

# Welcome to 7th Grade Parent Night!



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# Venado 7th Grade Parent Night

Tuesday, September 16th



# Introductions



# Welcome!

	Schoolwide Learning Practices
	Counseling
	Home and School Academic Connection
	Electronics



# Schoolwide Learning Practices



# Venado Teaching Mindset



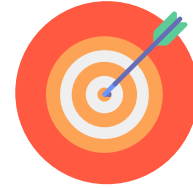
## UDL

We want to foster a  
learning environment that  
promotes students to  
become expert learners.



## All means ALL

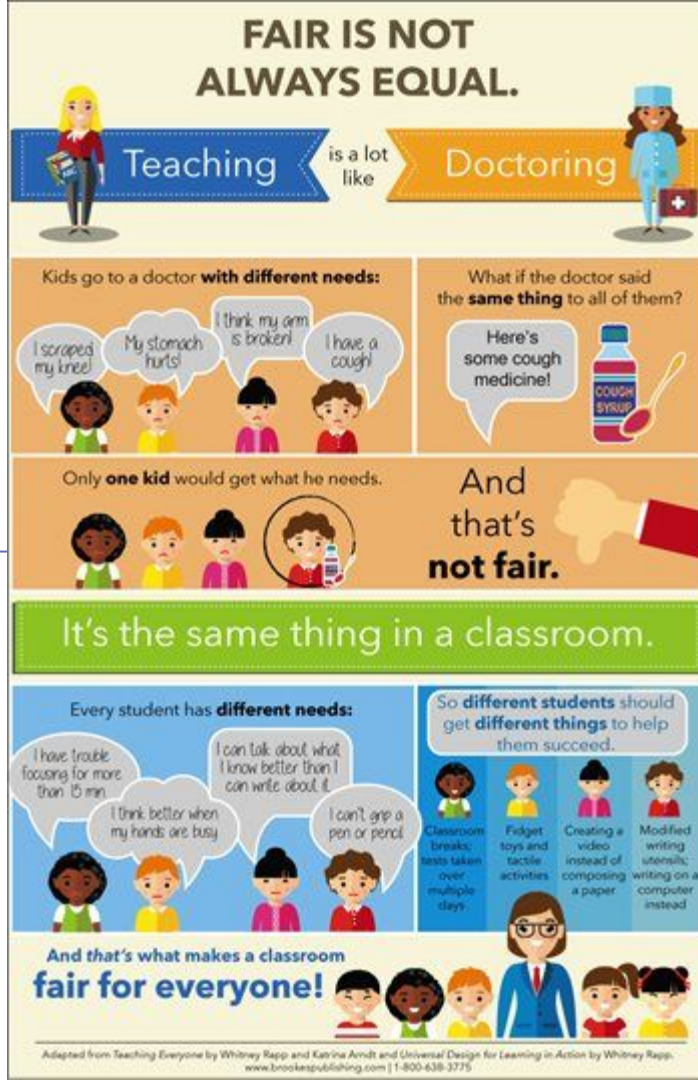
Every student at Venado  
deserves and has the right  
to a rigorous curriculum  
and learning environment.



## Embedded Honors

In Humanities classes, students  
have the opportunity to complete  
and access Honors level work and  
receive recognition for it.

To read this infographic,  
click the image



# Standards-Based Mindset



## SBG

Standard-Based Grading, 4 point grading scale



## Letter Grades

Represents the students skills and knowledge, not their behavior



## Work Habits

If a student is chronically turning in late work, they may receive a 1 or 2 in WH

