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SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

MISSION STATEMENT

The Santa Barbara School Districts, in partnership with parents and the community, will provide professional instruction and guidance so that students will...

- Achieve academic excellence,
- Understand and respect diversity,
- Balance individual interests and civic responsibilities,
- Participate in an increasingly technological society, and,
- Take responsibility for their own learning and development.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Santa Barbara School District, to promote a school environment free from the action having the effect directly or indirectly of discrimination on the basis of race, color, ancestry, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, religious creed, physical handicap (including AIDS), medical condition (cancer related), age (over 40), or political affiliation. Any act deemed discriminatory by a student, employee or other citizen should be immediately reported to school officials for investigation and appropriate action.

SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara School District to provide a free and appropriate public education to each handicapped student within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature of severity of the handicap.

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of either the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided appropriate educational programs and services. The Districts further intend to ensure that no student is denied equal access or participation in any district or school-sponsored program or activity solely on the basis of a handicap.

Due process rights of handicapped students and their parents will be enforced.

Who's Who??

Board of Education / District Administration

Annette Cordero	President	Dr. Brian Sarvis	Superintendent
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ADMINISTRATION

Veronica Rogers	Principal
Bud Andrews	Assistant Principal
John Merritt	Assistant Principal
Brian Naughton	Assistant Principal

COUNSELING

Marilyn Hill	Counselor (A-G)
Kristi Morris	Counselor (H-M)
Maureen Killian	Counselor (N-Z)

Office Staff

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Melinda Zerrenner	Health Assistant

Library

Ursula Ferrall	Librarian
Marsha Hill	Assistant

Custodial

Mike Cordero	Head Custodian
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Psychologist

Cafeteria Manager

Principal's Message

Welcome to Goleta Valley Junior High School!

It is my pleasure, as your Principal, to welcome you to your school. This beautiful campus is now your home away from home; please treat it as such. As a student at Goleta Valley Junior High School, you will have the opportunity to become a leader. We have 4 Houses (Buccaneers, Pirates, Sea Monkeys, and Golden Vikings) that rely on your spirit and leadership to earn points and ultimately win the Mariner Cup.

You are now attending a school that is safe and secure for students and staff. We take pride in creating a school environment that is supportive of your personal development, provides a positive educational experience, is conducive to learning, and encourages academic excellence. Students who attend school daily, work hard, perform to the best of their ability, and engage in a variety of activities will have an outstanding experience at Goleta Valley Junior High School.

This student handbook contains very important information that will have an impact on your overall success while attending Goleta Valley Junior High School. Please take the time to read it over and be familiar with what is expected while you are here. Have respect for yourself and others, take responsibility for your own personal development and actions, and participate in a diverse school community so as to maximize your own potential as life long learners.

Goleta Valley Junior High School has a hard working, dedicated, caring and committed staff ready to serve your educational needs. We look forward to serving you in the year to come.

Have a great school year!

Veronica J. Rogers
Principal

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

One out of two students at Goleta Valley is new. No one needs to feel strange or out of place. This is a friendly school where teachers and students alike will offer advice and information. Teachers, counselors, and administrators will help with individual problems. If you feel a "little lost" the first few days, rest assured, so do half of the other students.

HEALTH OFFICE

The health office is located in the administration building. Services include assisting students who are

ill, applying first aid, providing referrals to community agencies, dispensing medication, and maintaining health, immunization and emergency records. The Health Assistant is here for consultation and health supervision. Students wishing to see her during school hours must obtain a hall pass from a teacher before going to her office. Visits may be for illness, accidents, individual conferences concerning health problems, or securing health information.

If a student must go home during the day because of illness or injury, parents or guardians will be telephoned by the Health Assistant. It is necessary that the school have a completed emergency card on file in the Health Office for each student. "Resting" cots are available in the health office only for students waiting to be taken home. If you have a health problem or condition that may affect your studies or activities, please report these problems to the Health Assistant.

Medication Policy: If your child must take medication prescribed by a physician during the school day, please notify the school to obtain the proper forms. Designated school personnel may dispense medication only if:

- A. The school receives a written statement from the physician detailing the method, and amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken; and
- B. Parent submits a written statement indicating his/her desire that the school district assist his/her child in taking the medication; and
- C. Parent signs a GVJH medication release statement. The forms are available in the health office (E.C. 49423, 494890)

This procedure includes over the counter medication, such as aspirin or Tylenol. The policy is strictly adhered to.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND OTHERS, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL ILL. THANK YOU!



