

Welcome Class of 2031

Principal:
Paul Foucart



Assistant Principal:
Jennifer Adams



Student Support Services

- Short term, solution focused
- On Campus Support
- Academic, College, and Career Support
- Social & Emotional Support
 - Understanding yourself & others
 - Conflict resolution & peer support

School Counselor:

Laura Murphy



A California Distinguished School

Vista del Mar opened in 2003

- Named a CA Distinguished School 2007
- Became a K-8 in August, 2022
- TK-8 August, 2023
- Current Enrollment 1,300

VdM is Committed to:

- Delivering a rigorous curriculum for all students.
- Creating a school with strong academics.
- Fostering a supportive community for students.



Getting to Know You

How many of you are from...

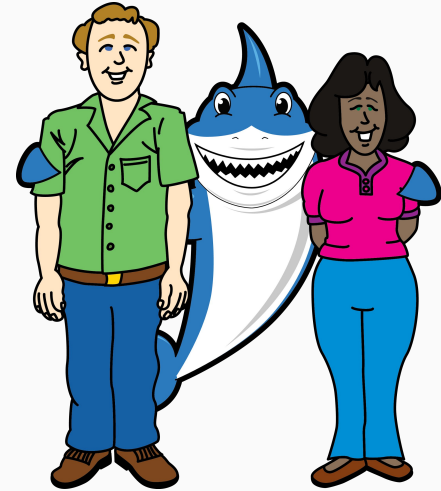
- Vista del Mar Elementary?
- Other elementary schools?

How many of you have children ...

- At VdMMS currently?
- At SCHS or another High School?

For how many of you will this be your...

- First child to attend middle school?
- Last child to attend middle school?
- Only child to attend middle school?



Mission: The staff of VdM will ensure the success of ALL students at high levels

Vision: As a PLC Community we will have an unwavering commitment to student success

In order to truly accomplish our mission, expectations must be established and clear:

Student Expectations

1. We expect students to **come to school**.
2. We expect students to **put forth effort**.
3. We expect students to **follow the rules**.

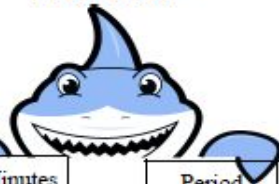
Parent Expectations

1. We expect that parents will **partner with the school** to give their students the best education possible.
2. We expect parents to **have high expectations of their children** and to **share those expectations** with them.
3. We expect that parents will **contact us** with any questions or concerns about their students.

Staff Expectations

1. We expect all staff members to do **“whatever it takes”** to prepare our students to be successful in the future.
2. We expect our teachers to **inspire and motivate** our students.
3. We expect that our students are able to come to a **safe and secure** learning environment.

**Vista del Mar TK-8 School
Middle School Bell Schedule
Capistrano Unified School District
2023-2024**



Regular Schedule - M, W, TH, F

Period	Start		End	Minutes
Period 0	7:05	-	7:55	50
Period 1	8:00	-	8:52	52
Period 2	8:56	-	9:46	50
Break	9:46	-	9:57	11
Period 3	10:01	-	10:51	50
Period 4	10:55	-	11:45	50
Lunch	11:45	-	12:20	35
RISE	12:24	-	12:52	28
Period 5	12:56	-	1:46	50
Period 6	1:50	-	2:40	50

ACE Schedule - T

Period	Start		End	Minutes
Period 0	7:10	-	7:55	45
Period 1	8:00	-	8:42	42
Period 2	8:46	-	9:26	40
Break	9:26	-	9:37	11
Period 3	9:41	-	10:21	40
Period 4	10:25	-	11:05	40
Lunch	11:05	-	11:40	35
RISE	11:44	-	12:12	28
Period 5	12:16	-	12:56	40
Period 6	1:00	-	1:40	40

6th Grade Classes

- Math
- Science
- English
- Social Science
- Elective
- Physical Education



English

English 6 is focused on helping our students become careful readers, persuasive writers, and articulate speakers.

