



DOTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2023 – 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Doty Middle School, home of the Knights. We hope this year will be successful and enjoyable for you. This Student Handbook will help you to be organized in your studies and inform you of our school policies and procedures. Please read it carefully and refer to it often. We expect students to have this Handbook with them in every class and to record daily assignments on the calendar pages.

Excellence is our goal. Striving to reach this goal must be a united effort on the part of the students, parents, teachers, administration and community. The personal benefits students receive from their years here will be determined by the extent of their effort and their ability to challenge themselves to give their best effort.

I would like to encourage you to become a part of Doty Middle School's proud tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,

Scott Fleming

OUR MISSION

The mission of Downey Unified School District is to "provide the highest quality education in a safe, trusting environment; to utilize the resources of the home, school, and community; and to maximize the achievement of all students. The District provides a comprehensive curriculum, based on rigorous academic standards, that is responsive to the strengths and needs of our students. We are committed to developing compassionate, responsible citizens of good character who will be confident, creative, and productive members of an ever-changing global society."

Doty Middle School's Mission is to maintain a safe, student-focused learning environment, provide students with a strong academic foundation, instill character, and cultivate students' unique abilities in order to prepare them to become productive members of our diverse society.

SCHOOL LOCATION AND HOURS

Doty Middle School is located at 10301 Woodruff Ave., Downey, CA 90241 (562) 904-3586 and FAX (562) 469-7240

Regular School Day Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Wednesday Early Release is 12:45 p.m. Minimum Day school hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Zero period classes begin at 7:05 a.m.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Doty Middle School is a closed campus. This means that all visitors must check through the office. Students may not leave the school grounds during the school day without permission from the office.

ATTENDANCE

The Downey Unified School District and all school districts in California are governed by state law regarding attendance. Schools do not receive funding for excused absences lasting the entire school day. If your child is absent, regardless of the reason, the school loses all funding for your student for that day. Since the expenses of operating the school remain the same, student absences could significantly impact the budget for our school. You can help prevent the schools from losing funding. Please schedule family vacations

or activities so that they do not occur on school days. Further, a school will receive full funding for partial day absences. If you must schedule a routine appointment with a doctor or dentist during the school day, please try to arrange for your child to be in class for at least part of the day. This will allow the school to receive funding. Of course, if your child is sick, do not bring your child to school.

It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school when you are absent. All notes or phone messages regarding student attendance should include the student's I.D. number. Parents should call 904-3586 Press 1 between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the first day of the absence. Medical appointments should be scheduled for after school. If you must leave for a medical appointment, bring a note to the office before 7:45 a.m. Be sure to stipulate on that note if someone other than a parent will be picking up your child. The school WILL NOT release a student to anyone NOT listed on that child's emergency card without the written, signed permission of the parent. Your parent or another adult listed on your emergency card needs to come to the school office to check you out. Anyone (parent included) picking up a student early from school will be required to provide the office with a current photo I.D. for verification. These procedures are for the safety of your child and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and support.

EARLY RELEASE OF STUDENT POLICY

If you need to take your student out of school before the end of the school day for any reason, please have your student bring a note signed by a parent to the office before 7:45 a.m. Classrooms are NOT disturbed the last 15 minutes of the day. ONLY a parent can come in to get a student out of class early unless the parent has given permission by a signed, written note ahead of time. Contacts on a student's emergency card CANNOT request a student to be dismissed early from class without a signed, written note from the parent. Students are released to contacts ONLY if the call was initiated from the office. Be sure to stipulate on that note if someone other than a parent will be picking up your child. The school WILL NOT release a student to anyone NOT listed on that child's emergency card without the written, signed permission of the parent. Anyone (PARENT INCLUDED) picking up a student early from school will be required to provide the office with a current photo I.D. for verification. These procedures are for the safety of your child, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and support.

TARDIES & TRUANCY

Adequate time is provided between class periods to pass from room to room. Students are required to be in class, in their seats or at their workstation, and ready to work when the bell begins to ring. Unexcused tardies will result in detention and Saturday School Detention. Students missing more than 15 minutes of a period will be considered absent or truant for that period. Truancy, an illegal absence, is not permitted by law: D.M.C. 4109.5, 4109.6, 4109.7. Truancy will result in two hours of after school detention or Saturday school assigned for each hour of truancy and may result in the issuance of a juvenile citation that could result in fines of up to \$675.00, community service, and mandatory parenting classes.

Excessive tardies, absences, or truantries will be reported to the School Attendance Review Team (SART), followed by referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB), and possible court action by the District Attorney's Office.

MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

The school recognizes that at certain times there is a need for students to take medication during school hours. Under no circumstances are students to be in possession of medication once they arrive at school. A doctor's authorization must be obtained before medicine is brought to school. It should include dosage, frequency, and time limits. Parents and doctor must fill out a written form available from the office.

Medication that must be on campus will be kept in the office and the student will be allowed to go to the office to maintain the medication schedule. Medication should be in the prescription container and clearly labeled stating the contents, schedule, dosage, physician, and the student's name.

Students will be responsible for administering their own medication. A school employee may observe, but not assist in any way.

Aspirin and Tylenol are considered medication and written (not verbal) permission must be on file in the school office.

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In place of lockers, students are encouraged to carry book bags or backpacks. Having a book bag or backpack provides you with a convenient way to carry books and other school materials. By carrying all your materials together, you will always have your assignments and materials for class. Book bags also make sure you have all your materials at home for homework and study; this often helps get higher grades. Backpacks should be able to fit inside of our new PE lockers which measure 19" H x 11 3/4" W x 13" D.

Students are expected to furnish their own backpack or book bag which should contain the following supplies at all times:

1. Three ring binder/notebook

2. Dividers for five sections in the three-ring binder
3. Minimum of two pens (blue or black ink), two pencils, eraser
4. Three-hole, lined notebook paper
5. Plastic zipper bag for pencils, pens, etc.
6. This Binder Reminder/ Organizational Calendar
7. Math supplies - protractor, compass, straight edge ruler
8. A book for Sustained Silent Reading
9. Fully charged district issued iPad

Textbooks are issued free with the understanding that a student must pay for them if they are lost or damaged. Textbooks must be covered and have the student's name written on the book slip inside the cover.

Tech Ed, Foods, Art, and Science classes may ask for a donation to assist with lab expenses.

Book bags and backpacks are the personal property of the owner. No student may pick up a book bag or backpack or open one up without the immediate permission of the owner. Any student found in possession of another student's book bag or in possession of any materials taken out of the bag will be considered guilty of theft. Any damage or defacing of other student's property will be considered vandalism.

HOMEWORK

Middle school students should expect to spend approximately 90 minutes each school night on homework. To organize your homework, use this Binder Reminder to record your assignments, upcoming tests, project due dates, etc. and keep the Binder Reminder in the front part of your three-ring binder. If you finish your homework in less than an hour, put in the remaining time on outside reading, studying for an upcoming quiz or test, or completing a long-term project or report.

MAKE UP WORK

Following an excused absence, a student has the same number of days as he or she was absent to make up missed work. Students are responsible for all class work missed due to school activities, i.e. field trips, programs, club activities, etc.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students participating in after school team sports, cheer or field trips will be required to show proof of medical insurance coverage, recent physical examination, and maintain a "C" (2.0 GPA) average with no more than two "D's" and/or one "F". Middle School achievement grades of "E", "S+", "S", "S -" and "N" will count as 4,3,2,1,0 respectively in computing grade point averages.