Immunizations

"A pupil who has not complied with the immunization laws shall not be admitted to school until evidence of compliance is submitted."

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All students must meet state immunization requirements. Board of Education Policy, 5141 Admin.Reg.

ATTENDANCE

It is important that you be here and that you be on time.

Every minute of school is important. Every minute you are late or absent is a loss for you and for your classmates because you are not here to participate.

The California Administrative Code Title V allows the following excused absences: illness, health related (medical, dental, optometric, etc.) appointments, quarantine (e.g. lice), funeral services for immediate family members, and religion. If a student is absent for part of or the whole day, the parent/guardian must call the attendance office at 967-3486, X 112, the morning of the absence. If no call is made, the student must bring a note to the attendance office within 24 hours of returning to school. The note must be dated, include the student's name, date of absence, reason for absence and the signature of the parent/guardian.

Unresolved absences will be posted as trancies and may result in administrative action

Whenever any part of the instruction in health or family life education conflicts with your religious training and beliefs, or personal moral conviction, or those of your child, your child shall be excused from such instruction upon a parent written request (E.C. 51240).

Late Arrivals

Students arriving late to school must report to the attendance counter in the office and be signed in by the attendance clerk. Only students who have been ill, have returned from a dental/medical appointment, funeral, or religious observance will be excused! Oversleeping, car trouble, a missed bus, being needed at home, etc., are unacceptable tardy excuses and students may be disciplined per the school's tardy or truancy policy.

Off-Campus Appointments

If a student must leave during the school day for an appointment, s/he must bring a note from his/her parent/guardian to the attendance clerk before first period. Students will be issued an off-campus pass to leave class at the arranged time.

Students must check out through the attendance clerk before leaving and must wait in the office for rides.

REMEMBER: Goleta Valley Junior High School is a closed campus. This means that once students arrive at school, they are not allowed to leave until they have checked out through the attendance or health office.

Trips or other Absences

If a student must be absent for one or more days for reasons other than those that are legally excused, arrangements for obtaining assignments must be made prior to the absence. It is the student's responsibility to contact all their teachers for any work they may need to complete because of their absence.

P.E. Excuses

Students must submit a note directly to their P.E. teacher from their parent/guardian or physician to be excused from physical activity in P.E. The note must have the student's name, the reason for the request, date of absences and a parent/guardian or physician signature. **Students will still be required to dress out in their P.E. uniforms even if they are excused from participating.**

Appointments

Students wishing to see a counselor should stop by the counseling office before or after school. Parents may make appointments by calling 967-3486.

Noon Permits

Request forms for permission to go home for lunch may be obtained in the office. They must be signed by parents and approved by an administrator.

Withdrawal or transfer from school

Forms for withdrawal or transfer are obtained from the counseling office. This process requires that the student clear all school debts, clean his/her P.E. locker, and sign out of classes before the withdrawal. Parents wishing to withdraw their son/daughter must present their reasons in person or in writing. Students may not hand carry their official school records. These will be sent to the receiving school upon request by the receiving school. Parents may inspect these records before they are sent. Please contact the counseling office in advance.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an essential part of a challenging academic program. Homework provides enrichment opportunities for subjects taught in the classroom and practice in developing mastery of subject matter. Plan for at least two hours of homework per school night. Agenda planners are required and students are expected to use them daily to keep track of listing all assignments and due dates. Agendas are

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purchased at school. Please contact us if your student has difficulty purchasing an agenda.

Make-up Work

In case of illness, students are required to obtain scheduled assignments. It is recommended that students have a class buddy to call to access missed assignments. Office personnel will forward homework/missed assignments requests to teachers **only** if a student is out three or more days. Teachers require at least 24 hours notice to have missed work available for parent pick-up. For instance, work requested Monday afternoon would likely not be available until Wednesday. In case of suspension, homework is requested of teachers by the assistant principal. Homework/missed assignments are available for pick-up from the homework box in the office. Please call to confirm that the work is available for pick-up.

Teachers may have their own policies regarding make-up work. It is the student's responsibility to know the teacher's policy on make-up work and make-up tests/labs. It is also the students' responsibility to make up their assignments in the time allotted by their teachers.

COUNSELING

Counselors are student advocates and serve as liaisons among administrators, faculty, parents and the community. All students are encouraged to meet with the counseling staff. The staff is here to make your junior high years memorable, successful and an enjoyable learning experience.

Counselors are available to help students with school and personal problems.

