



Jerome D. Mack Middle School

Back-To-Mack Reporter

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FALL 2018

Welcome Back Mavericks

Jerome D. Mack Middle School Students Are:

**MAVERICKS
ACQUIRING
COLLEGE
KNOWLEDGE**

JEROME MACK MIDDLE SCHOOL HOURS

Instructional Day: 7:55 am - 2:11 pm

Main Office: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Deans' Office: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Registration Office: 7:30 am - 2:30 pm

Students are allowed to enter the building at 7:30 am each day and must leave at 2:11 pm unless they are involved in and being monitored by an approved school activity/advisor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed., Aug. 8 Jumpstart - Back-to-School Event
- Sat., Aug. 11 Calling All Athletes! Free Sports Physicals
- Wed., Aug. 13 Classes begin
- Wed., Aug. 15 Computer Deployment - 8th Grade (4-7 pm)
- Thurs., Aug. 16 Computer Deployment - 7th Grade (4-7 pm)
- Fri., Aug. 17 Computer Deployment - 6th & multiple Grade (4-7 pm)
- Thurs., Aug. 30 Meet the Mavericks
- Tues., Sept. 4 Community Learning Centers Begin
- Tues., Sept. 4 Begin Late Bus
- Mon. - Tues., Sept. 10-11 School Picture Days
- Tues., Sept. 11 Gear Up Parent Workshop, 1-2 pm in Library
- Mon. - Fri., Oct. 1-5 Week of Respect
- Tues., Oct. 9 Gear Up Parent Workshop, 1-2 pm in Library
- Tues., Oct. 9 NJHS Induction Ceremony, 2:30-3:30 pm
- Wed., Oct. 10 Make-Up School Picture Day
- Fri., Oct. 12 End of 1st Quarter Grading Period

Need more detail on something discussed here? See the Mack Student Handbook available at mackmiddleschool.com under "Student Links" for reference.

UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST

Mack provides free breakfast and lunch for all students. Food and drink may only be eaten inside the cafeteria. Only water is allowed outside of the cafeteria. Students should dispose of trash in provided containers around campus.

Curious about what's going on at Mack? Ask your student about the daily student announcements! They are broadcast daily right into the classroom each morning and highlight upcoming events with fun features.

SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is suggested that all Jerome Mack Middle School students have the following materials:

- ◆ Backpack to carry Chromebook
- ◆ Pencil Pouch
- ◆ Pens
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ Highlighters
- ◆ Binder with dividers
- ◆ Lined paper

See your child's course expectations for additional suggested/required supplies. Parents, please be advised that permanent markers, such as Sharpies, are not permitted on campus.

You must register your child online through Infinite Campus for the 18-19 school year! Need some help? Visit Mack's Registration Office (or call ext. 4065) for assistance with the registration process. Computers are available for your use!

2018-2019 FEE LISTS

Below is a list of Mack Middle School Fees. All students must pay a \$20 technology fee. Cash or Money Order ONLY. No checks accepted.

Elective Fees

Art*	\$30
Band*	\$35
Choir*	\$25
Guitar*	\$30
Orchestra*	\$35
PE Uniform	\$15 (set)
	\$8.50 (shorts only)
	\$6.50 (shirt only)

Technology Fee \$20 All Students
**Additional costs may apply (polo shirt, instrument rental, sheet music, etc.)*

Borrowed SSA Clothing Fees

Shirt*:	\$10
Pants/Shorts*:	\$10
Sweatshirt*:	\$15

**Students will be fined only if the borrowed SSA clothing is NOT returned the following day.*

Fees or fines to pay? See Ms. Villatoro or Ms. Chavez in the Main Office with questions for assistance. Only cash or money orders are accepted. Fees may also be paid to the elective teacher and are due by the end of the 18-19 school year.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Students participating in interscholastic sports (basketball, soccer, and cheerleading) must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA with zero F's in order to be eligible to participate. Student athletes are expected to consistently display positive conduct and excellent character. A sports physical and athletic packet are also required prior to participating. Questions? See Mr. Lobato in the Deans' Office for more information.