Eligibility will be based on the previous grading period. The requirement must be achieved during each grading period that a student is participating in an activity for that student to continue.

A student on suspension is ineligible to attend or participate in extra-curricular activities throughout the period of the suspension. Any student receiving more than two "5's" in citizenship on the report card will be ineligible for that grading period.

For information on teams, clubs, activities and meetings, pay close attention to the morning announcements.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students are expected to dress out and participate in P.E. class every day. Doty supports writing across the curriculum and all students in P.E. will also be expected to complete cross-curricular writing assignments in their P.E. classes.

For your convenience Doty P.E. apparel is available for purchase from the school office. The required P.E. uniform is as follows:

1. Gray, cotton T-shirt
2. Red, athletic shorts
3. White athletic socks
4. Tennis/Running shoes

Red sweats may be worn during cold weather. All P.E. clothing should be clearly marked with the student's first and last name. No other writing is permitted on P.E. clothing. Crocs of any kind are not permitted. If you are getting over an illness or an injury and need to be excused from P.E. participation for a day or two, you must bring a note from your parent. A Doctor's note is required for a P.E. excuse longer than three days. Students who are excused from P.E., must report to class and observe under the teacher's supervision.

P.E. LOCKERS

Each student is assigned a locker in the gym for P.E. The PE lockers measure 19" H x 11 3/4" W x 13" D, and backpacks must fit inside this space. Students must have a school combination lock for their locker. For Security reasons a Master brand lock must be purchased from the school office for \$5.00. If this is a financial hardship, please contact the office. Students are responsible for the contents of their locker. Never let others know your lock combination and never share your locker with another student. Lockers, locks, and combinations are registered and may not be changed without permission. All locker problems should be reported to the teacher. If the problem is not resolved, it should then be immediately reported to the Dean of Students.

Lockers are provided as a service to students. Students are responsible for keeping their items locked up at all times. The school is not responsible for the theft or vandalism of school or personal items stored in the lockers.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

The school cannot be responsible for the loss or destruction of students' personal property. For this reason, valuable jewelry should never be worn to school, such as watches, rings, necklaces, and bracelets, as these items must be removed during P.E. classes.

The lost and found is in the main office and is open before and after school only. An additional bin of lost and found items is located in the cafeteria. Every other Friday, unclaimed property is sent to the Thrift Shop.

TELEPHONES & MESSAGES

If you are planning to attend an after-school activity or detention, inform your parents before attending school.

Due to the large student enrollment, the office staff is not able to accommodate parent requests to give students messages. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Cell phones will be permitted on campus in accordance with California State law. In accordance with that law, cell phones must remain put away in your backpack or pocket, turned off, and not used on campus until after your last class of the day. If a cell phone is found out in class, in use, or goes off during the school day it will be confiscated. Cell phones will be returned to parents/guardians only. Detention (1 hour) will be issued. Repeated offenses will result in further disciplinary action. The school will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of cell phones.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued to students every six weeks. A letter grade (A, B, C, D, F) is given for academic and elective classes. Exploratory, Physical Education classes and support classes are graded Excellent, Satisfactory, or Needs Improvement (E, S, N). The need for improvement in behavior, attendance, and assignments is also noted with number comments. Report cards will be given to students approximately one week after each reporting period shown in the calendar section of this handbook. Report cards at the end of the school year will be mailed home.

Letters regarding poor scholarship or attendance are regularly mailed home as well as letters commending excellent scholarship and attendance. The Principal's Honor Roll is comprised of students with a 3.5 GPA and higher. Parents of honor roll students will receive a letter from the Principal and a bumper sticker.

PROMOTION TO THE NEXT GRADE

Every student must earn his or her promotion to the next grade with satisfactory behavior as well as grades. A student can only make up two failures ("F" semester grades) in Summer School. Therefore, more than two failures will result in ineligibility for promotion to the next grade. For the eighth-grade students, this means nonparticipation in all the promotion activities the last week of school, including the promotion ceremony itself.

In March of 2000, the Board of Trustees of the Downey Unified School District revised the Promotion/Retention Policy as mandated by state legislation (AB 1626/AB 1639). The intent of the legislation is to ensure that students meet essential grade-level standards before being promoted to the next grade. A copy of the Downey Unified School District's Promotion/Retention Policy has been mailed home to the parents of each Doty student. For more information regarding promotion and retention please contact the school.

SCHOLARSHIP, HONOR ROLL AND RENAISSANCE ELIGIBILITY

At Doty, we reward excellent student achievement and behavior in many ways. The Honor Roll recognizes students with a 3.5 - 4.0 GPA and Renaissance recognizes students with a 3.0 - 3.4 GPA. Honor Roll and Renaissance students also must not have any fives or more than three fours in citizenship. Only semester grades are used to determine Scholarship Club eligibility.

STUDENT SENATE

Each semester student body officers are elected by the student body. Student Body elections are held at the end of September and in January. The elected officers have the responsibility of planning and approving student body activities and approving student body expenditures. The eligibility requirements are as follows: a 2.0 or better GPA, no "F" s, good attendance, no more than two "4" s or one "5" in citizenship, and no suspensions during the year. If grade or behavior requirements are not met at any time during the term of office, the student will be removed from office.

DRESS CODE

Responsibility for student dress rests with the parent. While on campus or at any school activity, students will be dressed and groomed in a manner which will not distract, interfere, or disturb the educational program. All students who come to school without proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness or neatness of dress may be sent home to be properly prepared for school. Disciplinary action may also be taken as necessary. The Doty Middle School standards of student dress and grooming are as follows:

CONDITION: All clothing must be safe, clean, and not distract from the educational process. Clothing must fit properly and be in good condition.

MESSAGE: Logos, pictures or writing on clothing, backpacks, and/or school supplies must not advocate drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence, vandalism, disrespect, gang activity, or in any way display profanity, obscene illustrations, illegal activity, or degrade any gender, cultural, religious, or ethnic values, nor promote one ethnic group over another.

UNDERGARMENTS: Undergarments must be worn at all times.

TOPS: Shirts and tops must be long enough to meet the waistband while standing. Tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, mesh shirts, bare midriffs, pajamas, or low-cut tops are not permitted.

BOTTOMS: The outermost layer of clothing must be worn at the waistline with buttocks and undergarments covered at all times. Pajamas are not permitted.

SHOES: Footwear must be worn at all times. Backless shoes, slippers, flip flops, and shoes with heels higher than one inch are not allowed. Crocs of any kind are not allowed during P.E.

JEWELRY: Heavy gauge chains, wallet chains, dog collars, spiked bracelets, spiked earrings, and other dangerous jewelry is not allowed on campus. Writing, drawing, or stickers on one's face are also not permitted.

HEAD WEAR: Doty Middle School hats and beanies may be worn on campus outside, but must be removed when in class or any other building. DMS hats are available for sale on campus. All other hats, caps, and hair nets are not allowed on campus. Sweatshirt hoods must remain down except on cold mornings or rainy days outside of class.

