



**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

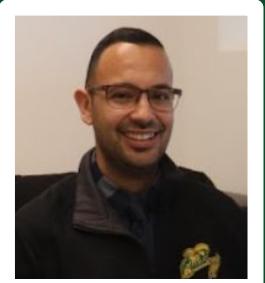




DR. CONNIE QUINTERO
Principal



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

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



DEBRA CAMACHO
GON-PEM

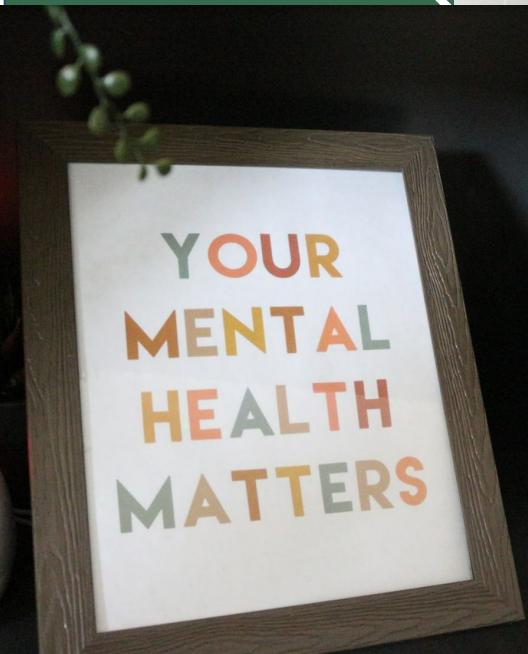


CLAUDIA GARCIA
PEN-Z

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 w/ iReady
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

- 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:

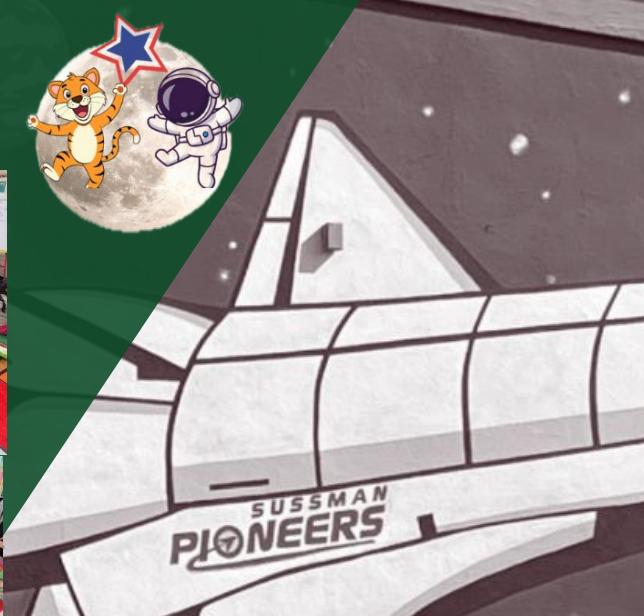
- Every year our students produce beautiful entries for PTA Reflections. This year was no exception!



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.





AVID

Philosophical Chairs

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:

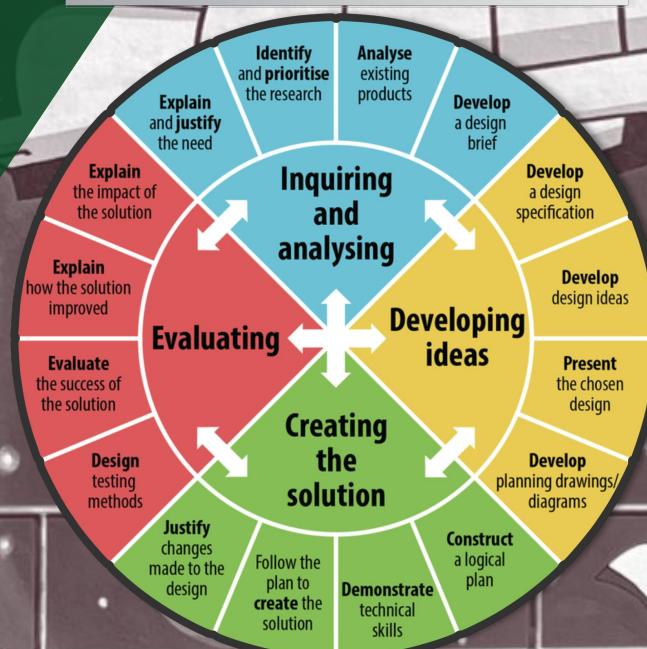
- Design & Modeling, and Automation & Robotics are semester courses
- The competition team is all year long. They compete against other schools and attend tournaments.
- We have a new Engineering & Robotics Building!



