


SUSSMAN
PIONEERS

**WELCOME TO
SUSSMAN MIDDLE
SCHOOL!**





**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





DR. CONNIE QUINTERO
Principal



DR. ANITA ARORA
Vice Principal /
IB Coordinator



MARIO SALCEDA
Vice Principal



ESTHER JEONG
Dean of Students



DR. JESSICA WORTHY
Categorical
Resource
Teacher

SMS Administration





RAFAEL TRUJILLO
A-GOM



DEBRA CAMACHO
GON-PEM



CLAUDIA GARCIA
PEN-Z

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

Sussman's Amazing Counselors!

Sussman Middle School Wellness Center





Sussman Middle School

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
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SNACK: 9:45-10:00

Period 4: 10:04-11:29

LUNCH: 11:29-11:59

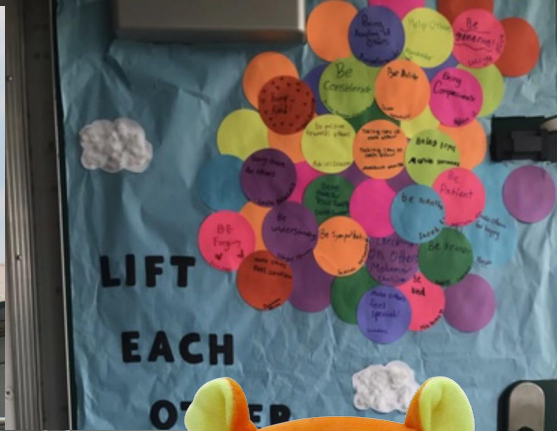
Period 6: 12:04-1:29

OPTIONAL ENRICHMENT
Fridays 1:45-2:44

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 & PBIS
Emphasized all year long!!





Student Leadership ASB & WEB

Isabella Marquez



- ASB President
- 4.0 GPA
- Honors Math
- AVID
- Scholarship
- CJSF

Edgar Valencia



- ASB VP Representative
- 4.0 GPA
- IB Program
- Accelerated Math
- Scholarship
- Robotics Club

ELECTIVES



SMS Electives



Electives offered at SMS:

- Art
- ASL
- ASB
- AVID
- Band (Beginner & Advanced)
- Jazz Band
- Music Appreciation
- Ceramics
- Design & Modeling
- Digital Design
- Drama (Beginner & Advanced)
- Foods
- Pioneer Pals (Peer Tutoring & Mentoring)
- Robotics (Competition Robotics)
- Spanish
- WEB
- Broadcast Design
- Yearbook Design



Music



- Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, Jazz, and Marching band
- Award Winning Jazz band
- Award Winning Marching Band!
- Parades, competitions, amusement parks all over Socal



Art

- Ceramics
- Art Design
- Art 6

Contest our students participate in:

PTA Reflections Art Competition,
Dia de Los Muertos student exhibit,
DPD Holiday Card Contest,
Autry Museum Student exhibit,
ICAN Association Poster Contest,
Doodle for Google:

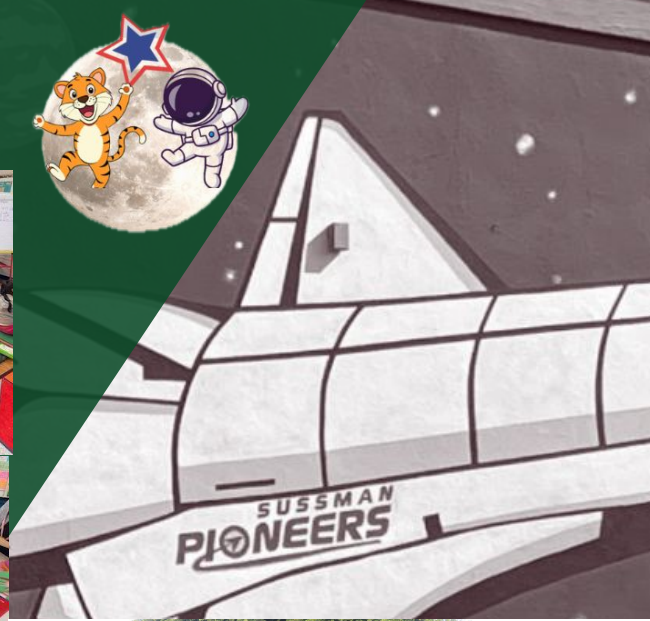
- Every year our students produce beautiful entries for PTA Reflections. This year was no exception!