Reading:

- **In Class:**
 - Literature
 - Informational Texts
- **At Home:**
 - Mako Independent Reading Program
 - Survivor Book Club

Writing:

- Writing across all genres
 - Narrative
 - Expository
 - Argumentative
 - Response to literature
- Focused on building good habits and endurance through revisions

Speaking:

- Structures
 - Formal and informal speaking
 - Small group and whole class discussion
 - Presentations
- Emphasis on listening and civility

Math

Math Curriculum

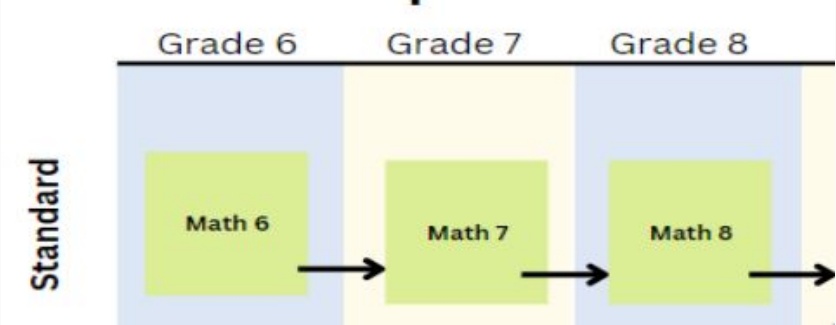
- Math 6
- Option to Accelerate in 7th, 9th & 10th Grade

Preparation for Success in Math

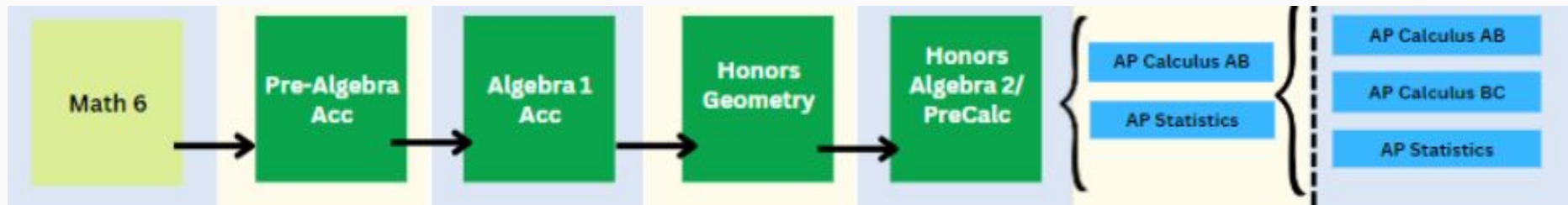
- Know multiplication/division facts
- Know long division
- Know how to add and subtract decimals
- Understand operations with fractions