CALLING ALL ATHLETES!

Bring your Mack student and his/her siblings for a FREE sports physical on Saturday, August 11th.

GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Bus service is provided for students who qualify and register through the CCSD Transportation Department. Students must ride their designated bus and behave in an orderly manner at all times. Uncooperative students will be issued citations and may be denied the privilege of riding a bus. Register online at www.ccsd.net/transportation.



A late bus is available for students registered with transportation who stay for an approved after-school activity. The late bus leaves daily at 3:45 pm and will begin running on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

If a student walks to and from school, extreme caution should be used. The times before and after school are very busy traffic periods. Students should obey all traffic signals and should use designated crosswalks, never jaywalking or darting into the street.

Student bikes must be chained to the bicycle rack inside the designated, fenced-in area. Locks are not provided by Mack Middle School. The school is NOT responsible for theft or damage of items from this area. Students are not allowed ride their bikes or skate on campus. No motorized vehicles are allowed.



VACCINATIONS

Students must have current and up-to-date immunization information on file in the Health Office.

Students in 7th grade may not attend school until the school has records showing the student received their Tdap and Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccines. If you need assistance connecting with resources or finding a location, please contact Mack's Health office (ext. 4022) for further information.



STAY CONNECTED

Website:

www.mackmiddleschool.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/jdmackmiddleschool

Twitter:

@JDMackMiddle



Jerome Mack Middle School, home of the Future Business Leaders National Champion **Nico Chavez!**

Nico and Marlen Gomez traveled to Washington DC to compete against students from across the nation. He was awarded first place in the Multimedia and Website Development category. Nico is the first student from Nevada to place nationally in the history of FBLA. **Way to go, Nico!**



Clark County School District 2018-2019 Calendar

- Monday, August 13 Classes Begin
- Monday, September 3 Labor Day (No School)
- Friday, October 12 End of 1st Grading Period
- Friday, October 26 Nevada Day Observed (No School)
- Tuesday, November 6 Election Day (No School)
- Monday, November 12 Veterans Day Observed (No School)
- Monday-Friday, November 19-23 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- Tuesday, December 18 Final Exams - Full Day
- Wednesday-Friday, December 19-21 Final Exams - 1/2 Days
- Friday, December 21 End of 2nd Grading Period
- Friday, December 21 Winter Break Begins - End of Day
- No School December 24 - January 4
- Monday, January 7 Classes Resume
- Monday, January 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)
- Monday, February 18 Presidents' Day (No School)
- Friday, March 15 End of 3rd Grading Period
- Friday, March 22 No School
- Friday, April 12 Spring Break Begins - End of Day
- No School April 15 - April 22
- Monday, April 22 No School
- Tuesday, April 23 Classes Resume
- Friday, May 17 Final Exams - Full Day
- Monday, May 20 Final Exams - Full Day
- Tuesday-Thursday, May 21-23 Final Exams - 1/2 Days
- End of 4th Grading Period - End of School Year

It's critical to be on time to school! Have your child to school by 7:45 am every day!

Motto: **Mavericks Acquiring College Knowledge**



PARENT RESOURCES

PARENT CENTER

Our Parent Center, located in the library, is open daily during school hours. The commitment of parents/guardians to the education of their children is a key component of success. Parents are invited to utilize the Center to receive information regarding District and community resources available for support. Additionally, parents may access a computer to check their student's grades. Ms. Guerrero, our Family Aide, is available to assist and may be reached at x4081. Spanish is spoken.

FAMILY NIGHTS

Join us for our Family Nights! Your support is critical for your child's success. We host several evening events through the school year to welcome our community and get families involved. Our 2018-2019 events will include Tamale Night, Art & PE Night, Math & ELA Night, Fine Arts concerts, and more! Mack will send detailed information as the events approach.

