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Depoali Diamondbacks

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Message from the Principal

Depoali Students and Families, Welcome to Depoali Middle School! I hope that you have had a restful and safe summer. I am looking forward to meeting each of you very soon.

As we continue to strive to reach our goal for every child to succeed, we have identified specific goals that will help us to achieve success for all students. First, we must have all students meeting the minimum attendance requirement of 90% attendance. We will be working as a staff to contact families and to engage all students here at Depoali Middle School to achieve our goal of all students reaching 90% attendance. We look forward to partnering with each family to reach this goal, because without your help and support we cannot ensure that each student will meet the 90% attendance goal.

With all students in attendance, we will be able to focus on our next goal to have all students master essential learning standards for all courses. For students who are exceeding these standards, we will challenge them by providing enrichment activities. For those students who need additional support to master these essential standards, we will utilize the Enrichment/Academic Success time to provide additional opportunities to learn.

As importantly, we will be using Advisory time to provide students with opportunities to focus on their development within the social and emotional skills. We will continue to use a positive behavior and interventions and supports system, teach social and emotional learning standards, provide opportunities for students to engage in activities with peers to foster student relationships, and teach safety procedures to reduce negative student interactions and provide reporting protocols.

I am very excited to kick off the year in the right direction for each student, and invite all students and parents/guardians to join us for our annual Depoali Days. Depoali Days will provide the students with a jumpstart to the year by introducing our procedures, providing a self-guided tour of the building, and a chance to meet several staff members. Please read the details on page 2. **For our most current information: <http://www.washoeschools.net/depoali>**

Enjoy the remainder of your summer! We look forward to seeing all of you at our Depoali Days on August 1st or 2nd.

Sincerely,
Kendra Smith

Depoali Middle School Mission:

We will create a safe and equitable learning environment where all students learn, grow and contribute.



Important Attendance Information:

Students must attend school at least 90% of the year. Parent/Guardians should call or provide a written note for all absences on the day of the absence. A student MUST complete the make up work when absent no matter the reason. The student has the number of days absent plus one day to complete the make-up work. If a student is marked absent for 18 days, or more, and does not make up the work or activities, then the student may be at risk of failing their course (s) and may not be prepared for the next grade level.

PBIS—S.T.R.I.K.E.—OUR MATRIX

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports- is a school wide set of expectations that are reinforced to help create a positive, predictable and consistent safe learning environment. Take a look in your child's planner for the S.T.R.I.K.E. matrix. This will help you to understand the expectations and the system of supports

we have for all of our students in all parts of our school. Our school-wide goal is for each student to earn 5 signatures a week and 1 of them can be from you at home.

We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about how he or she is doing and check their signatures frequently. We also would like

you to set home goals and reinforce those with your signature. We are looking to positively reinforce frequently using the STRIKE language and signatures. We want to celebrate students for their successes during our mid and quarterly rewards based on this reinforcement system.



Student Schedules

Student schedules will be available for pick up during Depoali Days, and available on Infinite Campus by August 1st.

Infinite Campus

Your Infinite Campus login and password remain the same as last year. If you are new to the district, please contact the school to get your IC login. Call- 775-852-6700

Bus Schedules:

Look for the 2023-24 bus routes within your area if you live more than 2.25 miles from Depoali Middle School by going to Washoe-schools.net, selecting the "schools" tab and then Bus Schedules. Scroll down to find schedules.

Depoali Fees

No student will be turned away from any class or activity for inability to pay class fees. Please contact the school counselor or Terry Bartek regarding any questions.

Weapons Policy:

At no time is there a weapon of any kind, real or fake (pistol, revolver, shotgun, BB, pellet gun, knives, brass knuckles, nunchaku, or other weapons defined as dangerous) to be on school property or at any school event. Students in violation may be subject to suspension or expulsion. Drugs, paraphernalia, e-cigarettes and alcohol are also prohibited items. School Police will conduct random canine sniffs to ensure the safety of all students.

Depoali Days: The place to prepare for success!

Dates/Times

August 1st: All 6th graders open house from 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM (event takes about 1 hour)

August 2nd: All 7th and 8th graders open house from 8:00 AM -2:00 PM (event takes about 1 hour)

- If you need to attend on the opposite grade's day, you are welcome to come either day.

You must complete the following prior to getting a class schedule or paying fees at Depoali Days.

- Online registration
- Bring copy of Immunization records- 7th graders need to have T-Dap and MCV-4 immunizations before Aug. 15th.
- Make copy of proof of residency/email or bring a copy to Depoali (NV Energy Bill)

Steps during Depoali Days:

1. After providing proof of residency, and immunizations, you will get your schedule

and fees sheet.

2. Pay ALL fees for 1st Semester courses.
3. Take fee receipt to get planner/lanyard/ID pack
4. **NEW**-Take Fall Pictures/get student ID—ALL students will take their Fall pictures during Depoali Days.
5. Tour the school, watch an orientation video in the gym, and enjoy ice cream provided by the Depoali PTA.

