

VENADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student and Parent/Guardian HONOR Compact

“Where we lead students to recognize their greatest gifts and reach their highest potential.”

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Venado Middle School staff believes that well-informed parents/guardians who are actively involved in their children’s education contribute significantly to the success of each student and the school as a whole. It is our expectation that you son or daughter utilize this Student Planner throughout the school year. It is a useful tool to help students develop planning, organizational and time management skills, as well as help parents/guardians remain informed of school activities and assignments. In addition, the Student Planner is a required tool within our Tutorial program. Teachers stamp the Student Planner on days that students are required to attend their Tutorial class. Students will also be using the Student Planner for some Homeroom Activities.

On the Parent Portal (<https://myiusd.org>), parents/guardians can access not only grades and attendance, but can view teacher gradebooks in order to monitor completion of work and progress in each class. See the handbook for specific instructions on how to view teacher gradebooks. There are also ample opportunities to meet with school staff throughout the year such as Back to School Night, Fall Conferences, Open House, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and volunteer programs.

Beginning in 2017-2018, all teachers at Venado will use the online tool Canvas to post upcoming assignments and due dates. This tool will be updated regularly and the calendar feature will help families stay informed about the student’s school work.

It is important that we work together to ensure that your child has a successful middle school experience. Please review the Student and Parent/Guardian Compact on the next page and the entire Student Planner with your child. We appreciate your cooperation and confidence in our school. We know we will have a great year.

Sincerely,

Venado Middle School Staff

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STUDENTS agree to uphold the Venado HONOR code by...

Honest

- ◆ knowing and following all school and classroom rules.
- ◆ completing all assignments themselves and correcting work honestly.
- ◆ telling the truth in all situations at school and home.

On-Time

- ◆ planning the morning and leaving home in time to arrive to school on-time.
- ◆ reporting to all classes ready to learn prior to the ringing of each tardy bell.
- ◆ making the transition from class to class in a timely manner.
- ◆ completing/turning in assignments on-time.

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- ◆ treating others as you would want to be treated.
- ◆ by exercising sound judgment and making good decisions.
- ◆ asking for help when in need of assistance.
- ◆ always putting forth the best effort.
- ◆ reporting unsafe or dangerous situations on campus and in the community.

On Task

- ◆ participating regularly and appropriately.
- ◆ completing all class work, projects and homework in a timely manner.
- ◆ using SLANT (Sit Up, Listen, Ask Appropriate Questions, Nod and Track the Teacher).
- ◆ using the Student Planner for keeping track of homework, projects and assignments.
- ◆ organizing and replenishing supplies and materials regularly.
- ◆ accessing the Parent Portal regularly to view gradebook/assignments in each class.

Responsible and Respectful

- ◆ attending school regularly.
- ◆ spending time each night studying and/or preparing for school.
- ◆ discussing their academic progress in school with parents/guardians and teachers.
- ◆ taking advantage of Tutorial and school interventions when offered.
- ◆ asking for permission.
- ◆ treating others as he/she would like to be treated and showing compassion.
- ◆ respecting learning time and showing individual and social accountability.

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) agree to support their children in upholding the Venado HONOR code by...

Honest

- ◆ reviewing all school and classroom rules listed in the Student Planner with their child.
- ◆ reviewing homework and assignments for honest effort and completeness.
- ◆ supporting students in telling the truth in all situations at school and home.

On-Time

- ◆ providing their child a healthy balanced diet including breakfast each morning before school.
- ◆ making sure that their child attends school every day.
- ◆ assuring that their child arrives to school on-time

Noble

- ◆ talking with their child about the right way to treat others.
- ◆ celebrating when their child exercises sound judgment and makes good decisions.
- ◆ asking teachers and the school for help when students are not reaching their greatest potential.
- ◆ supporting students in putting forth their best effort.
- ◆ supporting school rules, class rules and the attendance/tardy policies.

On Task

- ◆ developing a routine for homework and learning at home.
- ◆ reviewing Student Planner and homework each evening for completeness and effort.
- ◆ setting academic goals with their child.
- ◆ establishing accountability for completing projects and homework in a timely manner.
- ◆ accessing the Parent Portal regularly to view gradebook/assignments in each class.
- ◆ communicating with teachers and counselors about academic progress.

Responsible and Respectful

- ◆ reviewing and discussing academic progress routinely with your child and their teachers.
- ◆ discussing the value of an education with their child.
- ◆ attending school events that contribute to the development of your child.
- ◆ communicating with teachers, administration and staff in a positive and civil manner.