HOME VISITS

Mack is continuing our Home Visit program for the 18-19 school year. We would love to visit you to discuss your dreams for your child and learn more about your family and our community. If you are willing to welcome us, please sign up during the Jumpstart event or reach out to any staff member on campus.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

GEAR UP Parent Workshops will be offered on the first Tuesday of each month from 1-2 pm in the library. Topics will focus on preparing your child for college. Parents who attend all sessions will be eligible for a FREE college field trip and tour in May 2019!

FACES

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

Family and Community Engagement Services (FACES) provides parents and families academic support, classes and workshops on a variety of topics, and access to community resources.

FACES offers University of Family Learning classes DAILY at the Ullom Elementary and Ruby Thomas Elementary campuses. All workshops and classes are FREE and open to the community. FREE early learning activities are available for young children while their parents/caregivers are in class. For center calendars, visit <http://faces.ccsd.net/about-us/family-centers/>

FACES CENTERS NEAR MACK MS

Ruby Thomas Elementary School
1560 East Cherokee Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89169
(702)799-5550

J.M. Ullom Elementary School
4869 Sun Valley Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(702)799-7780



MACK'S SAFE SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL - MR. WALKER

Need assistance with community resources for housing, bill assistance, food pantry, or behavioral health? Our dedicated school social worker, Mr. Walker, is available during school hours to provide these services to our families. Stop by or call ext. 4016.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

After-school programs inspire kids to learn, help them make better decisions, and give parents peace of mind. Programs spark greater interest in school so students attend school more often, get better grades, and are more likely to graduate.

New to Mack for the 18-19 school year, the Community Learning Centers grant will provide high-quality before- and after-school academic and enrichment opportunities to encourage student participation and success. Programs, including the Student Athlete Club (SAC), Art Club, and Drama Kids, and many more will begin in early September.

It is proven that students who regularly participate in Community Learning Centers show academic and behavioral improvement while reducing school absences. Take this opportunity to enroll your child in the program free of charge!

TITLE I HOPE

The Title I Homeless Outreach Program for Education (HOPE) of the Clark County School District works to remove barriers for homeless students to enroll in school and educate school personnel, parents, and unaccompanied youth about available educational options.

Homeless students are those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, which includes the following:

- ◆ Living with friends or relatives due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- ◆ Living in a hotel or motel due to lack of alternative accommodations;
- ◆ Living in an emergency or transitional shelter;
- ◆ Living in a car, park, on the street, or similar settings.
- ◆ Student services include:
 - ◆ Immediate enrollment in school
 - ◆ Free school breakfast and lunch
 - ◆ Backpacks with school supplies and toiletries
 - ◆ Transportation to school of origin
 - ◆ Emergency clothing
 - ◆ Assistance with cap and gowns and summer school tuition grants

Please see Mack's Title I HOPE Advocate, Mrs. Guerrero (ext. 4081), for further information.

UNLV GEAR UP - GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

A high school diploma and a college degree are all within our students' reach. Set realistic goals today and achieve your dreams tomorrow.

The mission of GEAR UP is to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. It is designed to enable more young Americans to stay in school, study hard and take the right courses to succeed in college. Additionally, GEAR UP develops partnerships to help students,

and their parents, gain needed knowledge and bolster academic programs in their schools.

During the 17-18 school year, GEAR UP purchased critical supplies, supported academic interventions, and offered Mack students a comprehensive summer program at UNLV. They will continue to expand their services during the 18-19 school year.

STUDENT DRESS & APPEARANCE

Jerome Mack Middle School has implemented a mandatory **Standard Student Attire (SSA)** policy with the support of the community (CCSD Regulation 5131), who voted in support of uniforms. The allowed colors are **white, khaki, navy blue, and black.**

MALES: All items of clothing must be in basic solid colors only with no pattern, no words, and no brand logos.