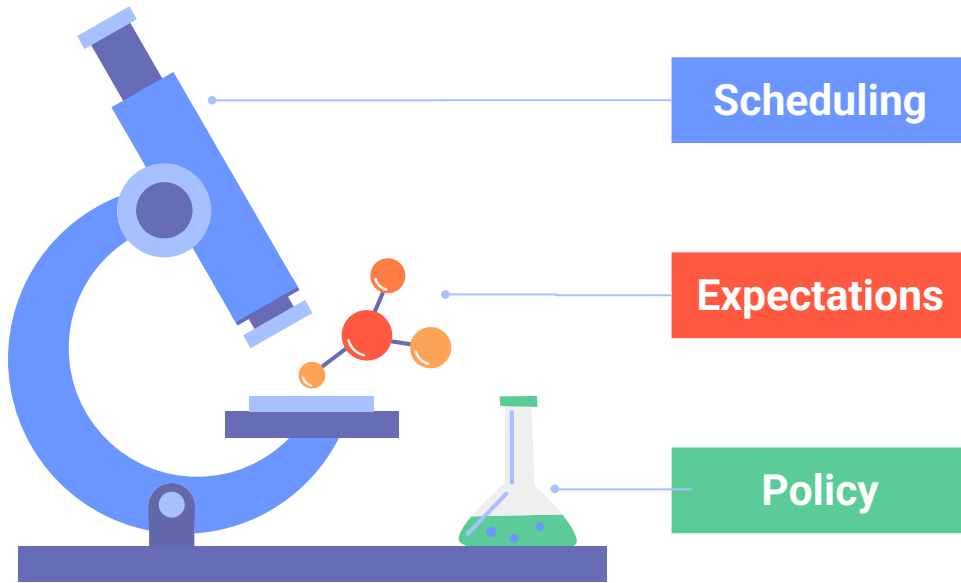


## Mastery

Students learn at their own pace and we meet them where they are at.

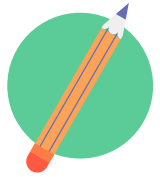


# Homework Policy



- Teachers coordinate tests, projects, and major assignments to prevent overlap.
- Minimal homework on weekends
- No homework during academic breaks (except Enhanced Math).
  - academic break is a 3-day weekend or longer
- [Click here: Venado Middle School Homework Policy](#)

# School-Wide Reassessment Policy



## What is it?

In alignment with our commitment to student growth and mastery of learning standards, students will be provided with multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency on the standards.

## What must students do to be eligible for reassessment?

To be eligible for a reassessment, students must demonstrate a good faith effort prior to the original assessment. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Completing and submitting all required assignments prior to the original assessment
- Participating in class activities and discussions
- Seeking help or feedback from the teacher when needed
- Completing a Request to Retake Form, which is available on Canvas
- The grade recorded will reflect the student's most recent demonstration of proficiency, as determined by the teacher's professional judgment.

# School-Wide Late Work Policy

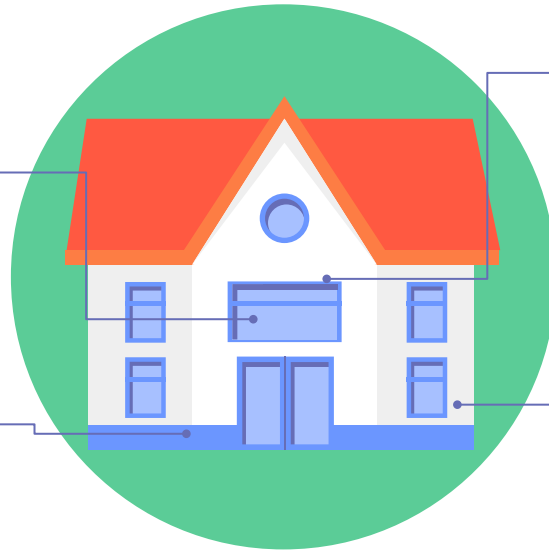
We recognize that students may occasionally encounter challenges that prevent them from submitting assignments on time. Our Late Work Policy is designed to support student learning while maintaining accountability and preparation for due dates.

1

Accepted up until two weeks after the original due date or prior to the original assessment, whichever comes first.

2

Students are encouraged to communicate with their teacher when they anticipate missing deadlines.



3

Teacher's may provide supports and scaffolds to help students complete overdue work.

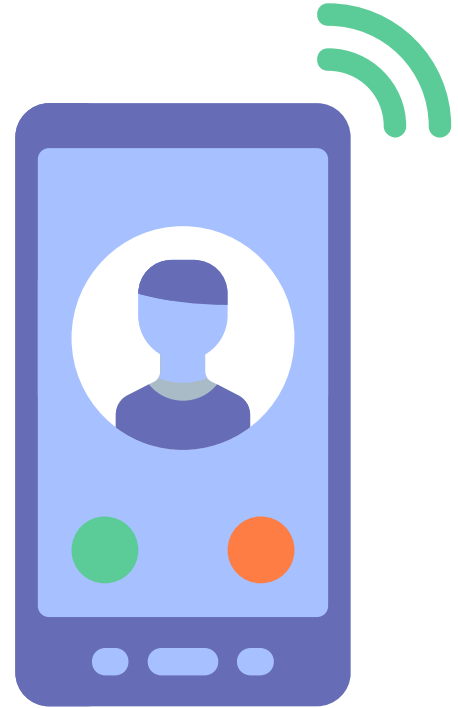
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Work habits grade will be negatively impacted if consistently turning in assignments late.

