


SUSSMAN
PIONEERS

**WELCOME TO
SUSSMAN MIDDLE
SCHOOL!**

2024





**At Sussman Middle School,
21st-century learners thrive as they
prepare for their high school
journey to become college and
career ready, globally competitive,
and citizens of strong character.**

SMS VISION





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Principal



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PEN-Z

- STUDENT SUPPORT
- ACADEMIC, SOCIAL & BEHAVIOR COUNSELING
- PARENT/ GUARDIAN COMMUNICATION
- AVAILABLE 7:30-3:30 PM

Sussman's Amazing Counselors!



Facilities

- Modernized Classrooms
- Library
- Gym
- Science Lab
- Full School Renovation!



Sussman Middle School Wellness Center





Sussman Middle School

2023-2024 BELL SCHEDULE

All Periods Mondays

Period 0: 7:00-7:47

Period 1: 8:00-8:52 w/STV

Period 2: 8:56-9:43

Period 3: 9:47-10:34

SNACK: 10:34-10:49

Period 4: 10:53-11:40

Period 5: 11:44-12:31

LUNCH: 12:31-1:01

Period 6: 1:06-1:53

Period 7: 1:57-2:44

Odd Blocks Tues/ Thurs

Period 0: 7:00-7:47

Period 1: 8:00-9:30 w/STV

SNACK: 9:30-9:42

Period 3: 9:46-11:11

Period 5: 11:19-12:44

LUNCH: 12:44-1:14

Period 7: 1:19-2:44

Even Blocks Wed/ Fri

Period 0: 7:00-7:47

Period 2: 8:00-9:45
w/ iReady

SNACK: 9:45-10:00

Period 4: 10:04-11:29

LUNCH: 11:29-11:59

Period 6: 12:04-1:29



Technology

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- All students have access to 1:1 devices in order to access materials.
 - There is an Instructional Media Technician on site to support student and staff tech needs.
- Current DUSD students will bring their ipads



Character COUNTS!

Emphasized all year long!!

WORLDWIDE
CHARACTER
COUNTS!
WEEK

 SUSSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL PIONEERS			
	BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE	BE SAFE
ALL SETTINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be the right thing even when no one is looking Be kind Respect school and personal property Pick up after yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be honest (own your actions) Think before you act Be polite (Use Please/Thank you) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate (positive) language Behave appropriately and safely Follow staff directions Keep hands/feet/objects to self 
COMMON AREAS (Halls, Walkways, Entrance, Restroom, Fields)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands/feet/objects to self Follow directions from adults Use calm and appropriate language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help others in need Pick up trash Share the space Be on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay within boundaries Report concerns to staff WALK to walk/Run/Slide 
RESTROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use others privacy Clean up after yourself, use trash can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use during break and at lunch Use restroom appropriately Restrooms business only (Flush toilet, throw paper trash away) Be quick, quiet, and return to class promptly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk hands with soap water Use something, say something 
LIBRARY/LAB/TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take school property Clean work area before leaving school and personal property Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use/Handle technology and materials appropriately Put away all phones and use tools Participate, say something 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use approved websites/programs Keep headphones to designated areas Use something, say something 
CLASSROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen actively & follow class procedures Allow all students to learn Be kind Take school property Clean work area before leaving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive on time and be ready to work Stay on task and do your best work Take care of classroom technology & equipment Use a calm and respectful tone at times Use good manners (please/thank you) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember to use restrooms prior to recess/prior to leaving if Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself Walk into the classroom 
OFFICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a calm and respectful tone of voice Use good manners (please and thank you) Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be honest (own your actions) Share all information as asked Wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be considerate of others privacy Keep walkways clear 
SCHOOL EVENTS (Assemblies, Sports, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate good sportsmanship Be kind with a positive attitude 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent your school positively Leave the area near after when you arrived Be polite to others Be patient/fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow adult direction Use something, say something 
OFF CAMPUS CONDUCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be positive or encouraging language Respect others' property and the neighborhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use positive language Be patient/fair Leave the area near after when you arrived Be polite to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use something, say something Be helpful to others 



Positive Behavior Intervention Supports

The background features a stylized illustration of a space shuttle in space, with an astronaut floating nearby. The shuttle has the text 'SUSSMA' and 'PIONEER' on its side. The scene is set against a dark purple space background with stars and a green-tinted foreground that resembles a grassy field or a fence. A white diagonal line runs from the top left towards the center.