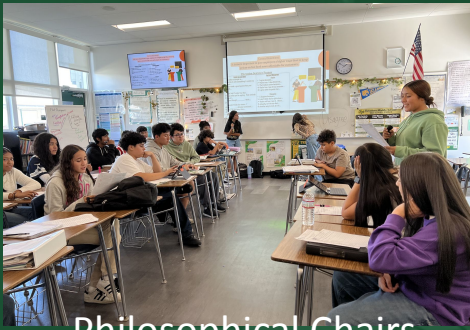


Pioneer Pals

Students grow as learners, leaders, and role models. In this class, students will:

- Build academic skills through tutoring others at the elementary level **(Alameda & Lewis)**.
- Develop leadership and mentoring abilities.
- Strengthen social and emotional skills.
- Practice setting goals and reflecting on progress.
- Support peers in a positive, respectful learning environment.





Philosophical Chairs

AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination

Information:

- Full year classes are offered to 7th and 8th graders
- AVID offers valuable strategies and tutoring two days a week
- Students are exposed to universities and the college application process.
- Students visit a college campus to start garnering enthusiasm for collegiate life.



Cal State Fullerton - 8th



PLTW & Robotics

- Automation & Robotics
- Design & Modeling
- Competitive Robotics

Information:

- Design & Modeling, and Automation & Robotics are semester courses
- The competition team is all year long. They compete against other schools and attend tournaments.
- We have a new Engineering & Robotics Building!

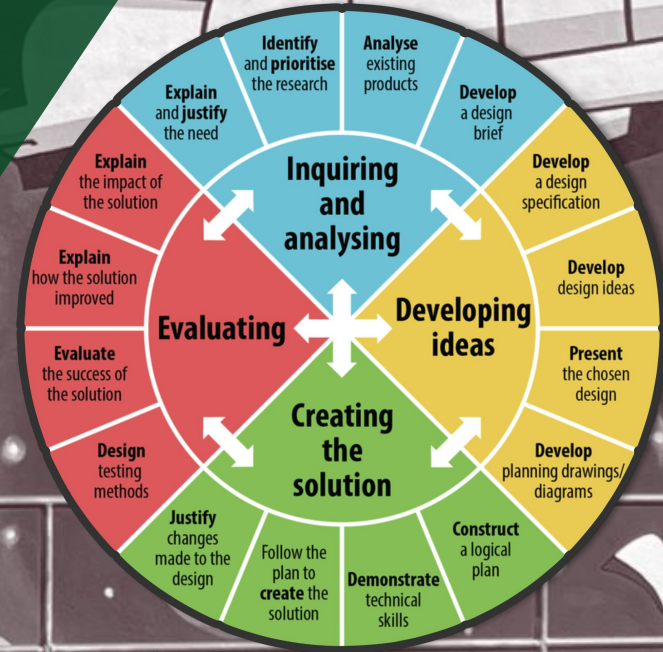


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ROBOTICS

Digital Design (6, 7, 8)

Use your Creativity, Technology,
and the Design Cycle to Produce...

- Video and Film Productions
- Desktop Publishing
- Visual Graphic Designs
- Music Compositions
- Computer Coding
- Student-Driven Ideas



Broadcast Design (Video Production)

- Produce and run Sussman's Live TV Broadcast of the Morning Announcements!
- Work in the Control Room and Live on Camera!
- Create Video Productions for the Show!



Yearbook Design (Journalism)

- Develop Photography Skills!
- Use Professional Grade Cameras!
- Photograph Sussman Pioneers and Events!
- Use Online Software to Design and Produce Our School Yearbook.



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

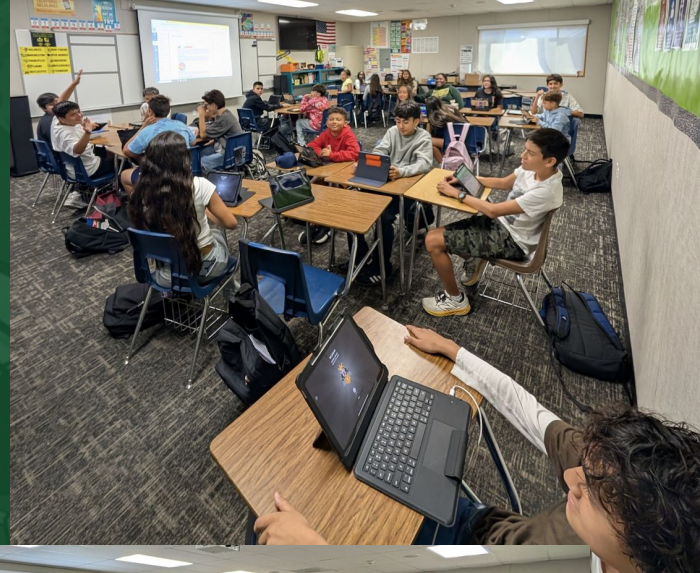


Spanish

1. Conversational Spanish
2. Spanish 1A
3. Spanish 1B
4. Language and Culture 4 (Dual Immersion)

Spanish is aligned to the program at Downey High School. Most students who successfully complete Spanish 1A and 1B qualify for Spanish 2 in High School