# AI Policy

## When can my child use AI?

- Teacher permission is always required before using any AI tools.
- AI can be used as a resource to help students to learn
- AI should not be used to complete assignments.
- More information can be found on page 20-21 of the Student Handbook.



# **Counseling & Other student supports**





School counselors work to maximize student success, promoting access and equity for all students. As vital members of the school leadership team, school counselors create a school culture of success for all.

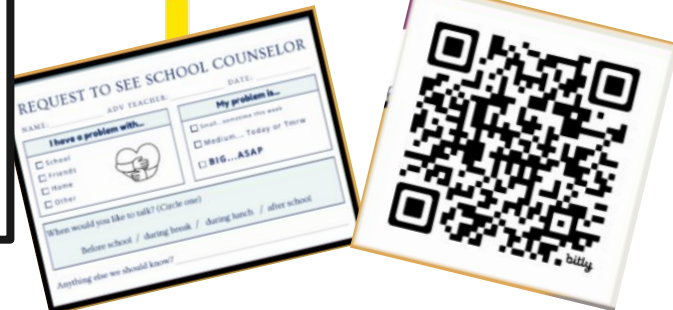
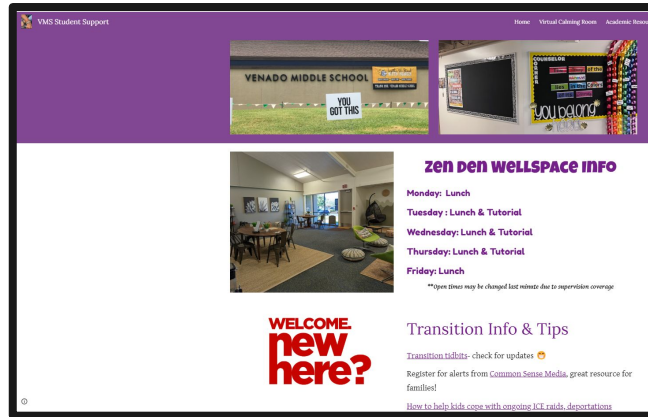
### **School counselors help all students:**

- ❖ apply academic achievement strategies
- ❖ manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- ❖ plan for postsecondary options (higher education, military, work force)

## **School Counselors**

Erin Garcia (right)  
Monday - Friday  
[eringarcia@iusd.org](mailto:eringarcia@iusd.org)

Jeanette Simionescu (left)  
Wednesday & Thursday  
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# The importance of Social Emotional Learning (SEL)



Domains:

- ★ Academic and Social Emotional

Issues:

- Social Media
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Rumors/ gossip
- Screen time

SEL Competencies:

- Emotional Regulation
- Social Awareness



Annual Survey example:  
89% of parents indicated that they think their child is optimistic about the future  
*Only 65% of students responded that they feel optimistic about their future.*

80% of parents felt their child had healthy coping strategies.  
*Only 62% of students shared that they have healthy coping strategies*

# Say Something



*An Anonymous Reporting System for Student Safety*

**What It Is:** A free, anonymous reporting system that allows students and parents to submit secure tips on a wide range of issues.

**Our Mission:** To prevent school violence, suicide, and self-harm by giving students a safe way to "Say Something" to a trusted adult when they see something wrong.

## How to Submit a Tip:

- **Website:** [saysomething.net](https://saysomething.net)
- **Phone:** 1-844-5-SAYNOW or 1-844-572-9669
- **Mobile App:**



## What You Can Report:

- Bullying & Cyberbullying
- Threats & Weapons
- Depression & Self-Harm
- Harassment & Abuse
- Anything Else You Find Concerning

## To Learn More About IUSD Resources, Scan Here!



If immediate assistance is needed, do not wait for a response from these IUSD resources. For emergencies, call 911.