FIGHTING BACK YOUTH

The Fighting Back counselors are part of the Student Assistance Program. They provide peer mediation training and health education; teaches Peer Advocates; assists in conflict resolution, anger management, attendance monitoring, and truancy prevention; coordinates student support groups and community service; and individually tutors and counsels students.

INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFERS

Enrollment Priorities

No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by students

transferring from outside the attendance area. (Education Code 35160.5)

Once enrolled, a student shall not have to apply for re-admission. A student may be subject to displacement due to excessive enrollment of students residing in the attendance area of the school. Siblings will be allowed to enroll, space permitting.

Selection Procedures

Open enrollment applications shall be available at the home school office by March 1. Space available shall be the determining factor, as decided by the site Principal. Applications submitted beginning March 1 to the home school for enrollment at the school of their choice shall be considered for admission to that school the following school year under the district's open enrollment policy. A copy of the application shall be sent to the school of choice by the home school. Enrollment in a school of choice shall be determined by lottery for the application pool of the school no later than August 22nd and a waiting list shall be established to indicate the order in which students may be accepted as openings occur. Applicants will be informed of their acceptance or waiting list number.

PARENT CONFERENCE

To make an appointment for a conference or to contact personnel, call 967-3486.

The education of your child requires a high degree of home-school cooperation. If you wish information about your child's work, call the school and ask to be connected to the teacher's voice mail. If you have a question about a behavior problem, call and ask for the Assistant Principal.

You may also schedule a conference with a teacher, counselor, assistant principal or the principal.

ACADEMICS

The Santa Barbara High School District is dedicated to academic excellence. The junior high school curriculum is driven by the demanding content standards adopted by the California State Board of Education in 1997. These world-class standards, comprehensive and balanced, guide the structure of our institutional programs, choice of instructional materials, staff development activities, and assessment strategies. This standards-based system of curricular and instructional programs accelerates and sustains the academic achievement of all Goleta Valley Junior High School Students.

Academic Requirements

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Students in the seventh or eighth grades at Goleta Valley Junior High School are required to enroll in six classes per semester. Seventh graders may have one elective, and students in eighth grade will also have one. For promotion from seventh grade to eighth grade, students must earn 55 units. For transfer, students must have earned a minimum of 50 units. All Goleta Valley Junior High School students must pass fifteen units each of Math, English/Reading, Social Studies, and Science during their two years of study.

GRADES

Grades are earned for each subject in both scholarship and citizenship.

<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>		<u>CITIZENSHIP</u>	
A	Superior	O	Outstanding
B	Very Good	S	Satisfactory
C	Average	N	Needs Improvement
D	Below Average	U	Unsatisfactory
F	Failed		
CR	Credit		

Progress reports are issued in November, January, March and June. Semester grades (January and June) are recorded in a student's permanent record.

HOMEWORK CENTER

The Homework Center is an on-site study center, open to all students, where students receive help with homework. The Homework Center is open Monday through Thursday, during lunch and from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. in Room 301. Tutorial classes are also offered.

PROMOTION

An eighth grade student who is suspended for twelve (12) or more days or is referred to the office frequently for discipline will be denied the privilege of taking part in the promotion ceremony and/or eighth grade end-of-year activities. An eighth grade student who receives two (2) or more "U's" in citizenship or a combination of three (3) or more unsatisfactory (U's or N's) citizenship grades in his/her second semester report, may be denied the privilege of taking part in the promotion ceremony and/or eighth grade year-end activities. An excessive (5 or more) number of tardies (failing to be seated by the time the bell rings) will result in a citizenship grade of "N" or "U". In brief, any eighth grade student may be denied the privilege of participating in the promotion ceremony or accompanying activities.

Debts

An eighth-grade student who owes money to the school for lost or damaged books, locks, or money from fundraisers may be denied the privilege of taking part in the promotion ceremony and/or eighth grade end-of-year activities. Students owing money

will also be denied enrollment in Santa Barbara High School district schools.

Promotion Requirements

English/Reading	4 semesters	(2 yrs)	7,8
Mathematics	4 semesters	(2 yrs)	7,8
Science	4 semesters	(2 yrs)	7,8
Social Studies	4 semesters	(2 yrs)	7,8
Physical Education	4 semesters	(2 yrs)	7,8
Tech Exploration	1 semester		7

PROGRESS OR UNSATISFACTORY REPORTS

When a student is performing below the level of his/her ability or is making an unsatisfactory citizenship grade, a progress notice is mailed to the home midway through the quarter. If a student is performing exceptionally well, a teacher may send a note of commendation.