Sample Schedule

- English Language Arts
- Reading
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- PE
- Elective

ELECTIVES



Elective Offerings



23-24 Electives offered at SMS:

- Art
- ASL **expanded*
- Band
- Ceramics
- Competitive Robotics
- Drama: 6th grade, Intro & Adv **expanded*
- Food Science **new*
- Journalism
- Leadership: ASB
- Leadership: WEB **new*
- Mock Trial/Intro to Law **new*
- Photography **new*
- Pioneer PALS **new*
- PLTW: Gateway to Tech, Design & Modeling, Automation Design, Flight & Space **expanded*
- Spanish
- Technology Ed: Project STEM Coding **new*
- TV & Video Production





Student Leadership:

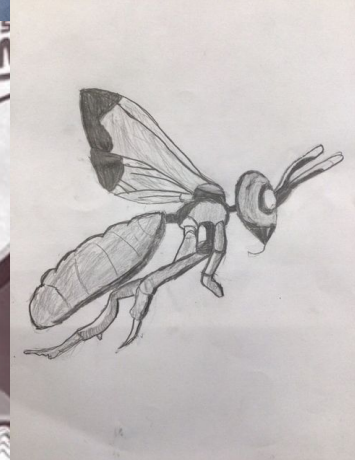
ASB (Associate Student Body) & WEB (Where Everyone Belongs)

Art

- Ceramics
- Art Design
- Art 6

PTA Reflections Art Competition:

- Every year our students produce beautiful entries for PTA Reflections. This year was no exception!



ASL

- American Sign Language qualifies as a second language and is aligned to the program at Downey High School
- Students demonstrate an understanding of vocabulary along with the history and language within the deaf community
- Students practice these skills through short dialogues with their peers

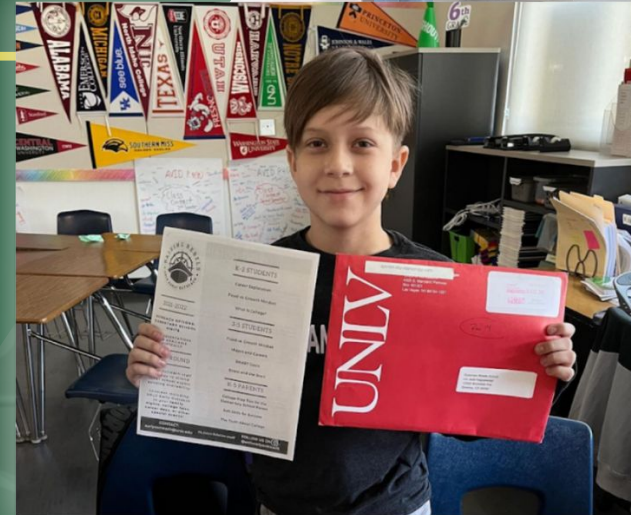


AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination

Information:

- Full year classes are offered to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (only SMS offers 6th grade program)
- AVID offers valuable strategies and tutoring two days a week.
- Students are exposed to universities and the college application process.

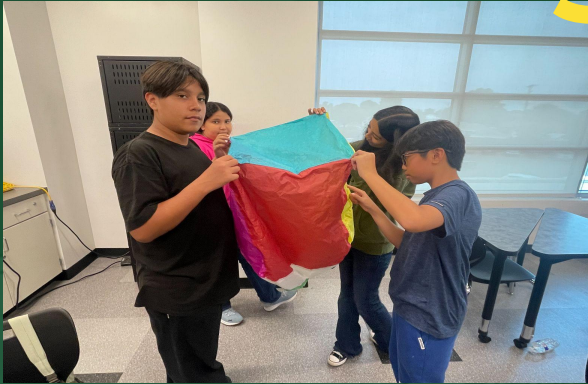


Drama

- Students role-play, learn about theatre and the production behind plays
- Students practice their skills through speeches, going to competitions and putting on a end of the year production (Alice in Wonderland)



Flight & Space



- Students learn about the history & science of Flight and Space
- Student teams build a hot air balloon in class
- Learn about aviation and design their own gliders through online application