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



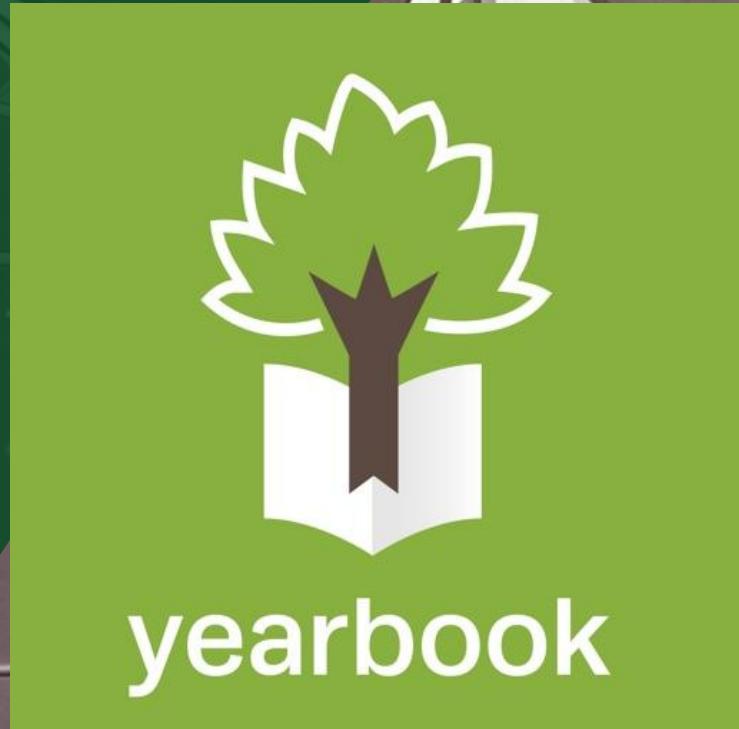
Broadcast Design (Video Production)