- ◆ Pants/Shorts (all sized to fit)
- ◆ Shirts (long or short-sleeved, collared only), sweatshirts or sweaters (worn over approved shirts, approved solid color, with or without school logo)
- ◆ **NOT ALLOWED:** blue jeans, denim pants, sweatpants, shirts without collars, ties

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- ◆ Shirts/Blouses (long or short-sleeved, collared only), sweatshirts or sweaters (worn over approved shirts, approved solid color, with or without school logo)
- ◆ Skirts/Skorts and Jumpers/Dresses (blue jean material not allowed)
- ◆ Tights/Leggings (worn under approved clothing) allowed. Tights, leggings, and yoga pants are not permitted as pants.
- ◆ **NOT ALLOWED:** blue jeans, denim pants, sweatpants, shirts/blouses without collars, tight/see-through/revealing clothing, ties

All Standard Student Attire violations will result in disciplinary action in alignment with Regulation 5131 and the school-based progressive discipline plan.

Students' dress, hair, personal appearance, and conduct should not disrupt or detract from the educational environment of the school. They are to be in accordance with Regulation 5131 and the specific needs of Mack Middle School as listed below:

1. All shoes must have soles. Footwear which does not offer sanitary or safety protection, such as slippers/house shoes, is prohibited.
2. Shirt length must be long enough to cover torso. Skin showing between the bottom of the shirt/blouse and the top of pants or skirts, low-cut clothing, clothing with slits, holes, or tears is prohibited.
3. Transparent or see-through tops, or tops or outfits that provide minimum coverage are prohibited.
4. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least fingertip length with or without leggings or tights. Clothing must be hemmed and without fraying.
5. Wearing headgear is prohibited on campus except for designated school approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities.
6. Visible jewelry, studs, and other similar items which

are attached by body or facial piercing that are considered by the administration to be a safety issue or disruption will be prohibited.

Any student violating the dress code will not be allowed to attend class. The school administration shall retain authority to grant exceptions.

HEALTH OFFICE

A full-time health aide is on duty each day in the Health Office located at the front of the school near the main office. A student who becomes ill must obtain a pass from their teacher to prior to reporting to the Health Office. Students feeling ill should NOT call their family from any other location on campus, including the hallways or restroom, but instead should report to the Health Office for assistance. The Health Office does not stock or hand out any form of medication.

If medication (prescription or over-the-counter) is required, parents/guardians must complete and sign the release form and return it to the Health Office with the medication.

If a student becomes ill during the day, he/she must go through the Health Office to be properly released to a parent/guardian and avoid an unexcused absence and truancy.

ATTENDANCE

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

Attendance at school is an important part of success. Students, who miss school, miss out! Regular attendance is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian. The attendance policy states that over 10 unexcused absences per semester in any course may receive a failing semester grade for that course and may be retained in the current grade. Parents and students must work with the school to develop an intervention plan for any student with poor attendance.

- ◆ Excused Absence: Illness, court appearances, religious holidays, and an emergency outside the control of the student or student's family, or a prearranged absence. Such excuses are subject to the approval by the principal.
- ◆ Unexcused Absence: Not due to physical or mental inability to attend school, the student's disability, an emergency, required court appearance, or religious holiday, including overslept, babysitting siblings, transportation issues, etc.
- ◆ Prearranged Absence: Prearranged absences must be requested at least 24 hours in advance, and in writing. Prearranged absences are limited to 10 per school year. Students may pick up a form from the Attendance Office, which they then bring to all of their teachers to be signed.

School attendance affects your child's ability to achieve! Make sure your children understand why going to school on time, every day is important. Developing good attendance habits now will help your child in the future!