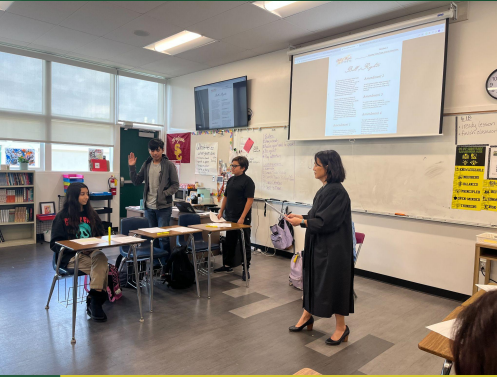


Food Science

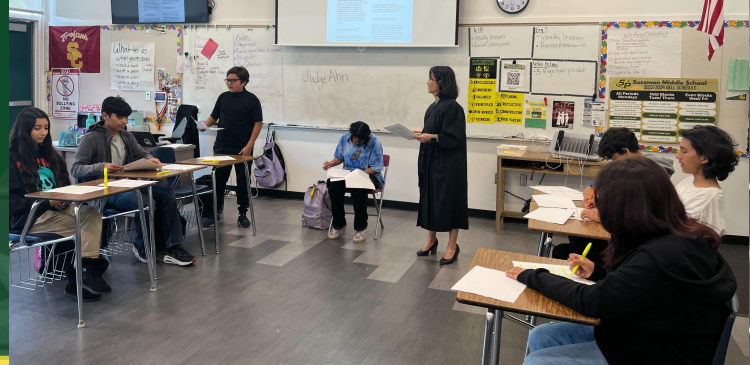
- Exploring various facets of nutrition and cooking
- Learning basic cooking techniques
- Learning about kitchen and food safety
- Incorporating students' culture and background into recipes



Mock Trial/Intro to Law



- Students learn about law and the American justice system
- Students participate in mock trials competing against each other as well as effective trial advocacy techniques