HONOR CODE

It is required that each student be responsible for completing his or her own class work and homework. Cheating is strictly prohibited. Consequences for cheating may include lowered academic and/or citizenship grade and progressive disciplinary action.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Technology Vision Statement

Students will utilize technology to access, process, and communicate information:

Access: There is a vast amount of information available. Students need to learn the tools for gathering this information.

Process: After collecting information, it is necessary for students to use discrimination, questioning and verification techniques to cull, evaluate and synthesize the information.

Communicate: When the processing of information is complete, students must be able to present conclusions to a variety of audiences with the appropriate media.

Goleta Valley Junior High School has three computer labs, located in rooms 502 and 602, and the library. There are approximately 200 Windows '98 based computers available for academic class support during the school day. On Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch, our Computer Club meets in Room 502. Check the Daily Bulletin for information about this popular club.

Several computers are available for student use in the library. See the librarian for details on how to use this technology and when the computers are available. Goleta Valley's home page on the World Wide Web (www.gvjh.org) is maintained by Mr. Ian

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Moore. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact the principal.

Acceptable Use Policy for Students

Computers on campus are intended to support learning and to enhance instruction. Computer networks allow people to interact with many computers. The Internet, a network of networks, allows users to interact with hundreds of thousands of networks and computers. It is a general policy that all computers available through the District's access to the Internet must be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

Unacceptable uses include the following:

- Violating the conditions of the California Education Code dealing with students' rights to privacy.
- Using profanity, obscenity, or other language that may be offensive to other users.
- Re-posting (forwarding) personal communication without the author's prior consent.
- Copying commercial software in violation of copyright laws.
- Using the network for financial gain, commercial activity, or any illegal activity.
- Accessing inappropriate (i.e. pornography, hate/bias-related) information.
- The person to whom an account is issued is responsible at all times for its proper use. Users should change their password frequently. Users must not give a password to another user.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

You are welcome in the library. Its shelves contain many books to help students with schoolwork and to provide pleasure from reading. Please take good care of the resources in your library. Your school library holds a rich resource of information, in traditional book form and by means of computers with access to the Internet. The library is open 8:05 a.m. - 3:00 pm on school days. The library is closed daily for lunch from 12:07-12:22 pm. It is open from 12:22-12:47 pm.

Passes: Teacher-issued hall are required to visit the library during class time. Passes are not necessary before or after school, or during lunch.

Behavior in the Library: Students must behave in a manner that creates a quiet and orderly atmosphere for study. Food and drinks are not permitted.

Textbook Checkout: Textbooks will be checked out within the first two weeks of the start of the semester, once class schedules are finalized. Students are responsible for all books checked out to them and will be assessed fees for damaged or lost books. Each book has an identification number and the book

issued to you is the book you are expected to return. Return textbooks promptly if you change or drop classes.

Library Book Checkout: All available library books are catalogued. If you cannot find a book through the computerized system, ask the librarian or librarian's assistant for help. You will have a school I.D. card issued to you that also serves as your borrowers' card.

Overdue Books: Having overdue books will result in overdue book fees and/or loss of checkout privileges. Please return books promptly so that other students may have access.

CAFETERIA

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria for 30 minutes prior to the first bell. A complete breakfast (1 protein, 2 bread items, 8 oz. milk and 4 oz. juice) costs \$2.00. These and several other items also may be purchased individually. A combo lunch (choice of hot or cold entree; choice of fruit and vegetable and a trip to the salad bar costs \$2.75. In addition, items including sandwiches, hamburgers, super salad bar, fresh fruit, cookies, chips and juices are available on a per item basis.

Free/Reduced Lunches: Applications are available for students of families who qualify for free or reduced lunches. To facilitate this process, **please complete applications before the start of school.** The application takes several weeks to be approved by the district. A new application must be completed each year.

Student cafeteria workers are needed each year. In exchange for working, these selected students receive free lunches. Please contact Ms. Weiss if you are interested.

Lunch-time behavior

Help keep your campus clean. **Be responsible for your own trash, pick up trash you see and deposit all trash in cans.** Recycling is encouraged and cans for recyclables are available around campus.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Arriving on campus before the start of school.

Classrooms will be open at least 10 minutes before school. If you arrive early, please stay in the quad until classrooms are opened. Students are asked to be on the inside of the covered entrance to the auditorium. Students are not to loiter in the parking lots, behind the auditorium or cafeteria, between or behind the classroom wings, on the front steps, or in front of the main office building. **Once you have**

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arrived on campus, you may not leave without permission from the office.