Absence Notes: Students returning to school after an absence must bring their excuse notes to the attendance office (located in Registration). Students have three days to bring in a written excuse or the absence will be counted as an unapproved absence. Please include the following information on the note:

- ◆ DATE OF NOTE: month/day/year
- ◆ STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME
- ◆ STUDENT'S GRADE
- ◆ FIRST AND LAST DATE OF ABSENCE
- ◆ REASON FOR ABSENCE
- ◆ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
- ◆ PARENT/GUARDIAN TELEPHONE NUMBER

Remember that if you are moving out of Mack's attendance zone, you must withdraw your child in the registration office and obtain a Pupil Release and Transfer document at least 24 hours prior to the date of withdrawal. Chromebooks must be returned and all fees and fines paid.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Medical appointments scheduled during school hours may be pre-arranged by parent note. Students must be checked out by a person listed in Infinite Campus and have photo ID, in order to be released to go to the medical appointment. Please attempt to arrange appointments after school hours when possible.

TARDIES

Students must be in their classroom and ready to begin instruction per the teacher instructions when the bell rings. Students who arrive 30 minutes late or more to class are considered absent for that class period.

TARDY LOCKOUTS

Mavericks are expected to make every effort to arrive at class on time each day. Tardy students report to the library to sign into the electronic tardy log, and then are escorted to their classrooms. Students receive a Deans' Detention as a consequence for the tardy. Repeat offenders will be subject to progressive discipline.

HALL PASSES

All students must sign in and out using the electronic document on laptops located near the door of each class or office when leaving for an alternate location. Students who are not properly released from class will be considered truant and may be subject to disciplinary action.

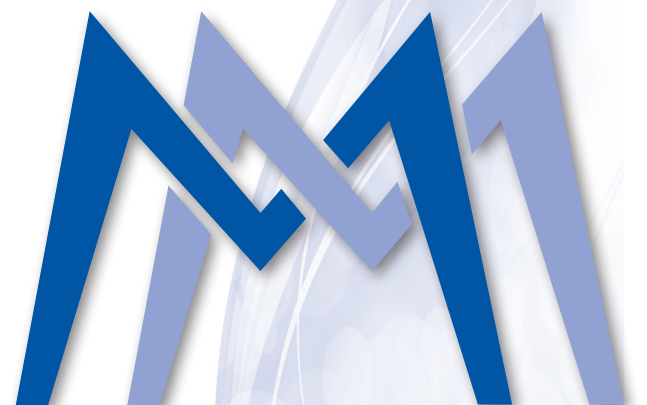
TRUANCY

Student attendance is vital to the educational experience. When a student is absent, the school must determine the reason for the absence. When a student is absent from school without a valid excuse or did not secure prior permission for the absence, the absence is deemed unexcused and is considered a truancy. Skipping or cutting one class period is a truancy. When a student has three or more documented truantries, the student is declared to be a habitual truant. (NRS 392.142) The following procedures are to be used for enforcing school truancy regulations.

PARENT NOTIFICATION:

1. The Attendance Office will notify parents in writing and by phone on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd truancy.
2. Parents will be notified at the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 11th absences via the automatic attendance card mailer.
3. A parent conference will be scheduled prior to a referral for habitual truancy or educational neglect.

The more days of school a student misses, the less they learn! Help your child get to school - avoid appointments during the school day, find reliable transportation, don't let your child stay home until they are truly sick, and plan vacation when school is not in session.



COUNSELORS

The primary role of our counselors is to help build a foundation for learning by assisting students to develop self-respect, awareness of others, and positive attitudes toward learning. They assist students with the proper selection of classes and monitor academic performance. Throughout the school year, they disseminate information about testing, career opportunities, colleges, vocational and business schools, and the armed forces. Counselors also frequently mediate issues and diffuse conflict between students. By empowering students facing challenges with effective strategies, they support students to make positive choices and establish goals for a bright future!

Students are assigned to counselors by their grade level. To see a counselor, a student should fill out the counselor request form found on our website, mackmiddleschool.com.

Mr. "L" Lualemaga - 6th Grade

Ms. Lopeman - 7th Grade

Ms. Houchins - 8th Grade

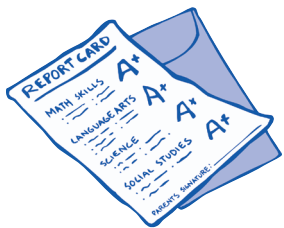
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents who wish to meet with teachers should first email or phone the teacher(s) to address the concern. Email contact may be made through Infinite Campus or Mack's website at mackmiddleschool.com. If the concern remains unresolved, contact the Counseling Office to schedule an appointment at x4035. No conferences are scheduled for Monday afternoon due to teacher professional development.