GANG APPAREL: Gang related apparel is not allowed. Any combination of grooming or clothing that law enforcement agencies currently consider gang related will not be allowed at Doty Middle School. These may change. Some current items identified as gang related include but are not limited to wallet chains and bandannas.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Our goal at Doty Middle School is to provide a safe and orderly environment where teachers are free to teach, and students are able to learn through a fair and consistently applied student discipline program. The following are the rules for the various areas of the school campus.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

Classroom conduct is one of the most important determiners of a student's success in school. Teachers will expect students to use their time wisely, complete assignments, and do their best at all times. Lack of materials, failure to follow directions, lack of effort, or misbehavior will not be permitted. The following are the classroom rules that will be adhered to in every class:

1. When the bell rings, be in your seat or your assigned area with all required materials.
2. Complete your own work appropriately and on time, no cheating.
3. Follow directions the first time.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Raise your hand for permission to speak, or to leave your seat or assigned area.
6. No food, drinks or gum allowed in class. (Gum is not allowed on campus at any time)
7. Use appropriate language: no profanity, put downs, teasing, or arguing.

Teachers have the authority to develop rules for their individual classrooms. Classroom rules are designed to maximize learning and need to be obeyed by each student. Teachers will contact parents if student behavior is not acceptable. Continued violation of classroom regulations may result in removal from class, school, or both.

POSITIVE REWARDS

When the above rules are followed by the individual student, the teacher may choose to reward with one or more of the following: music, free time, commendation note, call home to parents, coupons to community food services, free admission to a school function, class errands / privileges, a positive referral-Knights of Character, Student of the Month, etc.

When the class as a group follows the above rules, the teacher may reward the class with healthy treats, music, games, a raffle, drawings, or free homework time. Please see the teacher's individual plans for specific positive consequences and for criteria for achieving those consequences.

NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES

When the above rules are not followed by the student, the following negative consequences will be used depending upon the seriousness, nature, and reoccurrence.

Teacher:

1. Warning and/or counseling.
2. Parent contact: written or verbal.
3. Teacher assigned detention.
4. Referral to the Counselor, Dean, or Vice Principal.

Counselor, Dean, or Vice Principal:

1. Counsel and/or parent contact.
2. After school administrative detention (one to three hours).
3. Isolated snack or lunch
4. Saturday detention (four hours).
5. Suspension / In-School Suspension (one to five days).

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

Students are expected to conduct themselves honestly and with integrity in their work. All forms of cheating and plagiarism are prohibited. Plagiarism is the act of taking work from another source and turning it in as your own. Plagiarism will be considered as an act of cheating. The following behaviors are unacceptable, but not limited to: copying another student's homework; copying another student's test or quiz answers; working with others on projects that are meant to be done individually; allowing others to look at or copy answers from your test, quiz, or homework assignment. Violators of this policy will be subject to discipline. Students guilty of cheating will receive Saturday School Detention, a failure grade on the test or paper and their parents will be notified of the incident. Repeated violations will result in suspension.

FORGERY

Forgery is the act of a student signing a parent, teacher, staff member, or another student's name or changing such signature or other mark such as a grade, date, time, etc. If a student impersonates such person by voice on the telephone, he/she will be considered guilty of forgery and face disciplinary action.

SNACK AND LUNCH PROCEDURES

A 15-minute snack period is provided every morning. You may bring a snack from home or purchase something at the snack shack or carts. All food must remain in the quad during snack and lunch. No food is permitted in the P.E. area or hallways at any time.

Students have five minutes at the beginning of snack and lunch periods to clear the halls. Students remaining in the halls after the five-minute passing period may lose snack or lunch time or receive detention.

After fourth period, students have a 30-minute lunch period. Complete tray lunches may be purchased in the cafeteria. Complete box lunches as well as hamburgers, pizza, and milk are sold at the snack shack and carts. Students may bring sack lunches from home. In-

formation regarding reduced and free-lunch programs is available from the cafeteria manager.

When finished eating, students may visit with friends or participate in basketball or other recreation activities in the P.E. area during the lunch period. On rainy days special instructions will be given as to where students may spend the lunch period. The following rules must be observed during the lunch and snack periods:

- No sitting on tabletops.
- Walk to the lunch line.
- No cutting in line.
- No pushing or shoving.
- Place all trash in containers.
- No food outside of the quad area.
- Follow all lunch supervisor instructions.

CAFETERIA, SNACK AREA, HALLWAYS & GROUNDS

In the hallways and on the grounds, the student will adhere to the following:

1. Walk in all hallways without yelling.
2. Gum is not allowed anywhere on the campus.
3. Respect the rights and property of others.
4. Radios, MP3/PSP players, CD players, E-Readers, and bike riding are prohibited on campus before, during, and after school.
5. Skateboards, scooters, Heelies, and roller blades are not allowed on campus at any time.
6. Playground equipment is to be held while in the hallways.
7. After the warning bell at snack and lunch, hallways are off limits without a pass.
8. Place all trash in containers.
9. No running, pushing, shoving or horseplay.

When the above rules are not followed by the student, the student may be warned, be assigned campus clean up, be assigned lunch exclusion, after school detention, or referred to the office for serious or repeated violations.

ASSEMBLY BEHAVIOR

Doty Middle School students are expected to attend indoor and outdoor assemblies displaying appropriate, orderly, respectful attentive behavior. When a student participates in behavior that causes a disruption of an assembly, the following negative consequences will be used:

1. Removal from the assembly, loss of privileges, parent notification, administrative detention or Saturday detention.
2. Major violation - A major disruption of a campus activity that endangers students and/or staff will result in parent notification and suspension from one to five days.

BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, AND ROLLER BLADES

Bicycles are not to be ridden at any time on campus. Students are to walk their bikes in the bike path and into the bike racks. Students are to properly place their bikes in the racks provided and secure it with their own lock. All bicycles must be locked in the bike rack. Do not lock your bike to your friend's bike. The school is not responsible for loss or damage to your bike. Failure to observe bike safety rules may result in the student losing the privilege of riding a bike to school. All bicycles should be licensed with the Downey Police Department.

Skateboards, hoverboards, Heelies, scooters, electric and/or motorized scooters/boards, roller blades, and the like are not allowed on campus at any time.

OTHER SCHOOL CAMPUSES

Students are not permitted to be on another school campus before, during, or after school without the permission of the principal of the other school. If a student is going to another school to walk a younger brother or sister to or from school, he/she must wait off campus, out of the buildings, outside the school gates, and leave as soon as possible after meeting their brother or sister. Students are not

permitted to take short cuts through other school grounds on their way to or from school.

DISRESPECT, DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY

Doty Middle School requires that all students be respectful, cooperative, and polite. Any student who is discourteous, impolite, or rude to a teacher or staff member is guilty of disrespect. Defiance is a refusal to follow a teacher or other staff member's direction. Failure to serve detention is defiance of authority. Disrespect and defiance will result in disciplinary action.

FIGHTING

Fighting is defined as an encounter where a struggle develops between two or more students. It is not necessary that both students give or receive blows. Fighting is a serious violation of school and district rules. It is important to remember that it does not usually matter who starts the fight. It is not right to hit a person because he or she hit you. There is no good reason to fight. When students are involved in a fight, they are often suspended from school for several days and issued a juvenile citation resulting in fines of up to \$675. Police will be notified if necessary.

It is the student's responsibility to inform a school administrator or counselor if they think they might be involved in a fight. All efforts will be made to prevent the fight and injury to students.