Change of address and/or phone numbers

Please notify the counseling Registrar immediately of any changes in your address, phone number or guardianship status. Please provide the office with work phone numbers and cell phone numbers in case the school needs to contact parents during the school day or in case of emergency.

Departure from school at the end of the day

Students are to leave campus immediately after school unless involved in a supervised after-school activity. Parents must make arrangements to have their sons/daughters picked up in a timely manner. Buses are available.

I.D. Cards

Identification cards with your photograph will be issued to you during the fall. Take care not to lose or damage your I.D. card. The card has many uses including serving as your library borrower's card, used to purchase breakfast and lunch and participation in student activities.

Insurance

Student accident insurance is available on a voluntary basis through a private company. It provides broad coverage for injuries in school activities not covered by the school district. It is the parent's responsibility to carry insurance for their child.

Messages to Students during School Hours

Because of the high volume of requests for messages to be delivered to students, **only emergency messages will be delivered.** The message request must be made through the office staff. Messages will be taken only from a parent/guardian. Please make your child's after-school or pick-up plans before school. **The office will not take messages related to after-school plans.** A pay phone is located outside the administration building and is available to students before 8:30 am and after 2:30 pm daily.

Cell phones, pagers, radios, CD players, iPods, Walkmans and other electronic devices that interrupt the educational program are not allowed. These are considered "unauthorized articles" and will be confiscated when found. An item confiscated will be returned only to a parent following a conference with an administrator.

Phone Use

A pay phone is available to students **BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL ONLY.** *The office phone is available to students only on an emergency basis.*

Our office phones are not to be used to arrange for after school needs such as rides home.

Release of Student to Police or Sheriff Officers

If a school official releases your child from school to a peace officer for the purpose of removing him/her from the school premises for disciplinary reasons, the school official or peace officer shall take immediate steps to notify the parent or a responsible relative/guardian noted on the student emergency card. An exception to this procedure will be made when a student has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse. In those cases, the officer will notify the parent or guardian (E.C. Section 48906).

Valuables

Please do not bring items of value to school. We are not responsible for their breakage, theft or loss. The school will not provide security for such items. We maintain a set of books for classroom use and provide books to be kept at home. P.E. lockers are small and only provide space for clothes. Always lock them carefully!

Lost and found

Be sure to put your name on clothing, books and personal belongings. If you find a personal item such as a backpack, purse, wallet, notebook, etc., please bring it to the front office. Found books should be taken to the library. Effort will be made to recover lost or stolen items.

Visitors on Campus

Parents/Adult visitors are invited to the GVJH campus during school hours. All visitors must report to the school office by signing in and obtaining a visitor badge. Parent attendance at assemblies and special class presentations is encouraged.

Student visitors are not permitted on campus during school hours. Students visiting schools they do not attend may face suspension from their home school. Because of the disruption to the academic program, visiting relatives and family guests are not allowed to attend school with our students. Permission to attend by a non-GVJH student is done on a case-by-case basis and requires 24-hour advance written permission from an administrator.

Office Use

The office is open for students to consult with administrators, counselors, the health technician, or the attendance clerk.

TRANSPORTATION

Skateboards

You may ride your skateboard to and from school.

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However, you may not ride it on campus. The only sanctioned storage for skateboards is the bike cage. It is up to students to find a safe place for a skateboard. It is a privilege to have a skateboard at school. If rules are not followed, the privilege will be revoked. Follow safety procedures. Wear a helmet and obey the rules of the road. **Please note that Barling Terrace, across the street from the school, is private property. The property owners may report student trespassers to authorities.**

Bicycles

Bicycles are to be locked inside the bike cage. Bicycles may not be ridden on campus. GVJH is not responsible for bicycles brought to school during the school day, night, or weekends. Wear a helmet and obey the rules of the road. **Students may not use the bike rack without a helmet.**

Bus Information

The MTD provides bus service for students who live beyond walking distance to school. Route information can be obtained from MTD. The Goleta Union School District provides bus service our students living in El Captain State Beach area. MTD bus tickets may be purchased each Monday and Wednesday, during lunch. The reduced rate for 10 rides is \$5.50. The regular rate is \$7.50 for 10 rides. It is recommended that students write their names on their ticket. Students must apply and be approved for Free/Reduced lunch to receive reduced rate.

GVJH School Bus Safety Rules

Riding the MTD bus is a privilege. MTD bus drivers will monitor behavior of passengers. It is important that all students are aware of the bus riding rules so they may keep their privileges. MTD may suspend riding privileges temporarily or permanently for misconduct. Unsafe actions that would jeopardize the safety of anyone on the bus will result in immediate suspension of bus riding privileges and may result in disciplinary action.