It is critical that you arrive on-time for conferences because there is a limited block of time, and we want to get you as much information as possible to support your child's success!

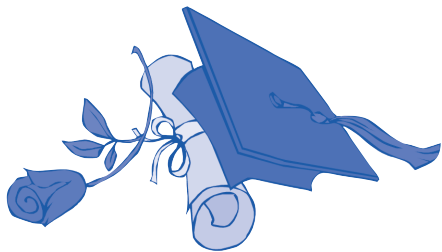
INFINITE CAMPUS

Infinite Campus is a secure and private online service available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to electronically access grades, attendance, missing assignments, and other aspects of life at school. Infinite Campus Parent Portal access codes can be provided or reset in Mack's Registration Office. Access the portal by visiting <https://campus.ccsd.net/campus/portal/clark.jsp>



PROGRESS REPORTS & REPORT CARDS

A report card is issued at the end of each quarter. Your student will bring one home on October 30th, January 23rd, and April 12th. The final report card will be mailed home on June 10th. Progress Reports will be issued halfway through each quarter. Semester grades for each student will be posted on a transcript. The most effective way to monitor your child's grades and attendance is through Infinite Campus.



PROMOTION/RETENTION POLICY

Mavericks are expected to pass every class to be promoted the next grade level. If there are any questions regarding promotion/retention, please speak with your child's counselor.

Is your child struggling academically? Academic assistance is available after school Tuesday - Friday from 2:30-3:45!

ATTENTION FAMILIES

In an effort to keep the Mack "Family" safe, Jerome Mack Middle School has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for:

- ◆ GANG ACTIVITY
- ◆ CAMPUS DISRUPTION/DISTURBANCE
- ◆ BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING
- ◆ VANDALISM
- ◆ POSSESSION/DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
- ◆ POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

ZERO TOLERANCE means if a student is guilty of committing any of the above infractions, (s)he may face possible arrest, on-campus behavior placement, referral to a behavioral program, suspension, and/or expulsion.

Please help keep our Mack "Family" safe. If your child ever feels uncomfortable due to the behavior of another student or adult, please report the concern immediately through the Counseling or Dean's Office. We care about every child's well-being and want Mack to be a place students love to come to every day to learn.

How can I help my child be successful at Mack?

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Our goal is for students to grow and realize that hard work is essential to accomplish personal goals. To maximize the learning environment, students will set personal goals, earn promotable grades, collaborate with others, and develop internal motivation. Students are expected to offer help when possible and respect the personal space, rights, differences, and goals of their peers.

The administration, faculty, and staff of Mack Middle School recognize and appreciate the fact that the vast majority of our students conduct themselves in a positive and constructive manner. It is still important that all students understand the behavioral expectations and consequences of engaging in inappropriate behavior. School rules and expectations still apply while at off-campus school related activities, and while on the way to and from school.

In the event that individual behaviors interfere with the learning process, progressive discipline will be utilized including but not limited to:

BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS

- ◆ Parent Contact
- ◆ Walk and Talk - Intervention through temporary removal from the situation/location and guided reflection
- ◆ Deans' Detention
- ◆ Parent-Teacher Conference
- ◆ Counselor Conference
- ◆ Parent attending class with student
- ◆ Ten-Minute Zone (TMZ) - Removed from classroom setting to complete assignments and reflect
- ◆ Required Parent Conference (RPC)
- ◆ Placement in STEP - On-campus behavior alternative placement to ensure continued growth and learning

CCSD's Behavioral Guidelines Booklet contains a more complete listing of infractions and consequences and are available in the Dean's Office.

