help and have someone help them focus on completing their homework.

Dress Code

- Sunglasses, hats, caps, hoods and other non-religious/cultural head coverings shall not be worn indoors.
- Shirts, tops, and dresses must have straps.
- May not wear any gang-related clothing, jewelry, emblems.
- May not wear chains, spikes on jackets/pants.
- Midriff must be covered.
- Garments covering the lower body must be sufficient to cover the buttocks.
- Additionally, protective attire may be required in specialized settings.
- Shoes must be worn.





Robertson High School Named Model Professional Learning Community

Fremont Unified School District's Robertson High School was recently recognized by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement. Robertson's successful implementation of the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) at Work™ process was a major contributing factor in the improved achievement of its students.

PLCs are schools and districts in which educators recognize the key to improved learning for students is on-going, job-embedded learning for the adults who serve those students. The three big ideas of a PLC call upon educators to:

1. Focus on learning
2. Build a collaborative culture
3. Create a results orientation

"We are proud to receive this designation from Solution Tree and appreciate its recognition of our efforts to improve the educational experience our students receive while at Robertson," said Robertson High School Principal, Sal Herrera. "This is a welcome reward for a multi-year effort by our staff to create a culture of collaboration focused on student learning."

Schools are recognized based on strict criteria, including demonstration of a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of these concepts for at least three years, and clear evidence of improved student learning over that period. Once measurable results can be seen, the school must explain its practices, structures, and culture and submit its application for consideration by the PLC Review Committee.

According to the Champions of PLC at Work™, educators in the schools and districts selected for this recognition have shown "a sustained commitment to helping all of their students achieve at high levels. They have been willing to alter the structure and culture of the organization to reflect their commitment. We applaud them and congratulate them for achieving this very significant milestone on the never-ending PLC journey."

Recognized model PLC schools are listed on www.allthingsplc.info, where they share implementation strategies, structures, and performance with other educators interested in improving their schools. Tools for team collaboration, articles and research about PLCs, blog posts, and other related resources are also available on the site. The site was developed and is maintained by Solution Tree, a leading provider of educational strategies and tools that improve staff and student performance. For more than 20 years, Solution Tree resources have helped K–12 teachers and administrators create schools where all children succeed.