



Pine Middle School
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To All Families of Our Team Students,

We are very excited this year to have your child as a member of our team at Pine Middle School! The concept of a team is to create a group of teachers who set a consistent high standard and aid all students in reaching academic and social success. The team teachers help identify and support the unique academic and behavioral needs of our shared students. Our group includes:

Mrs. Walsh- Mathematics	suwalsh@washoeschools.net
Mr. Irigoien- Social Studies	sirigoien@washoeschools.net
Mrs. Baker-Faenza - English/Language Arts	mlbaker@washoeschools.net
Mrs. Zysk- Science	kzysk@washoeschools.net
Ms. Sanders- Special Education	asanders@washoeschools.net
Mr. Flores- Orchestra	jflores@washoeschools.net
Mr. Faenza- PE	pfaenza@washoeschools.net
Ms. Toledo- Newcomers Center	vtoledo@washoeschools.net

To help parents prepare their students for the transition to Pine Middle School, here is the listing of supplies needed for the core team teachers:

- Multiple pencils (two dozen per semester)
- Lined college or wide ruled loose-leaf paper
- At least three different colors of highlighters- for Social Studies, and English
- Colored pencils- For Science, Math, and English classes
- 2 Composition notebooks- One for Science, one for Math
- 1 pair scissors and glue stick- For Math
- Your Pine Planner- replacement planners will cost \$5
- Three ring binder (*either with all of your classes or just one for per class*) with at least five dividers that can be clearly labeled.

Every student on our team is placed in an advisory class as a “home base” for help and encouragement. Students will receive an academic grade based on ten weekly points that

- A weekly planner check that ensures students are properly completed and with the student.
- Active and positive participation in advisory activities and lessons, including silent reading.
- Completed activities and class projects

There is no greater influence on a child’s academic and behavioral success than that of a parent/guardian. We require that a parent/guardian review their child’s planner and sign it weekly. We also ask that students and their family regularly monitor the Infinite Campus student information system. Often referred to simply as IC, Infinite Campus provides the latest grade, attendance, and school announcement information of students. If you have not received a parent account for IC, please contact the school’s main office at 689-2550. If you forget your password you can contact Mr. Irigoien who can reset student and parent/guardian IC passwords.

Washoe County School District has an attendance policy geared to improving student progress towards graduation, even during the pandemic. Students are required to participate daily, whether at school or online during at-home learning or enrolled via distance learning. We want to help your child succeed, so please keep in mind that students must get their missing work the day they return and turn it in by the required deadline.

Our team is guided by several behavior principles that promote respect towards students and staff. If a student makes choices that cause a problem for themselves or others, they will be responsible for solving the problem with the support of their team of teachers. Unkind words and actions will not be tolerated. As staff members, we will always strive to address poor choices in a constructive manner with the best interests of the student in mind. Consequences will fit the problems of individual students, and they may be different even when problems appear to be the same.

We also believe in incentivizing good student behavior and will hold a prize drawing once per quarter for students who are present for class on test days. In addition, there will be incentive days where students who meet the behavioral and academic criteria will be rewarded with a variety of fun activities and prizes.

We genuinely hope the start of this academic year will be a positive one for both you and your child. Please contact us through the above e-mails or by calling the school's main office at 689-2550. Thanks in advance for being such a positive and important part of your child's life!