Music

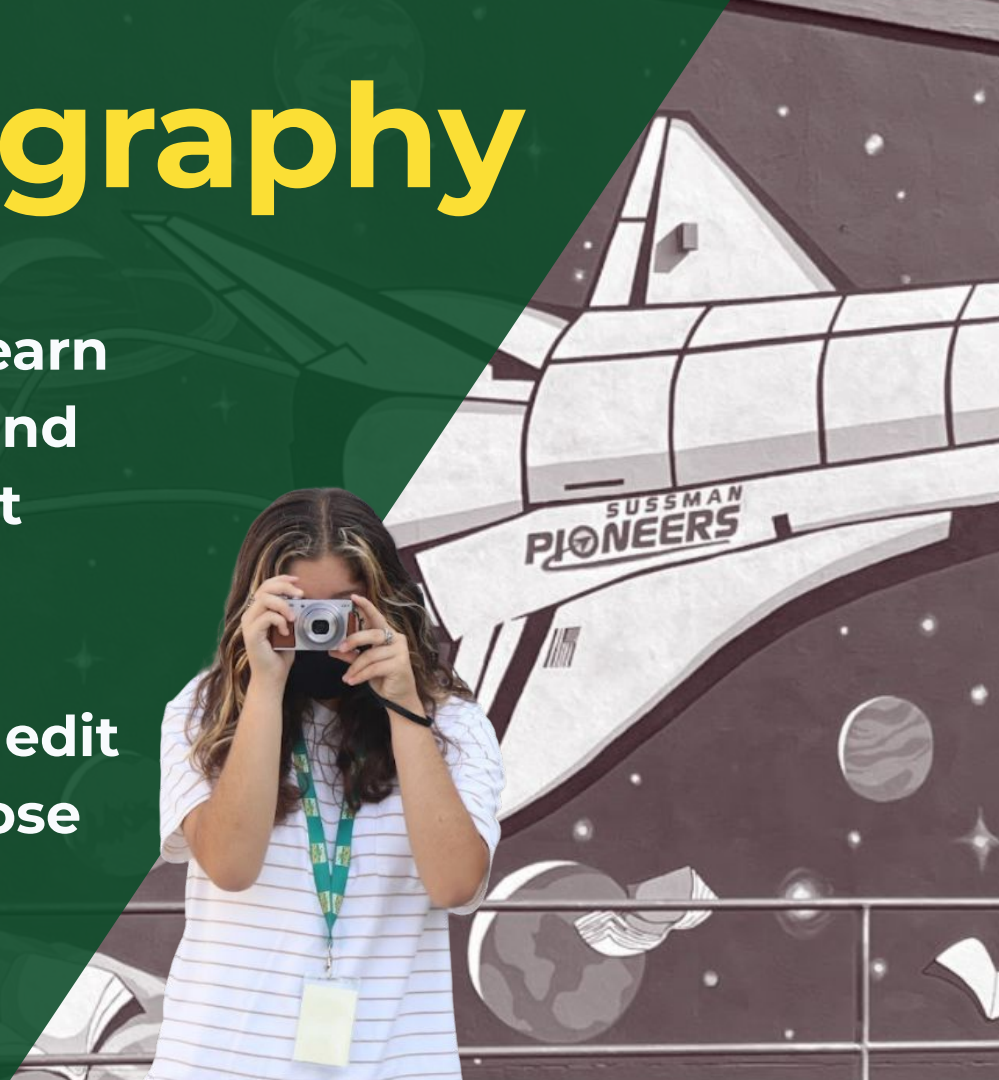


- Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced band
- Jazz band
- Award Winning Marching Band!
- Music Appreciation
- Parades, Concerts & Competitions!



Photography

- Students take photos and learn how to manipulate angles and lighting for the best product
- Along with taking pictures students are taught how to edit their pictures and the purpose behind different photo files



Pioneer Pals



- Students walk to Alameda to support in:

- Student Tutoring
- Teacher Support
- AVID



PLTW & Robotics

- Flight & Space
- Automation & Robotics
- Design & Modeling
- Competitive Robotics

Information:

- Flight & Space, Design & Modeling, and Automation & Robotics are semester courses.
- The competition team is all year long.
- We have a new Engineering & Robotics Building.
- **This year we will compete in State & Nationals!**



Spanish

- Spanish is aligned to the program at Downey High School. Most students who successfully complete this class qualify for Spanish 2 in High School
- Students develop their ability to communicate in Spanish and engage in cultural awareness activities



TV Production & Journalism

- Create content for morning announcements (Intros, Weather, Credits, etc.)
- Use photography and video equipment along with computer software for filming and editing.
- Develop and complete Sussman yearbook.



CLUBS & GROUPS



Club Schedule

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CLUBS

2023-2024

M

Lunch:

- Compass Club (Rm. 93)
- Library Club (Library)

T

Lunch:

- Book Club (Rm. 11)

After School:

- Chess Club (Rm. 6)

W

Lunch:

- Fun & Games Lunch Bunch (Rm. 4&5)
- Multicultural Club (Rm. 24)
- Drama (DTSS) Club (Rm. T4)

After School:

- Volunteers Club (Rm. 36)

TH

After School:

- Art Club (Rm. 36)
- Gardening Club (Rm. 35)
- Ultimate Frisbee Club (Rm. 101)

F

Lunch:


- Walking Club (Rm. 16)

After School:

- Chess Club (Library)
- Dungeons & Dragons Club (Library)



Academic Tutoring Everyday

					
Lunch Time					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Subjects	Barela Rm. 12	Duarte Rm. 40	Melgar Rm. T3	Byers Rm. 41	Diioli Rm. 32
	Delgado Rm. 27	Calvario Rm. T1	Marine Rm. T2	Duarte Rm. 40	Calvario Rm. T1
After School (2:50 PM - 3:50 PM)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Math	Byers Rm. 41	Marine Rm. T2	Rodriguez & Sims Library 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Calvario Rm. T1	Rodriguez & Sims Library 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
English	Carmona Rm. 16	Barela Rm. 12		Funes-Valdivia Rm. 83	
All Subjects	Diioli Rm. 32	Malick-Perez Rm. 14		Malick-Perez Rm. 14	
Open Gym		Lopez & Regan 8th Graders- Gym		Lopez & Regan 6th & 7th Graders- Gym	



Femineers

Information:

- Femineers was designed to help bridge the gender gap in STEM studies!
- Femineers work on Creative Robotics and Wearable tech.



Cal Poly Pomona
College of Engineering

Gaming Club/Esports

Information:

- Gaming Club meets every other Thursday during lunch.
- We won the e-Sports Middle School Championship this year in Rocket League.