Students develop their ability to communicate in Spanish and engage in cultural awareness activities



Drama

Drama 7/8:

- Practice teamwork & public speaking
- Practice theatrical design through makeup artistry
- Experiment with scene composition & choreography

Advanced Drama:

- Learn directing skills
- Attend performances & competition
- Produce a full-length production



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



CLUBS & GROUPS



Club Schedule

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CLUBS 2025-2026



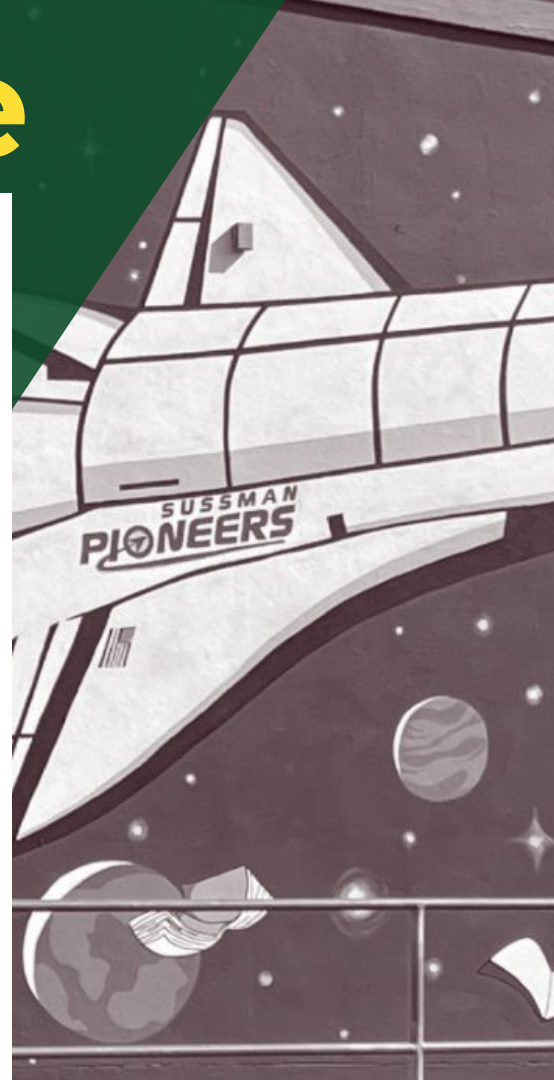
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| M | Lunch: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASL Club (Rm. 64)• Compass Club (Rm. 93) |
| | After School: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trading Cards Club (Rm. 16) |
| T | Lunch: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fun & Games Lunch Bunch (Rm. 4) |
| W | Lunch: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anime Club (Library)• Art Club (Rm. 36)• Chess Club (Rm. 6)• Multicultural Club (Rm. 24) |
| | Lunch: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photography Club (Rm. 36)• Pioneer Adventure Club (Activity Room Rock Wall)• K-pop Club |
| TH | After School: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girl Empowerment Club (Library)• Robotics (Rm. 2 & 3) |
| F | Lunch: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Builders Club (Rm. 25)• Library Club (Library) |



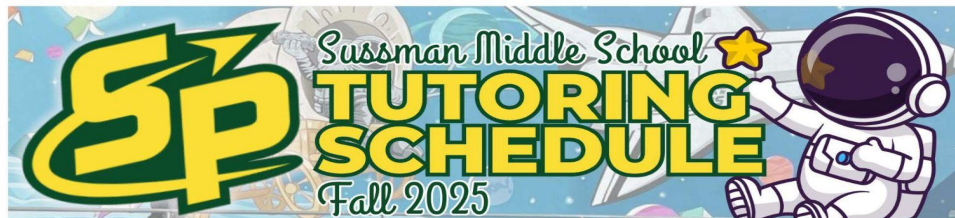
Hey Pioneers!

Be a trailblazer—**launch a new club today!**

Scan the QR code to get started.



Academic Tutoring Everyday



Lunch Time

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------|---|---|---|--|-------------------------|
| All Subjects | A.Perkins Rm. 15 | Parsley Rm. 13 | A.Perkins Rm. 15 | A.Perkins Rm. 15 | Hirano Rm. 93 |
| | | Gutierrez Rm. 24 <i>*Spanish Available</i> | Diioli Rm. 32 | | |
| | Gutierrez Rm. 24 <i>*Spanish Available</i> | Ardis Rm. 65 <i>*ASL Available</i> | Estrada Rm. 65 <i>*ASL Available</i> | Orozco Rm. T4 <i>*Spanish Available</i> | Diioli Rm. 32 |

After School (2:50 PM - 3:50 PM)