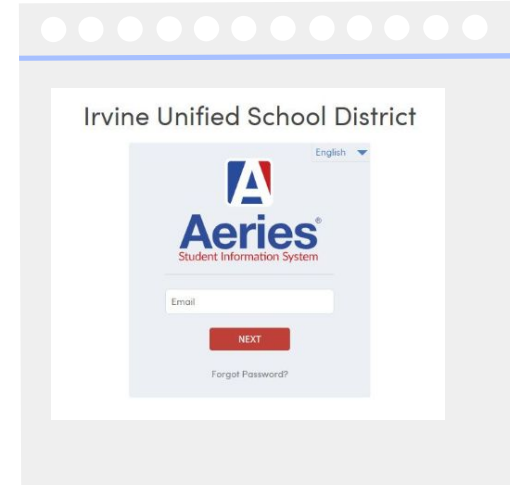
# Home and School Academic Connection



# Aeries: Parent Portal

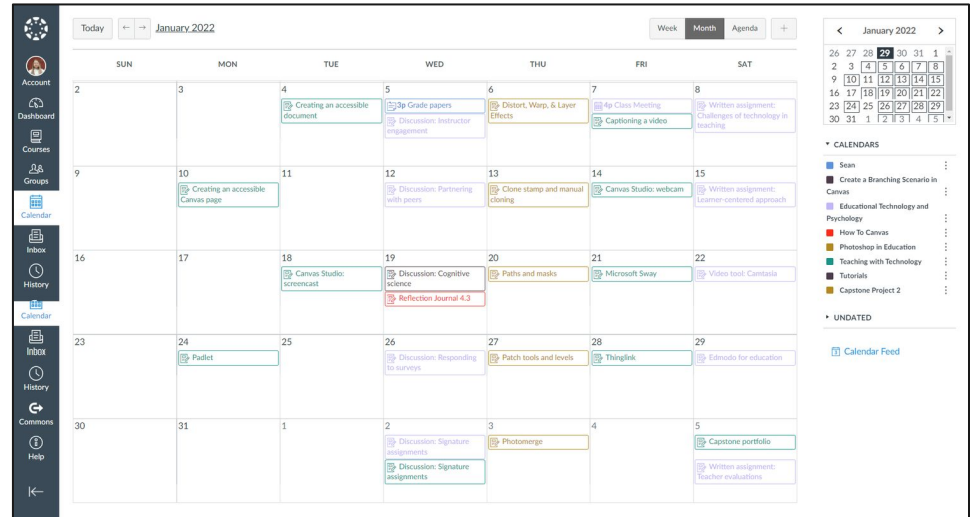


- The most accurate place to check your student's grades.
- Make sure students are logging in to check for missing assignments (red boxes).
- Links and tutorial on how to create & manage accounts on our Venado Website under Parent Resources.



# Canvas

- Where assignments, grades, lesson materials, and some assessments are posted
- Use “Calendar” view to see assignment due dates
- Note: Parent Observer accounts might see different information than student accounts
- Turn on notifications to receive updates



## Backpack & Materials

- Students are expected to be prepared each day for class
- Backpacks should be regularly cleared out, organized, & inspected by a parent
- Silent reading book
- Charged chromebook

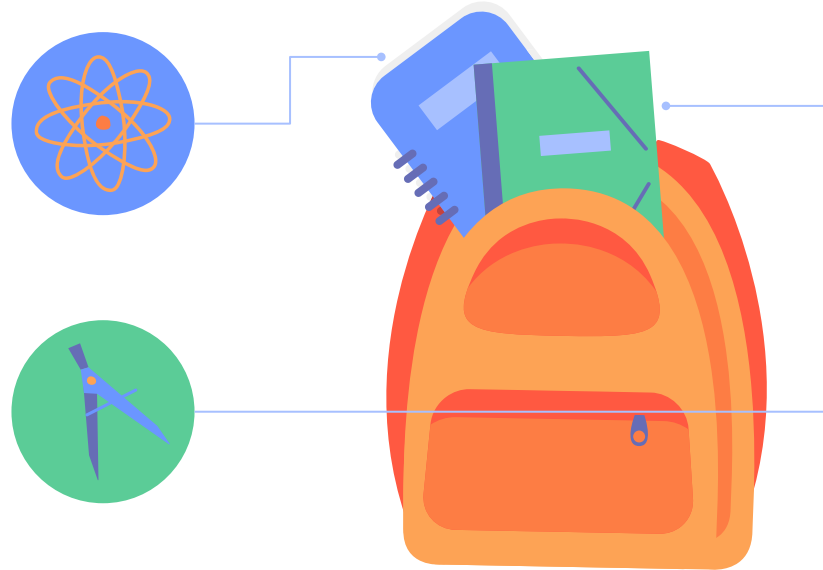
## Student Planner

- Each student has a Venado Planner
- All teachers have students write their HW, upcoming tests, and important events in their planner **each day**

## Venado Binder

- 3 Ring Binder
- Sections/Tabs for each class subject
- Pencil Pouch
- Pens, Pencils, Highlighter
- Extra Paper

# Organization



# Tutorial



## Schedule

Tutorial is most  
Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays,  
and Thursdays.