GATE

Gifted and Talented Education

Information:

- GATE students are identified in elementary or at the middle school level.
- Differentiated instruction is implemented in the classrooms.
- GATE students participate in extracurricular enrichment activities.



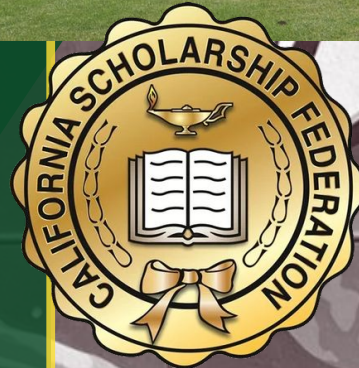
Enrichment

Scholarship & CJSF

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Information:

- CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation)
- Students qualify based on Academic achievement
- Continues into high school as CSF





Mary R. Stauffer Foundation

College Scholarships for 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

Information:

- Students receive financial scholarships every November for achieving academic excellence.
- Students qualify based on their grades.



Competitive & Intramural Sports





**Downey
Foundation**
FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ACCESS

Before and After School Care

Fixed AFTER SCHOOL

INCLUDES | INCLUYE

- **Snack** | *Alimento Ligero*
- **Fitness** | *Educación Física*
- **Social Emotional Learning**
Aprendizaje Socioemocional
- **Academic Support**
Apoyo Académico
- **Enrichment Activities**
Actividades de Enriquecimiento

LOCATIONS | UBICACIONES

Alameda, Carpenter, Gauldin, Griffiths,
Lewis, Old River, Price, Stauffer, Susman,
Unsworth, Ward, & Williams.

SCHEDULE | HORARIO

- **Monday - Friday** | *Lunes - Viernes*
- **Dismissal - 6 PM** | *Salida - 6 PM*
- **Must Attend Everyday Until 6 PM**
Debe Asistir Diario Hasta las 6 PM

COST | COSTO

- **\$50 Registration** | *Registro*
- **\$50 Per Month** | *Por Mes*

LEARN MORE ABOUT FIXED
MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE FIXED

Flex AFTER SCHOOL

INCLUDES | INCLUYE

- **Snack** | *Alimento Ligero*
- **Fitness** | *Educación Física*
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Actividades de Enriquecimiento

LOCATIONS | UBICACIONES

All DUSD Elementary & Middle Schools
Escuelas Primarias e Intermedia del DUSD

SCHEDULE | HORARIO

- **Monday - Friday** | *Lunes - Viernes*
- **Dismissal - 6 PM** | *Salida - 6 PM*
- **Pick Up Student Anytime**
Recoja Estudiante a Cualquier Hora

COST | COSTO

- **\$50 Registration** | *Registro*
- **\$300 Per Month** | *Por Mes*

LEARN MORE ABOUT FLEX
MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE FLEX

Morning BEFORE SCHOOL

INCLUDES | INCLUYE

- **Breakfast** | *Desayuno*
- **Social Emotional Learning**
Aprendizaje Socioemocional
- **Academic Support**
Apoyo Académico
- **Enrichment Activities**
Actividades de Enriquecimiento

LOCATIONS | UBICACIONES

All DUSD Elementary & Middle Schools
Escuelas Primarias e Intermedia del DUSD

SCHEDULE | HORARIO

- **Monday - Friday** | *Lunes - Viernes*
- **One Hour Before Breakfast**
Una Hora Antes del Desayuno
- **Drop Off Student Anytime**
Deje Estudiante a Cualquier Hora

COST | COSTO

- **\$50 Registration** | *Registro*
- **\$50 Per Month** | *Por Mes*

LEARN MORE ABOUT MORNING
MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE MORNING

Custom AFTER SCHOOL

ENRICHMENT CLASSES CLASES DE ENRIQUECIMIENTO

- Acting
- Basketball
- Dance
- Early Music
- Guitar
- Soccer
- Ukulele
- Violin
- Visual Arts

LOCATIONS | UBICACIONES

DUSD Elementary & Middle Schools
Escuelas Primarias e Intermedia del DUSD

SCHEDULE | HORARIO

Once a Week for 1 Hour
Una Vez a la Semana Durante 1 Hora

COST | COSTO

\$35 - \$60 Per Month | *Por Mes*

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST
INSCRIPCIONES ABREN AGOSTO

LEARN MORE ABOUT CUSTOM
MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CUSTOM

dfeo.org



Chick-Fil-A is closed on Sundays



Thank you for participating in our
Sussman Middle School PTA
Fundraiser!