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|---------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| Math | Calvario Rm. T1 | Marine Rm. 27 | | Byers Rm. 201 | |
| English | Villasana <i>*Spanish Available</i> Rm. 11 | Barela Rm. 12 | Resident Subs <i>*Spanish Available</i> Library 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | Funes-Valdivia <i>*Spanish Available</i> Rm. 16 | Resident Subs <i>*Spanish Available</i> Library 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm |
| All Subjects | Tao Rm. 104 | Schuldt <i>*Spanish Available</i> Rm. 6 | | Calvario Rm. T1 | |
| Open Gym | | Lopez & Regan Gym | | Lopez & Regan Gym | |



Femineers



Information:

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



Gaming Club/Esports

Information:

- Gaming Club meets every other Thursday during lunch.
- Every year we compete with the other middle schools for the eSports Championship

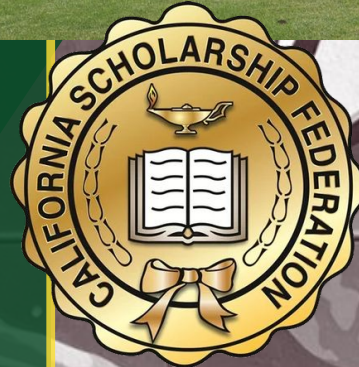


Scholarship & CJSF

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.



Pep and Dance

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Information:

- Performs at rallies, games, school events & community parades
- Builds confidence, school spirit, teamwork & responsibility
- Encourages positive behavior & academic success
- Opportunities for leadership and community involvement



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*
- **Social Emotional Learning**
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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

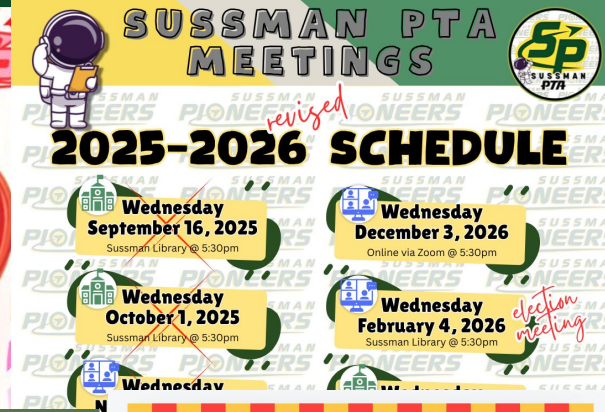
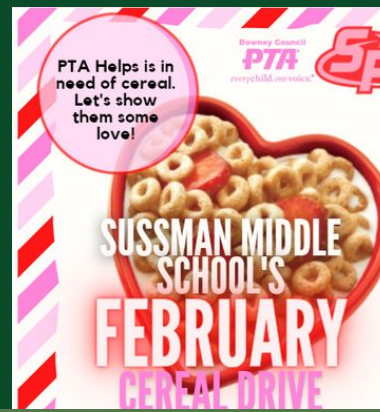
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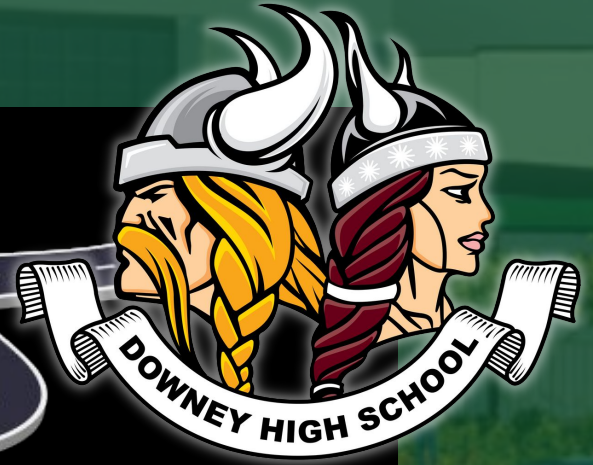


PTA

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 WORLD SCHOOL!



Sussman Middle School

IB MYP

SUSSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL **SAVE THE DATE!**



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME INFO NIGHT

January 29, 2026
6:00 pm @ Sussman Gym

RSVP today! web.dusd.net/sussman-events



DOWNEY UNIFIED'S **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE®**

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME



6th GRADE APPLICATION WINDOW:
JAN. 29 - FEB. 27, 2026



APPLY TODAY! web.dusd.net/ib

Next Steps

Is your child a DUSD Enrolled Student?

YES

**Is Sussman your
child's home
school?**

**Your child will be
registering after Spring
Break for 6th grade
classes.**

**NO, but we are
interested in receiving
more information.**

**Scan this QR
Code:**



Next Steps Continued

- SMS will visit feeder elementary schools for course selection
- 5th grader visit SMS campus
- WEB Orientation
 - August 2026



**Thank you for joining
us today!**

**We look forward to
welcoming you to the
Pioneer Family**