Parents are requested to emphasize that fighting will not be tolerated at school, at school activities, before or after school, or on the way to or from school. Parents may be found financially responsible for injury to another student because of a fight.

BULLYING

Bullying is a form of harassment and will not be tolerated at Doty Middle School. Bullying is defined as when a student is repeatedly exposed to negative actions on the part of one or more other students. Bullying includes direct behaviors such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, and stealing. Derogatory name calling or taunts related to race or ethnicity, religion, disability, gender, or sexual orientation is a form of bullying and harassment. The entire Doty community is committed to stop bullies and bullying on campus. Students and staff can do their part by reporting incidences of bullying. Anyone making a report will remain anonymous.

Bullying will be dealt with as harassment and/or sexual harassment. Harassment of any form is prohibited by the Downey Unified School District and will result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may include suspension, referral for expulsion, or administrative transfer.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment of or by any employee or of or by any student shall not be allowed. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination and, as such, is prohibited by the Downey Unified School District and may result in disciplinary action to the offending employee or student.

Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, physical conduct, or communications of a sexual nature by someone under any of the conditions delineated in Title 5, Article 2.5, Section 4915-4917.

An individual or group feeling subjected to sexual harassment should directly inform the offending person/persons that such conduct must stop. Any conduct of a sexual nature following such notice may be determined to be sexual harassment.

The District will take appropriate action to protect the reporting individual or group from retaliation or other forms of harassment.

Incidents of sexual harassment should be reported to the principal, or the Title IX Coordinator at 469-6600.

Sexual harassment can include:

1. Unwelcome sexual advances.
2. Making threats to another person if they don't want a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship.
3. Showing the other person vulgar or "dirty" pictures, objects, or words.
4. Giving the other person continual sexual "looks" or making sexual movements or signals.
5. Saying sexual things, making sexual jokes or comments, or writing sexual letters or notes.
6. Touching a person in ways they do not want to be touched, blocking their movements, bumping, etc.

It does not matter if you think you are just fooling around or joking. If the other person does not like it, and especially if they have told you to stop, you may be guilty of sexual harassment. This can be serious and may result in you being suspended from school, expelled from Downey schools, or even arrested by the police.

It is important to remember that both boys and girls can be guilty of sexual harassment.

PROHIBITED ITEMS ON CAMPUS

Students are not allowed to bring the following items on campus because it distracts from their education: gum; CDs; audio or videotape cassettes; tape recorders; E-Readers; CD players; MP3/PSP players; IPODS; radios; cameras; trading cards; electronic games; dice; other games that encourages gambling; signaling devices (beepers); laser pointers; pepper spray; toys; or other items that may disrupt class. The unauthorized buying, selling, or trading of property (i.e. trading cards, candy, games, etc.) on campus is not permitted. No aerosol cans of any kind are permitted. Matches and Lighters are also not permitted on campus at any time. No glass containers of any sort. Marker pens with permanent ink, wide felt tip pens, liquid paper, typewriter correction fluid, and paint markers are also not permitted at school. Vaping devices of any kind are not permitted at school. Any of the above-mentioned items brought to school or school-related functions off campus will be taken away and held for pick-up by a parent or guardian in the office, and students will face disciplinary action.

PARTY FLIERS & ADVERTISEMENTS

It is against school rules to bring written material to school that advertises non-school activities. The school cannot be aware of all the possible activities taking place in Downey and surrounding communities. When these materials are passed out at school by students, parents sometimes think that the school supports the activity. If the school feels an activity is safe and is sponsored by a legitimate organization, materials would be made available to those interested in the school office.

Party fliers may never be distributed by students at school. Party fliers may not be brought to school or be in the possession of students on campus. Students bringing party fliers to school or having them in their possession at school will have the fliers taken away and will face disciplinary action.

FIRECRACKERS, FIREWORKS, & EXPLOSIVES

Firecrackers and other explosives or fireworks are illegal and/or dangerous and are never permitted on campus. Simple possession of such materials will be considered a violation of this policy. Lighting, attempting to light or exploding such materials are serious and major violations of this policy.

Effective January 1, 2002, students who possess explosive devices shall be referred for a mandatory expulsion hearing, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 44, Section 921, (4). Examples: M-80, M-100, and other larger devices.

MARKER PENS & GRAFFITI

Pride in the school's appearance and reputation is the responsibility of the whole student body. Marker pens with permanent ink, wide felt tip pens, liquid paper, typewriter correction fluid, and paint markers are not permitted at school at any time. Students bringing these to school risk serious disciplinary action by the school. Just having marker pens at school could result in off campus suspension! In some communities, possession of a marker is against the law.

Drawing or writing on school buildings, posts, desks, restroom walls, or damaging any other property by writing or drawing on it is called graffiti. This rule applies to any time of day including before school, after school, at night or on the weekend. Students found seriously damaging property will be suspended, issued a citation, the police notified, a possible expulsion hearing, and the parents required to pay for all damage.

VANDALISM

The willful destruction of any property is called vandalism. This includes breaking a person's lock, breaking windows, defacing school property with graffiti, etc. Students guilty of vandalism will be suspended from school, issued a juvenile citation resulting in fines of up to \$675, and the police will be notified. The parent or guardian of a minor who willfully defaces, damages, destroys, or otherwise vandalizes in any way, property, real or personal, shall be liable for all such damages caused by the minor.

THEFT OR POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Theft is taking anything that does not belong to you from a person or from any place. This includes taking anything from a classroom, from a person's purse, wallet, jacket, backpack, book bag, or from a P.E. locker, etc. If you even have anything that does not belong to you, you are guilty of being in possession of lost or stolen property. Possession of lost or stolen property will be considered theft. A person caught stealing or in possession of lost or stolen property will be suspended from school and the police will be notified. Juvenile citations will be issued for petty theft, resulting in fines of up to \$675.

PROFANITY, VULGARITY, AND OBSCENE MATERIAL

No student is permitted to use profane or vulgar language at any time while at school or a school activity. Any profanity or vulgarity directed at or about a teacher or other staff member or written profanity or vulgarity on any school, teacher, or student's property (including on a student's yearbook) will be considered a major violation resulting in a referral, suspension, and/or possible transfer to another school.

SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF LAW & SCHOOL RULES

Acts which endanger the safety or welfare of students or school personnel are grounds for suspension from school. Some of these acts include: fighting, intimidation, possession or use of matches, tobacco, narcotics or other drugs, alcohol, explosive devices (including fire-crackers), weapons of any type, shooting or throwing objects that might endanger sight or hearing, vandalism, theft, or injury to another person. Students may also be suspended for gambling, profanity, vulgarity, or immorality.

Unfortunately, such acts often result in notification of police and/or fire departments, citation by school administration, and/or expulsion from the Downey Unified School District. All off-campus suspensions and expulsion become a permanent part of the student's school records.

A more detailed explanation of Doty Middle School's rules and regulations are printed in the school's Discipline Policy. The policy is printed and mailed to all parents of Doty Middle School students. Please read the Doty Middle School Discipline Policy and discuss it with your parents. Special assemblies are held each school year where these policies and consequences of any violations are clearly explained to students.

For the purpose of maintaining a safe, secure and peaceful campus, metal detectors, breath alcohol test devices, and/or drug dogs may be used on campus.