When you are riding the bus home, you are still subject to school rules.

- As the bus approaches, line up in an orderly manner, without pushing.
- Observe the same high standards of citizenship that are expected at school.
- Embark and disembark promptly and in an orderly manner.
- When crossing the street, students absolutely **MUST** cross in front of the bus.
- Follow all directions given by the driver.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES ON THE BUS MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF BUS-RIDING PRIVILEGES.

THE DAILY BULLETIN

The Daily Bulletin is published each school day and is read over the public address system by a student. Printed copies are available and a copy is posted on the student bulletin board in the office. The Daily Bulletin is also available on the school website, www.gvjh.org. The Daily Bulletin contains information for students about club meetings, lunchtime activities, house competitions, assemblies, performing arts and musical presentations, after-school sports practices and games, along with other campus events.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

To be eligible to participate in extra curricular activities, students must follow the Santa Barbara High School District's requirements of acceptable scholarship and citizenship.

Associated Student Body

All students of Goleta Valley Junior High School belong to the Associated Student Body (ASB). ASB officers are elected in the spring for the following school year. Candidates must petition and have satisfactory academic and citizenship grades. Actively participating in ASB government or being a house representative means being involved in school-wide projects, and acquiring leadership qualities.

After-School Sports

Goleta Valley Junior High School offers every student, male or female, the opportunity to participate in after-school sports. All that is required is a willingness to attend practices on a regular basis. Our school competes with other local junior high/middle schools. Bus transportation is offered when the competition takes place away from home. Students have seasonal options including flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer or Frisbee.

Other activities and groups available for students

To make junior high school a well-rounded and more social environment, students are encouraged to participate in school activities. There are a variety of clubs and activity groups that welcome student participation and involvement. Academic counselors can provide more information on the following activities:

Advanced Band	Cooking Club
Chess & Games Club	Club Live
Cal-SOAP	Computer Club
Drill Team	MathCounts

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Science Club

AWARDS

Honor Roll and Principal's List

All students earning a GPA of 3.5 or better each semester will receive an Honor Roll certificate in recognition of their academic excellence. Any student who receives a GPA of 3.0-3.49 will receive a Principal's List Certificate.

Eighth Grade Awards Program

- Galleon Award
- Anchor Award
- Principal's Award
- President's Award for Educational Excellence
- ASB Leadership Award
- Marj Rankin Library Award
- McDonald's Youth Achievement Award
- Navigator Award
- Yearbook Award
- The Will Winn Award
- Soroptimist Award
- Joe Blake Award
- D.A.R.
- Departmental Awards
- Word Masters Award
- 2-Year Perfect Attendance Award

The highest awards given are The Galleon Award and The Anchor Award.

The Galleon Award is the highest award presented to an 8th grade student who has evidenced outstanding student leadership, academic achievement, school and community service, and character.

The Anchor Award is presented for continuous and faithful attention to one's own responsibilities, both in and out of the classroom. These students have performed outstanding services for many staff members and fellow students. They are the students who are diligent, cooperative and dependable.

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Goleta Valley Junior High School has five student Recognition Awards given on a monthly basis. Each week several students are chosen either by nomination or by drawing. The four programs are: Attendance, Sportsmanship, Reading Recognition, Teachers Choice and Mariner Award. Awards range from movie passes to lunch certificates from local merchants. The purpose of these programs is to promote positive and constructive behavior.

The Attendance Award is based on perfect attendance for the school year up to the drawing date. In addition to the monthly awards, there is also a drawing for mountain bikes at the end of the school

year. These bikes are awarded to students who have had perfect attendance for two consecutive years. **Perfect attendance means you are here every day for every period. Partial period absences for dental or medical reasons will disqualify you from consideration for perfect attendance.**

The Reading Recognition Program recognizes its readers through a monthly award. Each book a student reads is worth one chance. The more books a student has read the more chances the student has. As soon as a student has read a book, he/she has a parent or teacher sign a book card and turns it in to be eligible for the monthly drawings. Reading cards are available through their English teacher and must be signed by the student and the teacher or parent before they are turned in.

The Teachers Choice award recognizes individual students. The focus of this award is on several areas of student behavior; overall improvement, attitude, being helpful, being on time and being prepared when the bell rings.

