



TOP 10 things all freshman parents need to know about Mountain View High School!

1) OPEN CAMPUS: Mountain View High School has an open campus. That means that students can leave campus, BUT we do not encourage this for 9th and 10th graders. Lunch can be purchased on campus through our food service (cafeteria, snack bar & pizza cart) for around \$3.00 - \$6.00.

2) ABSENCES: Mountain View High School enforces our Attendance Policy. Absences are counted across the student's entire schedule. Single period absences will not be cleared unless the student checks out with the attendance office OR you have pre-arranged the period absence with the attendance office. Please make sure you verify your student's absences by calling the 24-hour attendance line or the attendance office within 48 hours of the absence.

Attendance Line: (650) 968-2406 Attendance Office: (650) 940-4648

3) ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS & COUNSELORS: The Assistant Principals share the freshman class and are assigned by the students' last names. However, once they become sophomores, Ms. Gomez will be assigned to the entire class of 2020 for their sophomore year.

Freshmen A – G: Lynne Ewald
Freshmen H – O: William Blair
Freshmen P – Z: Carmen Gomez

Counselors: Your student's counselor can be found on the demographic page on their SIS account. Students have the same counselor for all four years. Parents and students must set up their SIS accounts to see this page. The SIS account can be accessed from the MVHS web site, left column near the bottom.

4) PICK-UP and DROP-OFF: Parents should pick-up or drop-off their student in the parking lot at the back of the school on Bryant, not the faculty parking lot. Please do not stop in any unauthorized area, as this backs up traffic for everyone and is not safe for our kids.

5) TEACHER CONTACT: You can find your student's teachers' voicemail numbers on our webpage. Look at the column on the left for 'Staff at MVHS'. You may also email your student's teachers, which is actually the preferred method of contact. The standard template is teacherfirstname.teacherlastname@mvla.net

6) PARENT INFORMATION: Parents can get important MVHS information from several sources:

Sign up for Elists – mvhs.elists.mvla.net

MVLA & MVHS Websites – www.mvla.net/mvhs

Grissom's Gazette – Principal Dave Grissom's near-weekly E-newsletter

Postcards mailed home

Quarterly Progress Reports and Report Cards (mailed home)

Teacher Websites – Link on the MVHS home page, left column, top

Oracle – Student newspaper. Link is on MVHS home page, right column

SIS – Student Information System. Link on MVHS home page, left column

PTSA – Link on MVHS home page, bottom right

MVLA High School Foundation – Link on MVHS home page, bottom right

7) IMPORTANT 1st SEMESTER DATES:

Make-up Picture Day	9/12
Staff In-Service (Modified Block Schedule)	9/21 & 9/22
Homecoming Week	9/26 – 9/30
Minimum Day	9/30
STEM Week	10/17 - 10/21
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Modified Schedule)	10/20 & 10/21
Veterans' Day– No School	11/11
Thanksgiving Break – No School	11/23 – 11/25
Finals	12/14 - 12/16
Holiday Break	12/19/16 – 1/3/17
2 nd Semester Begins	1/4/17

8) EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Dozens of clubs, many athletic teams, student government, honors organizations, yearbook, student newspaper and more. See Student Activities on the MVHS home page, left column.

9) PARENT INVOLVEMENT: You are an *integral* part of your student's success at MVHS. Your student's decisions regarding post-high school choices are enhanced by your knowledge of his/her options. We want to encourage you to remain involved in your student's education even though he/she may resist.

10) SUPPORT: We offer many types of support at Mountain View High School.

Tutorial Center: George St. Clair - (650) 940-4624

College & Career Center: Jaimie Tabuchi – (650) 940-4616

Bilingual Community Liaison: Alma Ruelas – (650) 940-7475

Have a GREAT 4 years at MVHS!