REFERRALS

A referral is very serious. The majority of the student body can spend three years at Doty Middle School without getting one referral. When a student's behavior in the classroom is very bad or does not improve, no matter what steps the teacher has taken to change the behavior, the teacher writes a referral. The student is sent to the office with the referral. The administration decides what needs to be done to change the inappropriate behavior and takes action. This may be a severe warning, calling the parents, detention, off campus suspension, or, in very serious situations, transfer to another school or a referral for possible expulsion from the school district.

DETENTION

School detention may be assigned for up to one hour after school. Students are assigned detention by a school administrator or counselor for tardiness, unacceptable behavior, or for failing to serve a teacher's detention. Failure to serve an assigned detention is considered defiance.

Individual teachers may also assign their own detention for failure to complete assignments, for poor conduct in the classroom, or for lack supplies. Students are given 24 hours written notice (the detention form) prior to all detentions so that their parents can be informed.

An unexcused no show to a teacher assigned detention will result in the detention being doubled (2 hours) and a parent contact. A subsequent no show would result in a referral and suspension. An unexcused no show to an office assigned detention will result in suspension.

SATURDAY DETENTION

If a student is involved in serious or repeated violations of school rules or fails to serve teacher or office-assigned detention, he or she may be assigned detention to be served on Saturday. While serving this detention, the students may be required to complete written work and/or campus clean-up. Parents will be notified of all Saturday assignments. Saturday detention is often assigned in place of suspension. Any student failing to report to an assigned Saturday detention could be suspended for one or more days.

SUSPENSION

A more serious action than detention for poor behavior is suspension. Suspension from school means that the student will not be permitted to attend school for one or more days. If a student comes to the school grounds during a period of off-campus suspension, the suspension will be extended, and the student may be arrested by the police. Suspension is given when a student violates a major school rule or law. All off-campus suspensions become a permanent part of the student's school record.

Suspension is not intended as a punishment, but rather to alert the student and parent that problems have reached a serious level that requires parent intervention. The suspended student has disrupted the learning environment or safety of campus. California teachers

and school administrators have a moral and legal duty set down in State law and affirmed by the courts to protect the health and safety of students and preserve the integrity of the classroom environment for self-disciplined learners. A safe and positive learning environment is an indispensable component of the learning process and must be consistently and fairly protected.

CITATIONS

In a continuing effort to ensure safety and peace on Downey school campuses, the Downey School District's middle and high school administrators have been granted the power to issue citations to students who commit crimes on or near campus. School administrators will be issuing citations to students for the following infractions of the California Penal Code, California Education Code, California Health & Safety Code, or the Downey Municipal Code:

- Petty theft
- Keeping lost property
- Fighting on campus
- Challenging another person to fight at school
- Disturbing the peace
- Vandalism
- Graffiti
- Possession of tobacco (including e-cigarettes, hookah pens, vape pens, etc.)
- Possession of alcohol
- Possession of marijuana
- Truancy on campus
- Habitual Truancy
- Refusing to identify self
- Loitering

Students between the age of 11 and 17 may receive citations under this program. If a student receives a citation, the student will be required to appear with a parent or guardian at the Juvenile Division of the Norwalk Superior Court. Penalties include, but are not limited to fines up to \$675, community service, required attendance at a violence reduction class, loss of driver's license, or postponement of the ability to apply for a driver's license for one year.

It is our hope that no student ever has to receive a citation under this program, but we are dedicated to providing a safe, secure and peaceful campus.

EXPULSION

Expulsion is the most serious action that can take place for very serious violations of school and district policy and laws. If a student is expelled from the Downey Unified School District, it means that the student may no longer attend any school in Downey. This becomes a permanent part of the student's school record. If a student is to be expelled, an expulsion hearing is held, and the Board of Education makes the final decision.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

If you are transferring from Doty Middle School to another school, bring a note from your parent on the last day of your attendance. You will be given a check out sheet to be signed by your teachers and the librarian. You will need to turn in all textbooks and any library books you have checked out. When this sheet is completed, the office will prepare a transfer for you to take to your new school.

LIBRARY RULES

The library is open before school, at snack, and during lunch every day. Additionally, the Library is open after school Monday through Thursday. Students may check out two books at a time for two weeks. For any book that is two days overdue, the student will serve a lunch detention in the library if the book is not returned by lunch time.

The FINE for lost books is \$25.00, which must be accompanied by a written and signed note by all teachers and parent/guardian stating that they have looked for the book at home as well as in all of their periods. The note usually results in finding the lost book.

MISSION STATEMENT

Doty Middle School is dedicated to improvement. Our motto, "Developing Opportunities for Today's Youth," illustrates our commitment to refine, enhance, and advance in every area of our school. Doty Middle School staff, students and parents strive to develop and sustain a school and school culture characterized by the following:

1. A learning environment that is safe, orderly, clean, and well maintained.
2. Facilities, materials, and technology that is up to date.
3. Collaboration and support from parents and community that is promoted, highly valued, and pervasive.
4. Curriculum that is rigorous, aligned with State Standards, and marked by high academic expectations.
5. Instruction that is creative, enthusiastic, and student-centered.
6. A collegiality among faculty and staff united in their support of student achievement.
7. Personal integrity, good character, and upright conduct that are promoted, evidenced, and expected of all.
8. Curricular and extra-curricular activities that is comprehensive in focus to develop the "whole child."
9. Administration that is supportive, motivational, consistent, trustworthy, and a role model for others.
10. Students that promote from Doty Middle School are well prepared academically and otherwise for high school and life.

GOOD STUDY HABITS

Keep Physically Fit:

- Get enough sleep.
- Get plenty of exercise.
- Eat regular and nutritious meals.
- Control the amount of junk food eaten.

Keep Mentally Fit:

- Set reasonable goals.
- Follow your study plans.
- Take a stretch break.
- Enjoy a refreshing drink.

Create A Study Place:

- Find a space you can use at the same time each day.
- Be sure it has good lighting and ventilation.
- Supply it with pencils, paper, a ruler, calendar, dictionary, and the other needed items.

Develop A Study Plan:

- List all your assignments, due dates, and what you have to do complete each one.
- Estimate the time it will take for each and when and where (home, library) you will do it.
- Put your assignments in order from the most important to "complete right now", to the least important.
- Check to see that all needed books and supplies are at your study place.
- Build in a break time for when you have completed a certain amount of work.
- Sit down and get started. Do not procrastinate.
- Use a specific approach to study reading.
- Make note or flash cards for difficult material.
- Keep a list of things you want to check on or ask your teacher about.

Remember:

- Studying is thinking. It requires concentration and effort.

TEST TAKING TIPS

Organizing and Preparing Test Material:

- Ask the teacher to be as specific as possible about what will be on the test and how the material will be tested.
- Get any notes or materials you may have missed from the teacher or another student.
- Review your notes and recopy those sections which are especially important. When you recopy your notes, use a different method of organizing. If, for instance, your history notes are arranged in chronological order, copy them over by definition, by cause and effect, by nation, etc.
- Look over old quizzes and exams.
- Prepare an outline of everything to be covered on the test.
- Try to imagine what questions will be on the test and write practice answers for them.
- Set aside a list of questions to ask a teacher or another student.