- 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



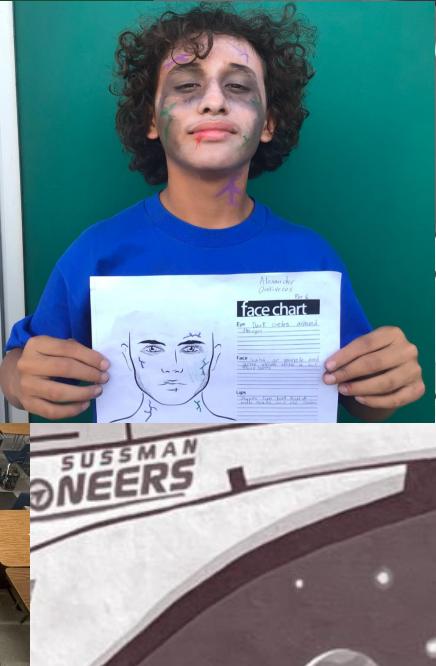
Drama

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



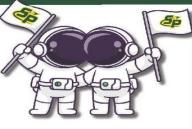
CLUBS & GROUPS



Club Schedule

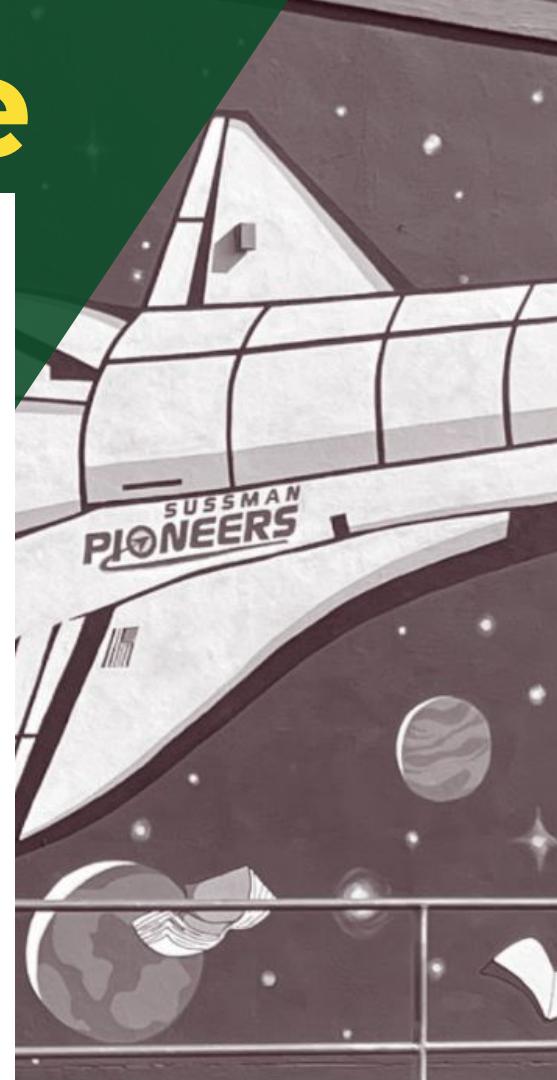
**SUSSMAN
PIONEERS**

CLUBS 2025-2026



Day	Lunch:	After School:
M	ASL Club (Rm. 64) Compass Club (Rm. 93) Trading Cards Club (Rm. 16)	
T	Fun & Games Lunch Bunch (Rm. 4)	
W	Anime Club (Library) Art Club (Rm. 36) Chess Club (Rm. 6) Multicultural Club (Rm. 24)	
TH	Photography Club (Rm. 36) Pioneer Adventure Club (Activity Room Rock Wall) K-pop Club	Girl Empowerment Club (Library) Robotics (Rm. 2 & 3)
F	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

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

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

Math	Calvario Rm. T1	Marine Rm. 27	Resident Subs *Spanish Available Library 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Byers Rm. 201	Resident Subs *Spanish Available Library 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
English	Villasana *Spanish Available Rm. 11	Barela Rm. 12		Funes- Valdivia *Spanish Available Rm. 16	
All Subjects	Tao Rm. 104	Schuldt *Spanish Available 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

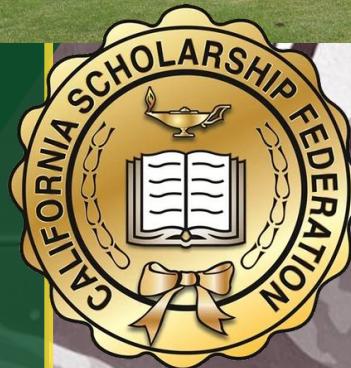


Scholarship & CJSF

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



ACCESS

Before and After School Care



Downey Foundation

FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

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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 Qaulquier 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

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COST | COSTO

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- \$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