28 minutes per  
session.

## Purpose

A time for students  
to meet with  
teachers they would  
like additional help  
from.

We use the Flextime  
App to schedule  
appointments.

## Tasks

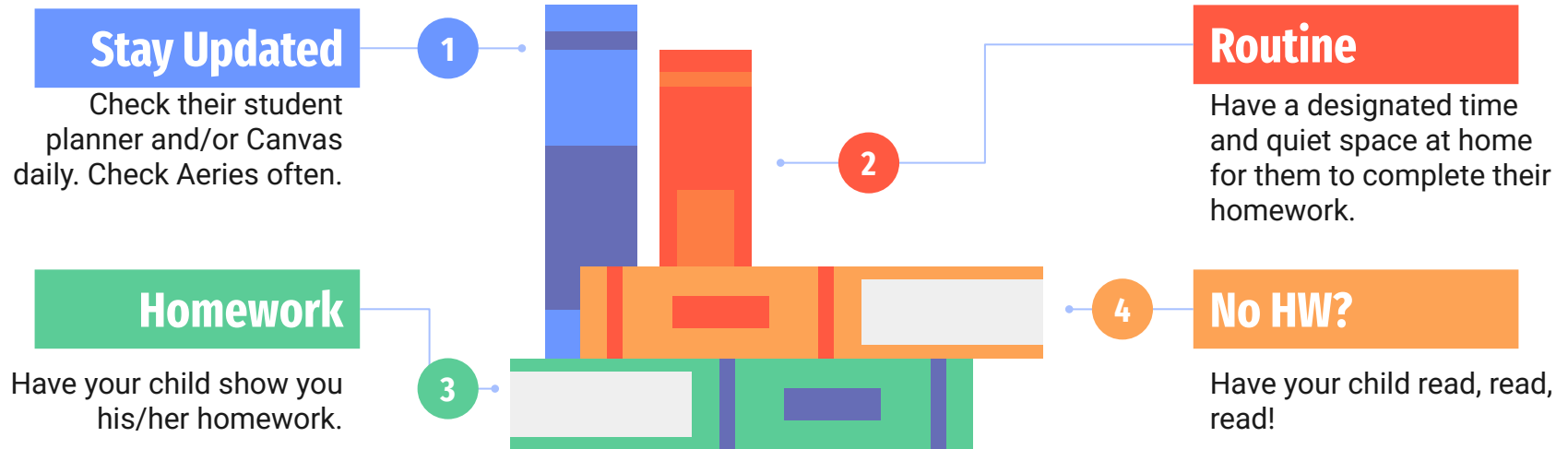
Students work  
on homework,  
projects, re-take  
assessments,  
etc.

## Prepared

Students are expected  
to be proactive and  
purposeful in meeting  
with their teachers  
during Tutorial.

Teachers can also  
schedule students to  
come to their Tutorial.

# How to Support with Homework at Home



# Paper Tutoring

## FREE and Unlimited 24/7 Help!

Paper is FREE!. You can access personalized learning help at any time, anywhere, without worrying about time limits on sessions. They also help with essay revisions!

## Multilingual Support

English, Spanish, French, and Mandarin-speaking tutors are available across several subjects so you can get help in your preferred language.

## Private and secure

Your data and personal information are always protected. The *Paper platform* is secure, and they operate under strict adherence to student data privacy laws.

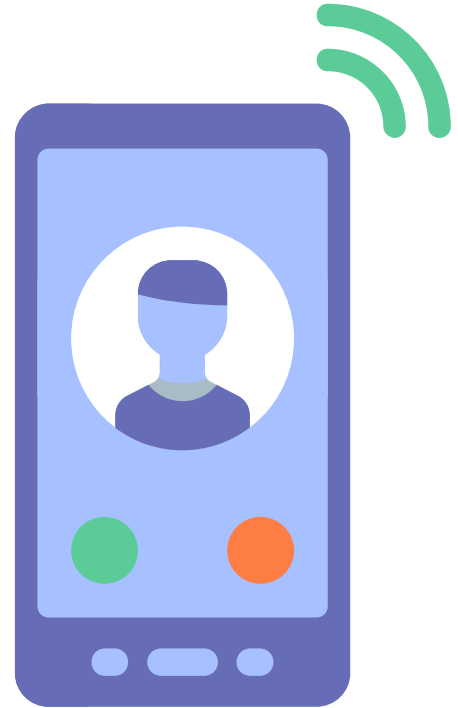
# Parent Teacher Communication

## Check Aeries & Canvas

- Teachers post assignments, announcements, and comments to communicate with families.