Before the Test:

- Begin reviewing early. Don't wait until the night before a test.
- Skim the material in your textbooks.
- Use maps, lists, diagrams, acronyms, rhymes, or any other special memory aids, flash cards, or note cards and review them whenever time becomes available.
- Recite material out loud whenever possible as you review; also test yourself by teaching or explaining it to someone else.
- Study with others only after you have studied well by yourself first.
- Keep physically fit and mentally fit.
- Go over your material at least once on exam day.

During the Test:

- Check to see that you have all materials (paper, books, etc.) you need to take the test.
- Take a few deep breaths in order to relax and forget about the other people around you.
- Listen carefully to the instructions of the teacher. How much time do you have to complete the test? Do all the questions count equally? Can you use any aids such as dictionary or handbook? Are there any corrections, changes or additions to the test? Read the directions carefully, underlining or marking special instructions.
- Follow all special instructions, like showing your work on math tests.
- Begin the test immediately and watch the time carefully.
- Read all questions carefully, paying attention to words like always, only, all, and never.
- Answer the questions you are sure of first.
- Do not panic when you don't know an answer to a question. Move on to the next question and return to it later.
- Take time to check your paper before you turn it in.
- If you feel yourself getting nervous, calm yourself by, taking a deep breath, stretching, putting aside questions already answered, focusing on remaining questions.
- If you still cannot figure out the right answer on a multiple-choice test, look for the wrong ones and cross them out. Use your intuition to guess.

After the Test:

- Read the teacher's comments carefully in order to understand any mistakes you made.
- Learn about or how to do any items you missed on the test.

FOUR TYPES OF WRITING

Autobiographical or Fictional Narrative is most like a story.

It may be autobiographical, about your life, biographical, about someone else's true experience; or fictional, made up. Read directions carefully to see what is required. Include plot structure: a setting, characters with traits, a conflict, a climax, and a resolution. Show theme: the life lesson the characters learned or the moral of the story. You may include dialogue, description, vivid

language, and figures of speech (simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia). Show; don't tell. Each new speaker gets a new paragraph. Hook us at the start and know when to stop.

Summary / Report of Information is like an encyclopedia article. stick to facts mentioned in the article. Don't add anything extra. No "I" - no opinion. Discuss the article's main idea in the introduction and mention two to three parts of that idea. Then describe those parts in the following paragraphs. The main idea may not be directly stated. Condense; paraphrase; combine information. Use your own words; don't copy. Get rid of unnecessary details. Length: 1/3 to 1/2 the length of the original.

Persuasive Essay is found in advertising, editorials, negotiations, a lawyer's opening and closing arguments, debate, and campaigns. Convince the reader that your opinion is right - the focus is on your audience's concerns. Support your opinion with evidence: reasons, facts, examples, and anecdotes (One time I...) - remember OREO. Try to have 3 reasons. Order: 2nd best, 3rd, 1st - end with your strongest argument. Consider your audience - in the middle of your essay, answer his or her objections to your opinion. Is your opinion biased? Conclude by restating your reasons.

Response to Literature is like a Reader's Log. Don't summarize the story! Write about the story's message, lesson, moral, or theme in your first paragraph, and restate it in the conclusion. In the body, link the story events to your THESIS STATEMENT about the story's theme. Show how the characters changed or grew throughout the story using trait words. You can relate the book to personal experiences but limit it to one short paragraph (no more than one quarter of your essay). Do not tell whether or not you liked or understood the story.

THE FIVE ELEMENTS OF EXPOSITORY WRITING

1. Organization is the key!
2. Topic sentences and thesis statements are the heart.
3. Transitions are the glue for the key ideas.
4. Examples, evidence, and explanation are the meat.
5. Conclusions tie it all together!

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Each student who intends to use the Internet shall, prior to any use, receive training/instruction from a faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network. All participating students will return an Internet Acceptable Use Agreement, signed by the student and his/her parent or guardian. Please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook for complete terms and conditions regarding Internet use.

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USAGE AGREEMENT

Student: I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Usage Policy on the preceding pages. I further understand that any violation of the regulations or policies in the Acceptable Usage Agreement is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Name (print): _____ ID # _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Acceptable Usage Policy. I understand that this access is designed solely for educational purposes. The district discourages students from accessing non-educational and objectionable material. However, I recognize that it is impossible for the district to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold the district or its employees responsible for materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission for my child to access the Internet pursuant to the district's policy and regulations.

Parent Name (print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



i-Ready Diagnostic Test #1: Scale Score: _____ Typical Growth Goal: _____ Stretch Growth Goal: _____

i-Ready Diagnostic Test #2: Scale Score: _____ Typical Growth Goal: _____ Stretch Growth Goal: _____

i-Ready Diagnostic Test #3: Scale Score: _____ Typical Growth Goal: _____ Stretch Growth Goal: _____

WENDY LOPOUR DOTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

All dates and times are tentative and subject to change.

August	8	DMS Office Opens - 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed noon to 1:00 for lunch)	
	8-10	WEB Leader Training - 8 a.m. to noon (till 12:30 on Wednesday) – Gymnasium	
	11	New Student Orientation – 8 a.m. to noon – Gymnasium	
	11	Sixth Grade Parent Orientation - 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. – Cafeteria	
	15-17	Office processing Registration & Scheduling only. No sales transactions these three days.	
	15	Teacher Orientation/Staff Development	
	16	Teacher Orientation/Staff Development	
	16	PTSA Welcome Back Lunch – 12:00 noon - Cafeteria	
	17	First Day of Classes - Minimum Day – 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	
	17-9/14	iReady Diagnostic #1 window (<i>tentative</i>) – Math & Language Arts classes	
	22	Boys Expectation Assemblies - 8 th per. 1, 6 th per. 2, 7 th per. 3 – Gymnasium	
	23	Girls Expectation Assemblies - 8 th per. 1, 6 th per. 2, 7 th per. 3 – Gymnasium	
	25	School Pictures (ID's, packets & yearbook portraits) - taken during P.E. – Cafeteria	
	25	PTSA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Room 6	
	29-9/2	Bullying Prevention Awareness Week	
	September	1	ASB Elections – during Silent Reading
		5	Labor Day Holiday – Students & Staff
6-9		Digital Citizenship Week	
6		Digital Citizenship Special Broadcast #1 - during Silent Reading	
8		Digital Citizenship Special Broadcast #2 - during Silent Reading	
8		English Learners Advisory Committee Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – Room 24	
8		Title I Information Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Room 24	
8		AVID Parents Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Room 6	
8		GATE Parents Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Cafeteria	
8		School Site Council Parent Representative Election - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Office	
8		Back to School Night - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - <i>Parents & guardians only. No students at this event please!</i>	
9		Digital Citizenship Special Broadcast #3 - during Silent Reading	
12		Football, Girls Volleyball – Stauffer at Doty	
13		SWIF Critical Reading Pre-Assessment – A.M. Assembly Schedule	
14		Football, Girls Volleyball – Doty at Sussman	
15		WEB Neon Glow Party – 2:50 to 4:15 – Gymnasium	
15		PTSA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Room 6	
19		Football, Girls Volleyball – Griffiths at Doty	
20		PTSA All-School Fund-Raiser Kickoff Assembly – P.M. Rally Schedule – DTV Special Broadcast	
21		Progress Reports posted on Q and carried home by students	
21		Football/Girls Volleyball – Doty at Stauffer	
24		Saturday Academic Academy – 8:00 a.m. to noon.	
26		Football/Girls Volleyball – Sussman at Doty	
28	Football/Girls Volleyball – Doty at Griffiths		
October	10	Columbus Day - Student Holiday - Staff Development Day	
	11	School Make-Up Pictures (ID's, packets & yearbook portraits) - taken during P.E. - Girls Activity Room	
	13	Parent Education Workshop – 5:30 p.m. – Cafeteria	
	17-21	Character Counts! Week	
	18	ASB All-School Assembly (CC!) – A.M. Assembly Schedule – Gymnasium	
	20	California State-wide Emergency Preparedness Drill – A.M. Rally Schedule	
	20	PTSA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Room 6	
	27	WEB Spooktacular – 2:50 to 4:15 – Gymnasium	
	31	Regular School Day - <i>No costumes allowed at school!</i>	
	31	Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer – Sussman at Doty	
November	2	Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer – Griffiths at Doty	
	7	Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer – Stauffer at Doty	
	9	Progress Reports posted on Q and carried home by students	
	9	Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer – Doty at Sussman	
	11	Veterans Day Holiday – Students & Staff	
	14	Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer – Doty at Griffiths	
	16	Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer – Doty at Stauffer	
	17	PTSA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Room 6	
December	21-25	Thanksgiving Break - campus closed	
	7	ASB Winter Event - 12:50 to 2:15 p.m. – Cafeteria	
	10	Saturday Academic Academy – 8:00 a.m. to noon	
	12	DMS Band Winter Concert #1 – 6:30 p.m. – Downey Theater	
	13	DMS Band Winter Concert #2 – 6:30 p.m. – Downey Theater	
	15	ASB Elections – during Silent Reading	
	15	English Learners' Advisory Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Cafeteria	

