



# TEAM ALPHA

Mendive Middle School 2021-2022

August 9, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to 8th grade! Your child is on an outstanding, high achieving academic team. Your child's teachers are **Mr. Rowe** for Language Arts, **Mr. Bryant** for Social Studies, **Mr. Gibbons** for Science, and we are still waiting on word for who will join our team for Math! Additionally, our extended team consists of **Mrs. Pipes** for Math Resource, **Mrs. Orolfo** for ELA Resource, and **Mrs. Jempsa**, our team's Counselor. We are all anticipating another highly successful educational year and are looking forward to a very memorable experience. We hope that this overview will answer most of your general concerns/questions.

## AGENDA & WEBSITE

As a parent, your daughter/son's agenda book is your first step of communication as well as the quickest method of knowing exactly what is happening in ALL of your child's classes. Please review the agenda book weekly, if not on a nightly basis. [Class agendas will be posted on our Mendive Team Alpha website, please refer to this for information on assignments for both in-class and at-home instruction.](#) It is an extremely important tool not only to **keep parents informed on class activities and due dates**, but to **teach students to be more organized**. Please review frequently, so that we can both monitor students better. This team letter will also be available on our team site at:

<https://www.washoeschools.net/teambryant>

## COMMUNICATION

Academic instruction this school year is a fluid motion to fit the learning needs of all students while keeping safety as our priority. We are happy to see our whole team back at school every day this school year. Students are responsible for completing academic assignments at home and coming to class with materials and work prepared and completed. *If* students require assistance from their teacher, it is their responsibility to contact that teacher through email, Teams, or phone during school hours to get the necessary feedback. *Please refer to the COVID-19 Daily Self-Screening Tool prior to the start of every day before leaving home for school.* Please feel free to contact us throughout the year at:

- Mr. Bryant - Social Studies  
[sean.bryant@washoeschools.net](mailto:sean.bryant@washoeschools.net)
- Mr. Gibbons - Science  
[joshua.gibbons@washoeschools.net](mailto:joshua.gibbons@washoeschools.net)
- Mr. Rowe - ELA  
[browe@washoeschools.net](mailto:browe@washoeschools.net)
- Math: TBA



# GENERAL TEAM POLICIES / RULES

1. To be **respectful** of the rights of other students and toward all staff members and guests at Mendive, especially substitute teachers.
2. Follow Mendive M.A.G.I.C. behavior matrix (refer to agenda book).
3. To be in class and **prepared** with all appropriate materials—books, pencil, notebook, assignments—with an appropriate academic attitude.
4. To follow all school rules (in the agenda book). For example, the food policy, dress code, etc.

## BEHAVIOR & CONSEQUENCES

It is our belief that day-to-day student behavior should be dealt with at our classroom door. We are strong believers in keeping families and guardians involved in the process. As such, our behavior policy is as follows:

**1st Offense:** Verbal Warning

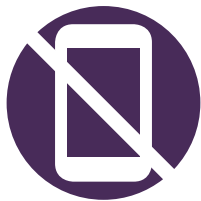
**2nd Offense:** Individual Conversation with Student

If behaviors are consistently interrupting and requiring more than general redirection, then:  
Upon continued disturbances: Call home to parents and behavior minor entered into IC  
AND: Teachers will set up parent teacher conference with parent/guardian and admin.

We believe that students should have personal agency over their behavior and actions. Please follow all teacher and school expectations.

## CELL PHONES

Per Mendive policy cell phones will be confiscated if visible. Please read this policy in your student's agenda book and discuss this with your child. There will be exceptions, but only for academic purposes.



## EXTENSION OF LEARNING

**“LEARNING IS DOING;**

**IF YOU AREN'T DOING, YOU AREN'T LEARNING.”**

In order to provide consistent learning and practice, all assignments are due on the designated due date. If general class assignments are turned in late, they will be evaluated on a **MAXIMUM of 70%** of the original value. The **LATEST** any assignment can be turned in is **ONE WEEK** before the end of the quarter. Without advance notice, special projects/activities may not be accepted late as deemed by the instructor. **ABSENCES** are aligned with the WCSD policy. Students are welcome to attend our Homework Club for support or a quiet place to work.

We hope this letter has answered many of your concerns. Again, WELCOME TO MENDIVE, and we are looking forward to another great year.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Bryant      Mr. Rowe      Mr. Gibbons

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## PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE SIGN THIS PAGE AND RETURN TO YOUR ADVISORY TEACHER

*At times during the School Year, teachers may select clips from movies that have received a rating of PG or higher. Selected films will always be content related – Used specifically to provide students with information that is relevant to curriculum being taught in the classroom. For any such movie, the teacher using the clip will always send out a messenger to give parents a heads up. Each teacher will provide a brief description of the selected material so that parents may contact us should they have any concerns.*

\_\_\_ **YES**, my student may watch PG/PG-13 movies that are curriculum appropriate.

\_\_\_ **NO**, I prefer my students be given an alternative assignment when a PG/PG-13 movie is shown.

**STUDENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT NICKNAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERRED E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

Best Person to Call: \_\_\_\_\_

- Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

- Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Anything about your child we should know / any questions you may have (optional):

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