We believe every student is entitled to learn in a safe, supportive, respectful, and rigorous environment.

DEANS' OFFICE

The function of the Dean's Office is primarily focused on monitoring campus safety and discipline. Additionally our Dean of Students, Mr. Mauro Lobato, oversees transportation and athletics. The Dean works closely with counselors, teachers, and parents to resolve situations that are academic, behavioral, and/or disciplinary in nature in order to best meet the needs of each of our students.

Our campus monitors, Taco and Ms. Washington, assist in keeping the campus safe and secure and are available to help students with any problems they may have throughout the school day. They frequently check school areas and monitor the surrounding property throughout the school day.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Mack Middle School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave campus during the school day unless they have been issued a pass from an office. Students who choose to leave campus without valid excuse will be considered truant.

Students are not allowed in the parking lot during the school day. Non-students are not allowed on campus except with prior administrative approval.

VISITORS

We welcome parents/guardians that wish to visit their student's classes, but ask that you schedule the visit through the Counseling or Dean's Office. We require twenty-four hour advance notice prior to the visit. All visitors must sign in at the front office and receive a badge (NO EXCEPTIONS).

DELIVERY OF MESSAGES/ITEMS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Instructional time will not be interrupted for the delivery of messages (except in the case of emergency) due to the disruption to class, use of clerical time, and potential violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Phone messages will not be accepted as there is no way to verify the legal parent or guardian from a phone call. If you have an emergency and need to contact your son/daughter, please come to the office and provide identification.

Items such as food, flowers, gifts, balloons, money, etc., will not be delivered to students.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Safety is our priority! Evacuation, Shelter-In-Place, and Lockdown drills are required by law and are conducted on a regular basis. Exit route maps and directions are posted in each room. During a drill, students are expected to follow adults' directions quickly and quietly, and move to or remain in designated areas.



BULLYING

Bullying is against the law and must be reported. Students know that feeling safe and welcome at school is our top priority. Parents, please report any suspected bullying to a staff member immediately. You may also make the report through our "Say No To Bullying" link at mackmiddleschool.com or through SafeVoice Nevada at safevoicenv.org/Home/Form

LOCKERS

Lockers are not issued to every student, but will be assigned on a case-by-case basis through the Dean's Office. NO sharing or switching of lockers is allowed. Valuables should not be placed into lockers. A PE locker will also be issued if the student is in PE class.

STUDENT SEARCHES

Students are subject to search when they enter campus after the beginning of the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized returns. This notice does not exclude personnel from searching a student at any time should there be reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing.

HONOR CODE

Promoting academic integrity is part of our mission at Mack Middle School. We strive to provide an environment that is consistent and fair to all students. The prevention of academic dishonesty and plagiarism is central in the promotion of integrity and honesty among our students.

The definition of academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: Copying from others; Using notes, formulas, electronic devices without teacher permission; Gaining or providing unauthorized access to examination materials; Plagiarism (presenting someone else's words or ideas as your own without giving credit)

The consequences for academic dishonesty on the first offense are a zero on the assignment. The second offense will result in a zero and a 10% reduction of the quarter grade.

VALUABLES

Valuables or large amounts of money are not to be brought to school. The school assumes no responsibility for the loss or theft of such items.

LOST AND FOUND & CONFISCATED ITEMS

All lost & found and confiscated items will be held in the Dean's Office. Confiscated items must be picked up by a parent/guardian. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of each semester.

Home of the Mavericks...

ACADEMICS @ MACK

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Every teacher has a virtual classroom in Google where they post assignments, give students access to materials, assess students, and have group discussions. When students are absent, they may access their assignments and communicate with their teacher through Google Classroom. Each student will receive a group code from their teachers.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Each teacher will discuss the course expectations for his/her course, which include the performance objectives (standards) and evaluation procedures. Essentially, these expectations provide a course description, scope and goals, makeup work policy, grade weighting, textbook information, classroom rules, and other policies.