	22	Minimum Day – 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
	23	End of First Semester - Student Holiday, Teacher In-Service
	26-1/6	Winter Break - campus closed
January	9	Classes Resume
	9-2/3	iReady Diagnostic #2 window (<i>tentative</i>) – Math & Language Arts classes
	11	Staff Picture – 1:00 p.m. – Gymnasium bleachers
	11	Final First Semester Report Cards posted on Q and carried home by students
	11	Baseball, Softball – Doty at Stauffer
	16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Students & Staff
	18	Baseball, Softball – Stauffer at Doty
	19	PTSA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Room 6
	23-27	Kindness Week (Character Counts Week 2)
	23	Baseball, Softball – Sussman at Doty
<i>Jan. continued</i>	25	Baseball, Softball – Doty at Sussman
	26	Family Math Night – 5:30 p.m. – Cafeteria
	28	Saturday Academic Academy – 8:00 a.m. to noon
	30	Baseball, Softball – Doty at Griffiths
February	1	Baseball, Softball – Griffiths at Doty
	2	8 th Grade Panorama Class Portrait taken – 12:45 p.m. – Gymnasium bleachers
	5-11	National School Counselors Appreciation Week
	6	Local Holiday – Students & Staff
	7-24	ELPAC Testing (<i>tentative</i>) – Room 6
	9	WEB Event – 2:45 to 4:15 – Gymnasium
	13	President Lincoln's Holiday – Students & Staff
	16	College Information Night Parent Education Workshop – 5:30 p.m. – Cafeteria
	16	PTSA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Room 6
	20	President Washington's Birthday/President's Day Holiday – Students & Staff
	21	Spring Pictures (<i>only students w/completed order form and payment</i>) - taken during P.E. – Cafeteria
March	1-31	CAASPP Testing: SDC
	1	Progress Reports posted on Q and carried home by students
	6	Basketball, Boys Soccer – Doty at Stauffer
	8	Basketball, Boys Soccer – Doty at Griffiths
	9	English Learners' Advisory Committee – 5:30 p.m. – Room 6
	9	Title 1 Parent Review Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Room 6
	9	Open House - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - Visit Classrooms
	13	Basketball, Boys Soccer – Sussman at Doty
	15	ASB Spring Event - 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. – Cafeteria & 8 th Grade Square
	15	Basketball, Boys Soccer – Stauffer at Doty
	16	WEB Event - 12:50 to 4:15 – Cafeteria
	16	PTSA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Room 6
	17	8 th Grade Class Visit to DHS
	17	Local Holiday – Students & Staff
	20	Basketball, Boys Soccer – Griffiths at Doty
	22	Basketball, Boys Soccer – Doty at Sussman
	23	5 th Grade Orientation/Visit DMS - 10:30 a.m. – Cafeteria
	25	Saturday Academic Academy – 8:00 a.m. to noon
	27-29	Advanced Drama Production - Mon. 6:30, Tue. 6:30, Wed. 1:30 & 4:30 – Jamison Theatre
	27	Downey High School Registration Verification - during PE class – Cafeteria
	30	Future Student Night – 6:00 p.m. - Gymnasium
	31	SWIF Critical Reading Post-Assessment – A.M. Assembly Schedule
April	3-28	CAASPP Testing: Science
	4	Future WEB Leader Training – 3:00 to 5:00 – Cafeteria
	6	Eighth Grade Promotion Pictures - taken during P.E. – Cafeteria
	7-14	Spring Break - campus closed
	19	Progress Reports posted on Q and carried home by students
	20	PTSA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Room 6
	27	ASB Rally For Success - A.M. Assembly Schedule – Gym
	27	Track Meet – Doty vs. Griffiths – DHS Stadium
May	1-26	CAASPP Testing: ELA and Math
	1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week
	3	PTSA Teacher Appreciation Lunch – 12:45 p.m. – Cafeteria
	4	Track Meet – Doty vs. Sussman – DHS Stadium
	8-6/7	iReady Diagnostic #3 window (<i>tentative</i>) – Math & Language Arts classes
	8	Long Block Bell Schedule for CAASPP Testing – Odd Periods
	8	DMS Band Spring Concert #1 – 6:30 p.m. – Downey Theater
	9	Long Block Bell Schedule for CAASPP Testing – Even Periods
	9	DMS Band Spring Concert #2 – 6:30 p.m. – Downey Theater
	11	Doty Talent Show – 6:30 – location TBD
	11	Track Meet – Doty vs. Stauffer – DHS Stadium
	15	Long Block Bell Schedule for CAASPP Testing – Odd Periods
	16	Long Block Bell Schedule for CAASPP Testing – Even Periods
	18	PTSA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – Room 6
	19	All District Middle School Track Meet – 4:00 p.m. at DHS
	25	ASB Elections – during Silent Reading
	25	Yearbook Distribution - period 6

June

25 Honors Night - 6:00 p.m. – Gymnasium
26 Civil War Day – North Field
29 Memorial Day Holiday – Student & Staff
5 Eighth Grade Field Trip – buses load at 9:00 a.m. – buses leave at 9:15 a.m.
5 No classes for eighth grade students
5 Grade 6 & 7 Recognition Assembly – A.M. Assembly Schedule - Gymnasium
5 Seventh Grade Yearbook Signing - per. 6 - Quad
6 All School Awards Assembly – A.M. Assembly Schedule - Gymnasium
6 Eighth Grade Promotion Practice – per 5 - Gymnasium
6 Eighth Grade Yearbook Signing - per. 6 - Quad
7 Last Day of School for Students - *No student backpacks allowed!*
7 Eighth Grade Picnic – following period 1 – Cafeteria & Eighth Grade Square
7 Minimum Day - 7:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
7 Eighth Graders released at 10:30 a.m. to prepare for Promotion
7 Sixth Grade Yearbook Signing - per. 5 - Quad
7 Promoting Eighth Graders Line Up – 1:30 p.m. at the latest – DHS Tennis Courts
7 Eighth Grade Promotion - 2:00 p.m. – DHS Football Stadium
7 End of Second Semester
8 Teacher Check-Out - Student Holiday