Fees: Payment Method: we can only accept cash or checks to Depoali Middle School.

Diamondback Fee: \$25 (All Students—required)

Yearbook -\$40(Online purchase only @ Jostens.com; Optional and can be purchased later)

Class Fees

6th grade Art: \$5

STEM: \$15

Robotics: \$10

Science: \$5

Leadwell: \$15

Band: 6th- \$25, Intermediate—

\$45, Advanced-\$35, Jazz-\$20

Choir: 6th-\$25 7th/8th- \$45, Advanced- \$45

Music Appreciation (Piano)- \$50 Orchestra- 6th- \$70, Intermediate (7th)—\$90 (subtract \$50 if using own instrument), Advanced—\$80 (8th only, subtract \$50 if using own instrument), Eclectic (7th & 8th)- \$15

PE uniforms will be for sale online only for \$20 at:

<https://kateslogos.com/collections/depoali-middle-school>
PE uniforms will be mailed directly to you.

Fall picture details:

Families can preview picture packets or purchase pictures online by visiting mylifetouch.com and using code EVTKMT9S4. You may complete a picture packet when arriving at Depoali Days, or visit this site after taking pictures at Depoali

Days. Picture retake date:10/13

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EVERY DEPOALI STUDENT.

Please remember to complete your online registration for the 2023-24 school year. You can access the registration by signing into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. There will be a message in your inbox that states "online registration". Once you click on that message, follow the directions to complete the registration. By completing your registration, you are providing Depoali Middle School with the most current contact, health, and household information for our students. It also allows you to provide permission for internet use, media, and field trips.

If you do not have internet access at home or need help with the registration process, our school has an Infinite Campus Parent Portal kiosk in the front office. Summer office hours: 9am-1pm Monday-Thursday. Please contact the school office if you forgot or need your parent log-in and password to Infinite Campus.

Safety/Reporting /Resources

STOP—WALK—TALK Technique is taught through advisory lessons to promote self advocacy and reporting to an adult. Safe Zone—signs throughout the school to signify zones where students can find an adult to report any bullying or seek a safe place to access support. Any staff member is a safe place to report.

STOP—tell the person to stop behavior.

WALK—walk away.

TALK—if it doesn't stop or is unsafe, talk to an adult. **Report!**

It is critical that students report any concerns during school if possible so that the staff may respond and help to resolve the concern.

If you can't report a concern during school hours, please use **SafeVoice**. You can download the application, or call 833-216-SAFE
www.safevoice.nv.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255
Or Text "CARE" to 839863

Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports



Washoe County School District (WCSD) believes that to provide the most effective education for ALL students, we must start with providing an effective education for EACH child. We know that children have different learning styles and not all children will respond to the same instructional approach. Some students require additional support to experience success. In the WCSD, we use Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), a system of instruction that supports success for all students. MTSS provides early academic, attendance and behavioral help. MTSS provides an improved way for school teams to meet the individual needs of your child; MTSS provides instruction at different levels or tiers depending on the needs of each student; and, MTSS is available to all students to help them succeed and to increase student achievement.

At Tier 2, we supplement the core curriculum with additional scientific research-based group interventions for students not successful at Tier 1. At Depoali Middle School approximately 20% of students will be provided with approximately 80-100 minutes per week of additional direct instruction in their areas of need. For the 5% of students who do not respond favorably to instructional support at Tier 2, Tier 3 interventions will be provided. At Tier 2 and 3, it may be necessary to alter students' schedules to adapt and increase instruction in areas of need. The plan and the schedule will be proposed to parents.

At Tier 2, students' skills are monitored at least monthly. At Tier 3, students' skills are monitored bimonthly. Parents may request this data collected. We take very seriously our responsibility to

Social and Emotional Learning standards:

- Self-awareness
 - Self-management
 - Social awareness
 - Relationship skills
 - Responsible decision-making
- We will cover these during Advisory and utilize social and emotional strategies across all classes.

Lunchroom- Combo meals will be FREE again this year!

The middle school cafeteria is a little different from elementary school. Your student will have many more choices to make. If you would like to put some money on an account for additional food purchases, send a check or cash with your student and they can take it to the lunchroom before school or during advisory. You can also add money online, please see our website. If money is added online, it takes 24 hours to be added to an account. If you feel your child is spending too much money at lunch you can come in and see Mary Ann Loeffler in the lunch room (not during lunch) and she can print you an itemized account of where your child is spending his or her money.

Please help us to prompt all students to eat lunch. We ask that all students go to the lunchroom for the first 10 minutes of lunch

before going outside, or to the library. We would also like to remind all families to talk to their students about cleaning up after they have finished their lunch. Students may be asked to help clean the cafeteria if they are throwing food or leaving a mess.