The Mariner Award is for those students "caught doing something good". Good deeds may include helping another student, keeping the campus clean by picking up trash, or simply being pleasant and respectful toward another student or staff member. This award is sponsored by McDonalds of Santa Barbara.

Junior High School Honor Society

The Goleta Valley Junior High School Honor Society is a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible for membership, students must earn a 3.5 or better grade point average through all of 7th grade and the first semester of 8th grade studies. At no time may a student's semester grades drop below 3.5. Grades in all subjects are considered in calculating the grade point average. Grades are weighed as follows: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and an F=0. Students must also maintain satisfactory citizenship in all classes.

2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 24, 2007	Regatta
August 20, 2007	Opening Day of Classes
September 3, 2007	Labor Day Holiday
September 13, 2007	Back to School Night
October 26, 2007	End of 1 st Quarter
November 12, 2007	Veterans' Day Holiday
November 21-23, 2007	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 17, 2007-Jan. 1, 2008	Winter Recess
January 18, 2008	End of 1 st Semester
	Minimum Day
January 21, 2008	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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February 15, 2008	Lincoln Day Holiday
February 18, 2008	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 21, 2008	End of 3 rd quarter
March 26–April 4, 2008	Spring Recess
May 26, 2008	Memorial Day Holiday
June 12, 2008	Last Day of School
	2 nd Semester Grades
	10:00 am 8 th Grade Promotion
	11:35 am 7 th Grade Dismissal

Back to School Night - September 13, 2007 7:00 p.m.

All parents should plan to attend our Back to School Night. Parents follow their student's schedule spending 10 minutes in each class. During the class time, teachers describe course objectives, materials, grading policies, homework policies, and the major activities in the class. Please remember, this is not a time for conferences about grades or coursework.

Minimum Day Schedule

Arrival	8:30 a.m.
Dismissal	12:00 p.m.

Assembly Schedule

Assembly Schedules will be announced in the Daily Bulletin. Assemblies are either "by invitation" (selected classes) or "whole school" and may be divided into two sessions.

Emergency Disaster Plan

To provide for the safety of our students, a comprehensive Disaster Preparedness Plan is in place. Evacuation procedures are practiced regularly. Both fire and earthquake drills assist staff and students with mastering safe and effective procedures for vacating areas of potential danger. In addition, a Drop & Lock Procedure is rehearsed in case the school faces a dangerous intruder on campus. Finally, a Violence Response Kit exists with information to assist law enforcement agencies responding to threats to student/staff safety.

Release of Students to Parents

In the event of a disaster requiring evacuation, the following procedures are in place:

Students, under the supervision of school personnel, will wait for release at designated areas on the activities blacktop.

An Emergency Command Center, with Parent Release stations, will be set up to the rear of the school cafeteria. Parents must report to this area to pick up their son or daughter. A quick and effective release procedure will ensure safe and legal release

of all students to parents or guardians.

DISCIPLINE GUIDE FOR CLASSROOM AND CAMPUS

GVJH believes one of our responsibilities is the preparation of young people for responsible citizenship. We accomplish this by providing a learning environment that reinforces ideas of self-discipline and the acceptance of personal responsibility. Students are expected to progress from being adult-directed to self-directed with minimal application of disciplinary action. The foundation of our progressive discipline program is the philosophy that:

**EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO LEARN
EVERY TEACHER HAS THE RIGHT TO TEACH
EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM
PHYSICAL AND VERBAL ABUSE**

Behaviors Expected from Successful Students

The following guidelines will help you avoid disciplinary action and become a successful student, taking responsibility for your own learning and development.

1. **BE PREPARED:** Arrive to class with all the necessary materials requested by your teachers. Complete and turn in all your assignments on time.
2. **BE PRODUCTIVE:** Use class time wisely and make positive contributions to class activities.
3. **BE HERE AND BE ON TIME:** Attend school regularly. Make up missed work when you are absent. Be in your seat ready to learn before the bell rings.
4. **BE CONSIDERATE:** Listen carefully to the adults on campus.
5. **BE RESPECTFUL:** Treat others with respect, use appropriate language and actions and always be polite. Avoid threatening confrontations with others.
6. **BE A PROBLEM SOLVER:** Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Progressive Discipline: Goleta Valley Junior High School expects students to conform to a code of behavior that guarantees the right of all students to an educational setting that is safe and orderly. Our discipline interventions are contractual, progressive and educational. Students will be made aware of what is expected of them and of the consequences that follow rule violations. A positive school climate is the end result of the total school community, adult and adolescent, behaving in productive, respectful manners with equal consideration for all.