People like you make our community a great place to
live...and to learn!

Please stop by Chick-fil-A Imperial and Lakewood and present
this card when you purchase your meal to support our
students!! **For mobile orders, please use code "Pioneers"**

Based on the day's sales from our friends and families,
Chick-fil-A will make a donation to our school!

Again, THANK YOU!

****VALID @ CHICK-FIL-A Imperial & Lakewood****
October 25th, 2023
6 AM-Midnight
Chick-Fil-A is closed on Sundays



SUSSMAN PIONEERS PTA

PLEASE JOIN US

PTA meetings are on the 1st Wed. of the month. Come get informed and get involved. Meeting are held VIA zoom for the moment. @5:30pm

SUSSMANPTA@GMAIL.COM

SEP. 6, 2023
OCT. 4, 2023
NOV. 1, 2023
JAN. TBD
FEB. 7, 2024
MAR. 6, 2024
APR. 3, 2024
MAY 1, 2024
JUNE 5, 2024

All Items are Welcomed!
PTA Helps is most in need of:
Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Hot Chocolate

SUSSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE

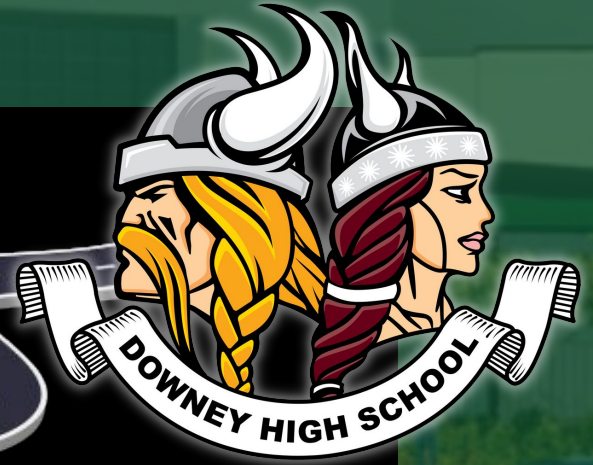
October 25th- October 29th

The 1st period class with the most goods wins a prize!

PTA

Our wonderful PTA is
highly involved and
active on our campus.

**We have a strong
relationship with DHS**



...AND Neighboring Colleges



IB MYP

International Baccalaureate
Middle Years Programme

Sussman Middle School

IB MYP CANDIDATE SCHOOL

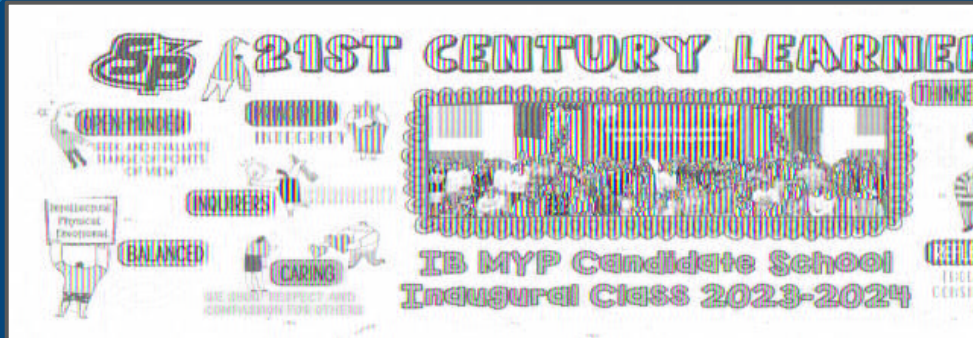


Sussman Middle School is a Candidate School* for the Middle Years Programme. *This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Sussman Middle School believes is important for our students.*

Sussman Middle School

IB MYP

- Highly trained teachers and staff
- Focused on 21st Century Skill Development and Application of Knowledge
- Sussman is currently in the process of confirming program enrollment for 24-25
- Orientation for incoming IB students: May 30, 2024



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Next Steps

- 6th grade course selection
- 5th grade SMS campus visit
- WEB Orientation
 - August 2024



**Thank you for joining
us today!**

**Welcome to the
Pioneer Family**