With the variety of selections, 6th graders tend to spend a good deal of time in line trying to figure out what to choose. Our suggestion is that for the first couple of weeks of school, your child bring a bag lunch to school. When he or she feels comfortable with how the lunchroom works and all the "kinks" are worked out with the lunch lines and things are running smoothly, then he or she can try the combo or the a la carte meals. A combo meal is **FREE** for all students and consists of an entree, a side dish, juice and milk and some kind of dessert. Breakfast is also served daily and is

FREE for all students.

A la carte ranges from a cookie, to bags of chips, to juice, to a hamburger, or a sandwich and students must pay for these items.

There are so many choices that your child will have a tough time deciding. Cafeteria meals aren't what they used to be. They are much more tasty and nutritious, especially from combo meal lines. Come on and try them, remember it is a school expectation that you have your ID in the cafeteria while waiting in line.

Add money to your account online:

www.myschoolbucks.com

Note: Students are not permitted to receive third party deliveries at school at any time, and water is the only approved beverage in classrooms, lockers, and hallways.

WCSD Dress Code: The requirements of the dress code are not intended to silence expressive conduct, but instead, constitute an attempt to maintain a productive, safe, learning environment. Please follow the policy that is listed within the student planner. If a student is in violation, the student may be asked to adjust their clothing, or contact a parent/guardian to help adjust or change their clothing. Thank you!

- The dress or grooming of students must not present potential health or safety problems. Clothing should fit so that it does not create a health or safety issue.
- Clothing shall not contain unprotected speech including, but not limited to: obscene, vulgar, or profane language or illustrations; and, nothing that promotes an illegal activity, including underage drinking, illegal drug use (to include marijuana), domestic abuse, gang membership, battery, assault, or any other civil or criminal conduct which would violate state or federal law.
- Clothing must cover the body from the chest/breasts to below the buttocks. This includes all private/intimate parts of the body, to include the midriff.
 - Undergarments shall not be intentionally exposed (e.g., bras, boxershorts).
 - Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be an appropriate length, extending to the student's mid-thigh.
 - Pants/bottoms with rips, tears, or mesh are acceptable but shall not reveal or expose a private/intimate part of the body nor cause a safety concern (e.g., a tripping hazard because the hem of the pant leg drags on the floor).
 - Nylons/panty hose/tights may be worn as an undergarment underclothing but not alone as pants/bottoms.
 - Leggings, to include yoga pants, are acceptable worn as pants.

Depoali PTA: Please support your school and your child by visiting our website at www.washoeschools.net/depoali/ and clicking on the PTA link. At this link, you can add your contact information so we can contact you concerning upcoming events. Your time with your child and supporting their education is such an important piece. You can also become an official member of the PTA by clicking the link and submitting the form with your fee of \$10 per individual or \$15 per family. The Depoali PTA considers all parent/guardians members! Thank you for being a part of the Depoali family.

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Upon the conduct of
each depends the
fate of all.

Alexander the Great

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mation , please visit us
at:

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Important Board Policy Regulations

Safe and Respectful Learning Environment:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/board_policy/5700_Policy-SRLE-v6_FINAL.pdf

Student Behavior:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/board_policy/5100_Policy-Student_Behavior-v7_Final.pdf

Student Bullying and Harassment:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/5701-Reg-Student_Bullying-v3.1.pdf

Gender Identity:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/5161_Reg-Gender_Identify-v2.pdf

Student Dress Code:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/5161_Reg-Gender_Identify-v2.pdf

Homework:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/board_policy/6154_Policy-Homework-v3.pdf

Plagiarism and Cheating Prohibited:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/6642%20AP%20-%20Plagiarism%20and%20Cheating%20v3.pdf

Use of Personal Electronic Device by Student:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/5810%20Reg%20-%20Cell%20Phones%20v1.pdf

Responsible Use and Internet Safety:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/7211-Reg-RUA_Internet_Safety-v4.pdf

Student Email:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/5007-Reg-Student_Email-v2.pdf

Student Attendance:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/board_policy/5400_Policy-Student_Attendance_v5_Final.pdf

Service Animals:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/7521-Reg-Service_Animals-v5.pdf

Transportation of Students:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/7501_Reg-Transport_of_Students-v9.1_Final.pdf

Release of Students During School Hours:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/5146%20Reg%20-%20Release%20of%20Students.pdf

Student Records and Information:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/board_policy/5000_Policy-Student_Records-v3_Final.pdf

Student Activities (Secondary):

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/board_policy/5300-Policy-Activities-v2_Final.pdf

District Recognized Athletics (Secondary):

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/board_policy/5300-Policy-Activities-v2_Final.pdf

Volunteer Screen and Background Checks:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/1501_Reg-Volunteers-v1.pdf

Protocols for Visitors to District Property:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/administrative_regulations/1506-Reg-Visitors-v3.pdf

Student Behavior Manual:

https://www.wcsdpolicy.net/pdf_files/manuals/Student%20Behavior%20Administrative%20OProcedures%20Manual%2021-22_v5.pdf

All 7th grade students must have a current T-dap booster shot and MCV4 shot before they can enter school in the fall.