## Reach Out Directly & Quickly

- The most effective ways to communicate with teachers is through email or Canvas messages.
- Parents have the ability to leave voicemails directly to teachers as well. Teacher extensions are located on our website.
- Request a conference as needed.





# Fall & Winter Conferences

## Why?

School conferences are a great opportunity to connect with teachers on how to better support your child. Your child's Trimester 1 Progress Report and Trimester 2 Progress Report will indicate whether a teacher parent conference is **needed** or **optional**.

## When?

- Via Zoom
- Fall: October 20th-24th
- Winter: February 2nd-5th



## Who?

- Parent(s)
- Teacher
- Student

## How?

In October and late January, you will receive messages from each of your child's teachers via Parent Square inviting you to sign up for a conference time. You must have a Parent Square account to sign up!

# Electronics



# Supervising Electronics



## Homework

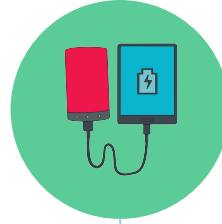
Chromebook or computer workstation should be centrally located so parents can supervise homework completion and is free from electronic distractions



## Parental Controls

Check your Internet Provider and Mobile Carriers to activate Parental Controls

- Wi-Fi Access
- Firewalls



## Charging Devices

Charge Mobile Devices in Parent Bedrooms at a reasonable hour.  
Children need 8-10 hours of sleep.



## Passwords

Know your child's passwords to their devices and accounts.  
Tell them you will spot check their activity.



Social  
Media

Before you...



**THINK!**

**T**

= Is it True?

**H**

= Is it Helpful?

**I**

= Is it Inspiring?

**N**

= Is it Necessary?

**K**

= Is it Kind?

How often do you  
think before you  
post?

- All of your posts should be appropriate and follow the THINK method!
- Remember, what you put on the Internet is out there forever... even if you delete it.

# I TOOK A PHOTO OF MY FRIEND THAT I WANT TO SHARE...NOW WHAT?

1. IS IT A GOOD PHOTO? **YES** **NO** → Be proud of the photos that you share with others! Only show people the best of the best.

2. WOULD MY FRIEND AGREE? **YES** **NO** → Play nice. You wouldn't want your friend to broadcast a bad photo of you, would you?

3. COULD IT GET MY FRIEND INTO TROUBLE?

**YES** **NO**

Don't post any photos that might come back to haunt you or your friends. You never know who will see them.

4. IS IT GOING TO CAUSE DRAMA?

**YES** **NO**

Then it's not worth posting. Really.

SO MY FRIEND IS OKAY WITH IT, BUT HOW MIGHT IT AFFECT ME?

5. AM I AWARE THAT ANYONE CAN SHARE IT?

**YES** **NO**

Well, it's true. Anything you post online can be saved, copied, and shared with a large invisible audience.

6. WOULD I BE OKAY WITH MY GRANDMA SEEING IT?

**YES** **NO**

If you think it will make your grandma blush, then there's a good chance somebody else will find it inappropriate, too.

7. A YEAR FROM NOW, WILL I FEEL GOOD ABOUT MAKING THIS PUBLIC?

**YES** **NO**

Hold off if you're having doubts. Your future self will thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU CLEARLY SELF-REFLECT BEFORE YOU SELF-REVEAL ONLINE, SO...

GO AHEAD! SHARE & ENJOY!





# Mobile Phones, Headphones & Airpods



Responsible

# Electronic Devices

- Mobile phones must be turned off (not just silenced) and must be put away all day.
- Taking pictures or videos of people without express permission (consent) is not allowed.
- Headphones and AirPods must be put away and secured



**MOBILE PHONES AND  
OTHER ELECTRONICS  
(INCLUDING  
HEADPHONES AND  
EARBUDS) SHOULD BE  
TURNED OFF AND PUT  
AWAY ON CAMPUS.**

**Respectful & Responsible**



# Chromebook Use on Campus



- Students may use Chromebooks for instructional purposes with permission from staff members only.
- Chromebooks may not be used at Break or Lunch for these important reasons:
  - Promote student wellness by encouraging appropriate socialization and limiting screen time
  - Support our expectation that Chromebooks are to be used for instructional purposes only
  - Keep devices in good condition and charged for class time

# Questions & Answers



# Thank You for Coming!