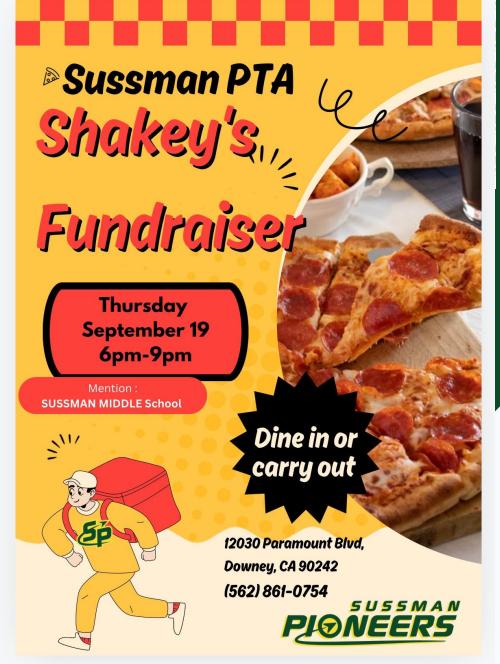
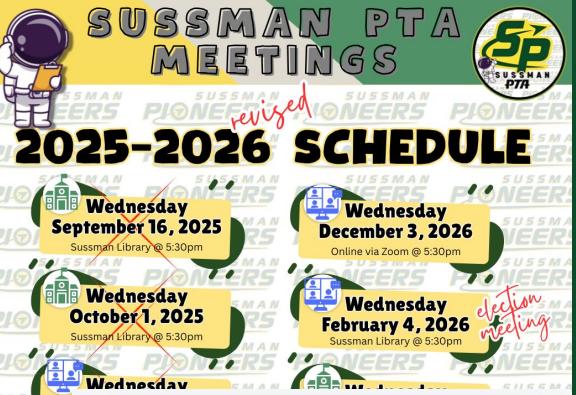
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INSCRIPCIONES ABREN AGOSTO

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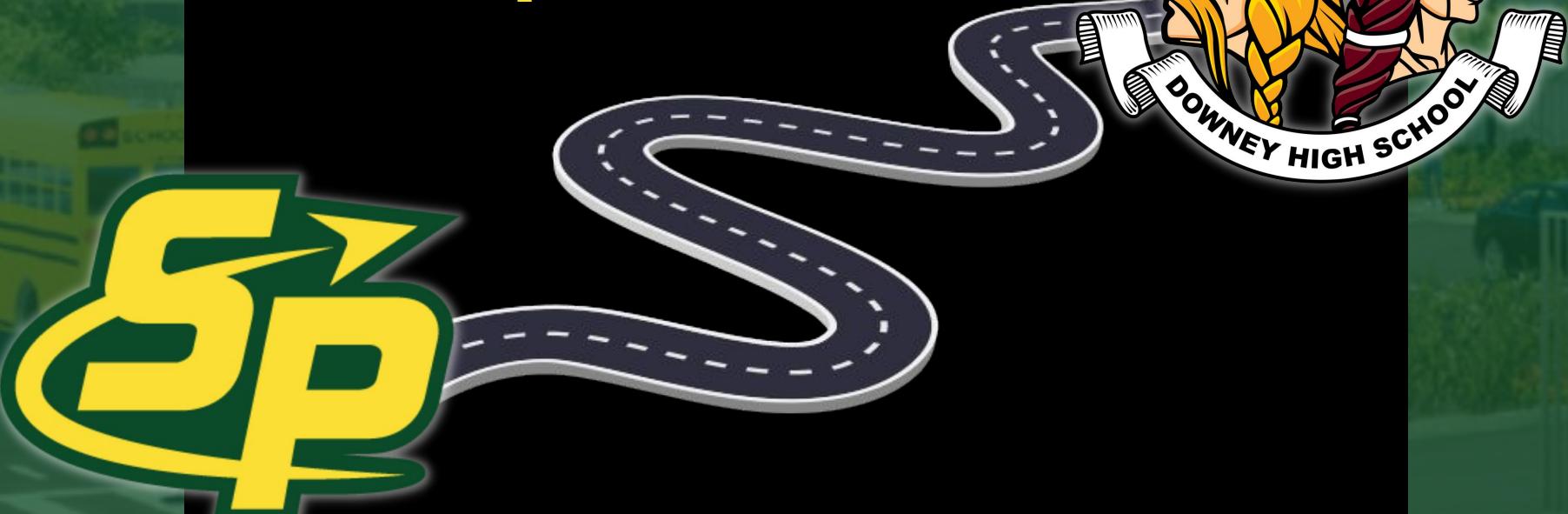


PTA

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

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SUSSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL **SAVE THE DATE!**



**INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE
PROGRAMME INFO NIGHT**

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January 29, 2026
6:00 pm @ Sussman Gym

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



DOWNEY UNIFIED'S
**INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE®**
MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

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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**