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Inappropriate student behavior may result in any of the following **progressive discipline** interventions:

- Student Conference
- Mediation
- Parent/student conference
- Community Service (during lunch or after school)
- Teacher or Administrative Detention
- Saturday School or parent visitation in lieu of suspension
- Suspension
- Teen Court Referral
- Involuntary Transfer
- Recommendation for Expulsion

Suspension: Students may be suspended by their teachers up to two class periods. Administrators may suspend students up to five days. Suspensions may be on-campus or at home, at the administrator's discretion. Suspension notices are mailed home and become part of the student's permanent records.

Involuntary Transfer: Students with 20 days of suspension in the same school year or with a cumulative total of 30 days will be involuntarily transferred to another junior high school within the district. Students with 30 or more days of suspension may be recommended for expulsion from the Santa Barbara School Districts.

Recommendation for Expulsion: The most severe consequence for violations of school rules or offenses listed below, per the California Education Code, is expulsion. Causes for mandatory recommendation for expulsion are referred to as Zero Tolerance violations.

ZERO TOLERANCE

Santa Barbara High School District endeavors to maintain safe and secure campuses throughout the district for all of the students, teachers and staff. Per Administrative Regulation 5144.1, the principal or designee must make the recommendation for expulsion of a student from the Santa Barbara High School District for:

- Possessing or selling a firearm on campus
- Brandishing a knife at another person
- Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Chap. 2 of the Health and Safety Code
- Committing or attempting to commit sexual assault or sexual battery as defined in Sub-division (n) of Education Code 48900.

MARIJUANA/DRUG/ALCOHOL POLICY

According to Santa Barbara School District policy, when a student is involved in the first suspension for possession or use of drugs (controlled substances), drug paraphernalia or alcohol, he/she will be suspended for five (5) days. The student and parent must begin an appropriate drug/alcohol counseling program for a minimum of three sessions. Known as the SUPER Program, this program must be initiated and completed within a designated time period or the student will be involuntarily transferred to another junior high school.

Students involved a second time with marijuana, other drugs, paraphernalia or alcohol will be recommended for expulsion from the Santa Barbara School District. Students caught selling drugs will be recommended for expulsion for the first offense.

Smoking, paraphernalia, and other tobacco products: Every person under the age of 18 who purchases or receives tobacco, cigarettes, or cigarette papers, or any other preparation of tobacco, or any other instrument or paraphernalia that is designed for the smoking of tobacco products prepared from tobacco shall be subject to disciplinary action. Students who are in possession of tobacco, tobacco products, or lighters on campus will be suspended from school.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are required to exercise good judgment, exhibit responsible behavior and endeavor to reflect respect for themselves, their school and their community.

- Clothing and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or other insignias which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, which bear any symbol or insignia that is inflammatory or indicates/advocates hatred based on group membership.
- The wearing of clothing that represents any group, gang, organization, or philosophy that advocates violence or disruption, or has any history of violence or disruption of the objectives of the school's instructional program is unacceptable.
- Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn on junior high campuses.
- Clothes must fit properly and must conceal undergarments at all times. Halter-tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, and bare midriffs are prohibited. Shirts must be worn on campus during the school day.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Safety must be considered first when choosing to wear sandals and open-toed shoes.
- Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.

P.E. Dress Requirements

Physical Education classes are part of the required curriculum. Participation is mandatory. Students may be excused from participation only for medical reasons (doctor's note required). Students must purchase and wear a school PE uniform. PE lockers and locks are assigned to students by PE department personnel. Uniform and locker policies are explained to students at the start of the term. **To ensure the safety of your belongings and the security of your locker, always lock your locker and do not share your lock combination with others.**

A Final Note on Student Rights

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Students have the right to fair, consistent and respectful treatment by staff members and fellow students. Students have the right to due process.

Students, within legal constraints, may exercise their constitutionally protected rights of free speech, expression, and assembly as long as they do not interfere with the operation of the regular school program.

Students have rights pertaining to search and seizure of their possessions. However, while searches at school must follow specific guidelines, **the standard for search and seizure on school campuses is not probable cause. The standard for schools is known as reasonable suspicion.**

Expectation of Privacy

It relates to your ability and rights to possess or store items while at school that you believe will remain private or secure from other's view, for example, within school lockers. Students do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy with regards to property owned by the school when used for the purpose of storing personal belongings. School lockers are property of the school, and are subject to random searches. This concept extends to the contents of files or folders stored in school owned computers. Please refer to the school's Acceptable Use Policy for computer applications.