BELL SCHEDULES

2023 - 2024

REGULAR DAY SCHEDULE #1

(Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
PERIOD 1	8:00	-	8:54	(54 minutes)
PERIOD 2 (w/DTV)	8:58	-	10:03	(65 minutes)
Snack	10:03	-	10:17	(14 minutes)
PERIOD 3	10:21	-	11:15	(54 minutes)
PERIOD 4	11:19	-	12:13	(54 minutes)
Lunch	12:13	-	12:43	(30 minutes)
SILENT READING	12:48	-	12:58	(10 minutes)
PERIOD 5	12:58	-	1:52	(54 minutes)
PERIOD 6	1:56	-	2:50	(54 minutes)

MODIFIED DAY SCHEDULE #2

(Wednesdays)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
PERIOD 1	8:00	-	8:35	(35 minutes)
PERIOD 2 (w/DTV)	8:39	-	9:24	(45 minutes)
PERIOD 3	9:28	-	10:03	(35 minutes)
Snack	10:03	-	10:17	(14 minutes)
PERIOD 4	10:21	-	10:56	(35 minutes)
PERIOD 5	11:00	-	11:35	(35 minutes)
Lunch	11:35	-	12:05	(30 minutes)
PERIOD 6	12:10	-	12:45	(35 minutes)

MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE #3

(1st Day of School, Last Day of 1st Sem., Last Day of School)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
PERIOD 1	8:00	-	8:35	(35 minutes)
PERIOD 2 (w/DTV)	8:39	-	9:25	(46 minutes)
PERIOD 3	9:29	-	10:04	(35 minutes)
Snack	10:04	-	10:18	(14 minutes)
PERIOD 4	10:22	-	10:57	(35 minutes)
PERIOD 5	11:01	-	11:36	(35 minutes)
PERIOD 6	11:40	-	12:15	(35 minutes)

A.M. ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE #4

(47 minute assembly between periods 3 and 4)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
PERIOD 1	8:00	-	8:47	(47 minutes)
PERIOD 2 (w/DTV)	8:51	-	9:48	(57 minutes)
Snack	9:48	-	10:02	(14 minutes)
PERIOD 3	10:06	-	10:53*	(47 minutes)
Assembly	10:59*	-	11:46*	(47 minutes)
PERIOD 4	11:50*	-	12:37	(47 minutes)
Lunch	12:37	-	1:07	(30 minutes)
PERIOD 5	1:12	-	1:59	(47 minutes)
PERIOD 6	2:03	-	2:50	(47 minutes)

P.M. ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE #5

(47 minute assembly between periods 5 and 6)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
PERIOD 1	8:00	-	8:47	(47 minutes)
PERIOD 2 (w/ DTV)	8:51	-	9:48	(57 minutes)
Snack	9:48	-	10:02	(14 minutes)
PERIOD 3	10:06	-	10:53	(47 minutes)
PERIOD 4	10:57	-	11:44	(47 minutes)
Lunch	11:44	-	12:14	(30 minutes)
PERIOD 5	12:19	-	1:06*	(47 minutes)
Assembly	1:12*	-	1:59*	(47 minutes)
PERIOD 6	2:03*	-	2:50	(47 minutes)

A.M. RALLY SCHEDULE #6

(35 minute assembly between DTV and period 2, Shakeout)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
PERIOD 1	8:00	-	8:48	(48 minutes)
PERIOD 2 (DTV only)	8:52	-	9:04*	(12 minutes)
Rally	9:10*	-	9:45*	(35 minutes)
PERIOD 2	9:49*	-	10:37	(48 minutes)
Snack	10:37	-	10:51	(14 minutes)
PERIOD 3	10:55	-	11:43	(48 minutes)
PERIOD 4	11:47	-	12:35	(48 minutes)
Lunch	12:35	-	1:05	(30 minutes)
PERIOD 5	1:10	-	1:58	(48 minutes)
PERIOD 6	2:02	-	2:50	(48 minutes)

P.M. RALLY SCHEDULE #7

(22 minute assembly between periods 5 and 6)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
PERIOD 1	8:00	-	8:51	(51 minutes)
PERIOD 2 (w/DTV)	8:55	-	9:57	(62 minutes)
Snack	9:57	-	10:11	(14 minutes)
PERIOD 3	10:15	-	11:06	(51 minutes)
PERIOD 4	11:10	-	12:01	(51 minutes)
Lunch	12:01	-	12:31	(30 minutes)
PERIOD 5	12:36	-	1:27*	(51 minutes)
Rally	1:33*	-	1:55*	(22 minutes)
PERIOD 6	1:59*	-	2:50	(51 minutes)

MEDIUM BLOCK SCHEDULE #8

(Same bell schedule for odd period or even period days)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
DTV in Per. 1 or 2	8:00	-	8:11*	(11 minutes)
PERIOD 1 or 2	8:11*	-	10:06	(115 minutes)
Snack	10:06	-	10:21	(15 minutes)
PERIOD 3 or 4	10:25	-	12:20	(115 minutes)
Lunch	12:20	-	12:50	(30 minutes)
PERIOD 5 or 6	12:55	-	2:50	(115 minutes)

LONG BLOCK SCHEDULE #9

(Same bell schedule for odd period or even period days)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 minutes)
PERIOD 1 or 2 (no DTV)	8:00	-	9:59	(119 minutes)
Snack	9:59	-	10:13	(14 minutes)
PERIOD 3 or 4	10:17	-	12:16	(119 minutes)
Lunch	12:16	-	12:46	(30 minutes)
PERIOD 5 or 6	12:51	-	2:50	(119 minutes)

REGULAR DOUBLE LUNCH SCHEDULE #10

(Non-Wednesdays, Early Grade 6 Lunch w/p.m. break)

PERIOD 0	7:05	-	7:55	(50 min.)
PERIOD 1	8:00	-	8:54	(54 min.)
PERIOD 2 (w/DTV)	8:58	-	10:03	(65 min.)
Snack	10:03	-	10:17	(14 min.)
PERIOD 3	10:21	-	11:15	(54 min.)
Lunch (6 th)	11:15 - 11:46	-		(31 min.)
PERIOD 4 (7&8)		-	11:19 - 12:13	(54 min.)
PERIOD 4 (6 th)	11:50 - 12:44*	-		(54 min.)
Lunch (7&8)		-	12:13 - 12:49	(36 min.)
SILENT READING	12:53	-	1:03	(10 min.)
PERIOD 5	1:03	-	1:57	(54 min.)
PERIOD 6	2:01	-	2:55	(54 min.)

* Times in italics and marked with an asterisk will not ring. An announcement will be made to escort students to an assembly. Assemblies will release to next period. Time overrun or shortfall will be absorbed by the period that follows. Schedule 10 grade 6 period 4 release will not ring.