MAKEUP WORK

After an absence, students must turn in assignments using Google Classroom. Makeup work must be completed in cooperation with the teacher upon returning. Students may continue to complete work and continue to show their learning up to the end of the quarter or as stated in the course expectations. See course expectations for detailed information on each teacher's makeup procedures.

HOMEWORK

We don't assign homework regularly. There are resources that a student may access from home using their Chromebook to improve skills and gain knowledge. It is valuable for students to spend time practicing with MATHia, ALEKS, and Achieve 3000.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are available online. Students will access an online curriculum. Your child's teacher will provide more information on where and how to access these resources.

GRADING POLICY

Students are assessed and graded based on their mastery of grade-level standards.

Mack's Standards Based Grading Policy is as follows:

0 = Absent/Did not complete

1 = Emergent/Developing (Just beginning to learn the standard)

2 = Approaching (Approaching full understanding of the standard)

3 = Mastery (Fully understands the standard)

4 = Exceeds (Fully understands and can extend the standard)

Student's standards-based grades are translated into letter grades by the teacher. See Infinite Campus or your child's teacher for further guidance.

LIBRARY

The Mack Library is open daily before and after school and during lunches. During school, students must have permission from their teacher to use the library. The library offers a wide variety of materials including books, magazines, electronic sources, and many other types of information. All library books remain the property of the school, and students will be fined for all lost, stolen, or damaged books.

Students in need of Chromebook repairs must report issues to the library.

CHROMEBOOKS

Each Mack Student will be issued a Chromebook and charger with parental consent. Both student and parent contractually agree to follow the CCSD Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and take personal responsibility for the device and its components. Chromebooks are to enhance student learning through educational research, blended, and online learning. Computer misuse is subject to discipline and/or termination of contract. Fines will be assessed for damage caused by the student or others. Student are fully responsible for their Chromebook and should not share their Chromebook with others. All students must pay a \$20 technology fee. Students in need of computer repair should report their issues to the Library Tech Center.

Chromebooks will be distributed during grade-level Deployment nights (see "Upcoming Events" for dates).

Chromebooks in the cafeteria may only be used in the "Chromebook Cafe" away from all food and drinks.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Personal responsibility is required and expected with all digital communications. Professional language, polite, kind, and respectful words support positive digital citizenship. Infractions are subject to progressive discipline and/or suspension of access.

To ensure safety through online learning and communications, students must comply with the terms and conditions of the CCSD and Jerome Mack Middle School's Acceptable Use Policy. Families should report suspicions and/or awareness of any misuse of equipment and/or communications immediately. All CCSD and Nevada laws and regulations will be followed.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Students are encouraged to participate in activities by joining clubs or intramural sports. Remember that while participating in these after-school activities, students are expected to follow the school rules and represent Mack in a positive manner. Care must be taken that these activities do not take priority over academics. Additional information will be distributed to students and parents/guardians regarding the clubs/organizations offered at Mack.

ACTIVITY STATUS

Students must meet the following requirements for the current quarter in order to participate in school dances, field trips, and other school events:

- ◆ No "F" grades
- ◆ No "U" mark in citizenship
- ◆ No Alternative Placement/STEP or multiple day TMZ
- ◆ 8th Grade Trip - Students must meet the following requirements for the current semester:
 - ◆ No "F" grades
 - ◆ No "U" mark in citizenship
 - ◆ No Alternative Placement/STEP or multiple day TMZ
 - ◆ No Behavior Contract (for the current school year)

DANCES

Student Council and other groups sponsor a variety of dances throughout the school year. All Mack students are encouraged to attend dances unless they have lost their Activity Status. School rules are enforced at all dances, and students are not allowed to re-enter a dance once they have left. Only Mack Middle School students are permitted to attend, and they must be picked up promptly at the end of the event at 3:30 pm.

ASSEMBLIES

A variety of assemblies will be held during the year to promote school spirit and recognize achievement. We expect students to behave appropriately and support their fellow Mavericks!