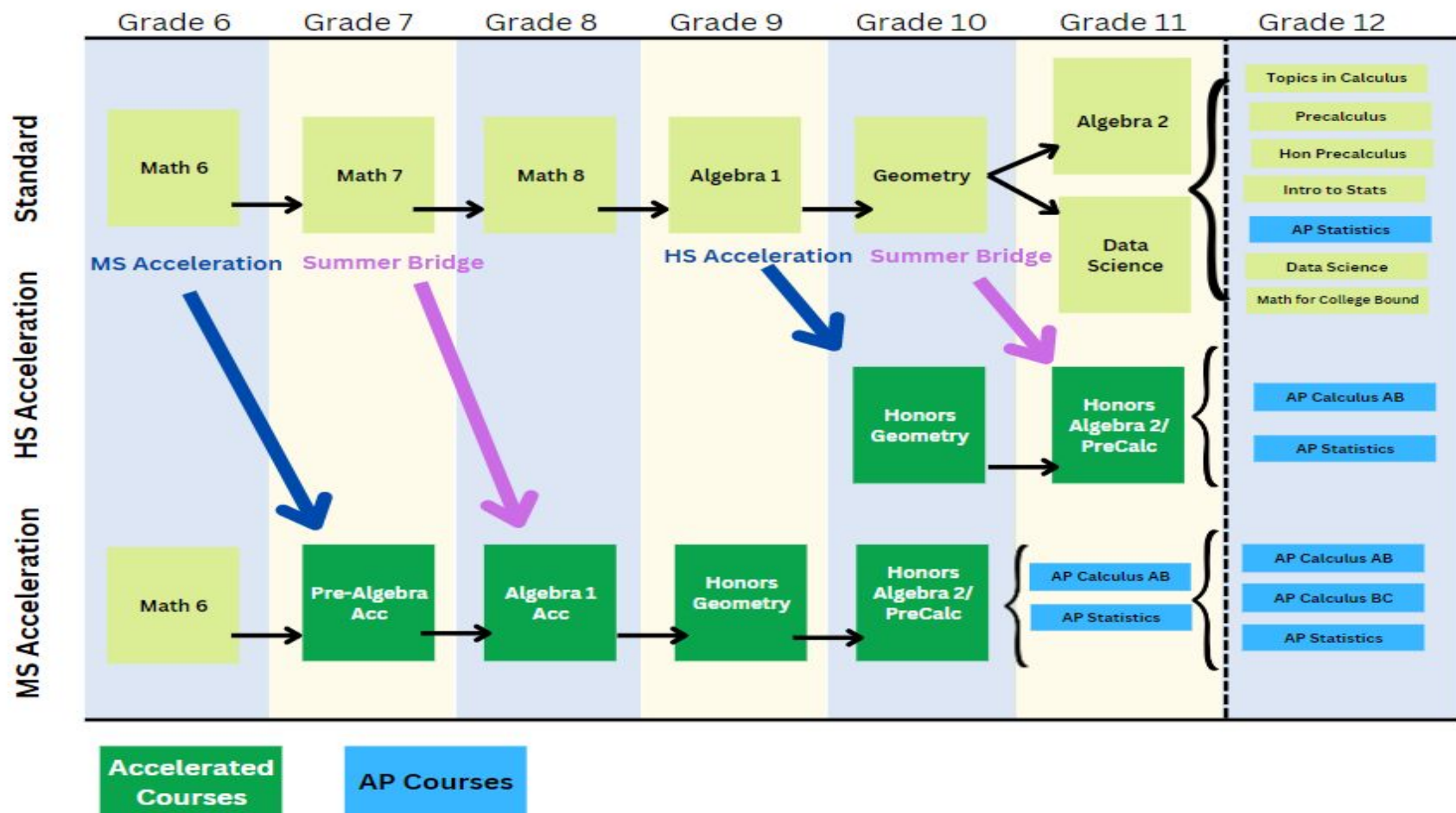
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD.



Accelerated Math Pathway



Proposed CUSD Secondary Math Pathways



Science

Science Curriculum

- Science and Engineering Practices
- Next Generation Science Standards
- Integrated–Biology, Chemistry, Physics, & Earth Science

Preparation for Success in Science

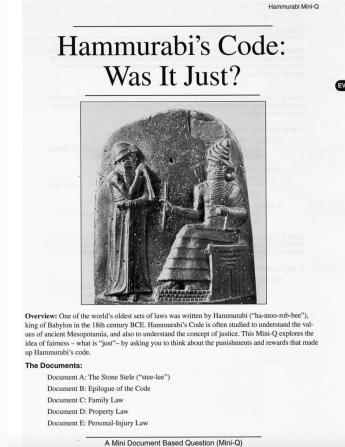
- Know how to read and write informational texts
- Know basic math facts
- Come prepared to work in cooperative groups
- Positive attitude
- Be organized



Social Studies

Social Science Curriculum

- Ancient Civilizations
 - Early Humans
 - Through Ancient Romans
- Emphasis on literacy standards
 - Writing, speaking, listening: leads to better critical thinking skills
 - Document Based Essay Questions (DBQ's)
 - Argumentative essay
- Integration of Technology



Accelerated Classes

Accelerated classes teach grade-level standards but focus on depth and complexity.

Criteria for Accelerated English and Social Science can be found of the District Website: www.capousd.org

Elective Programs

Elective for incoming 6th grade students can be entered in the Aeries Parent Portal March 8 - March 22

- Leadership (Application Required)
- AVID (Application Required)
- Band
- Choir
- Drama/Musical Theater
- Exploratory Wheel
- Orchestra



Physical Education

- PE Uniform
- Locker-Room
- Curriculum
- Teaching Lifelong Fitness



Noontime Intramural Sports

- Soccer
- Flag Football
- Basketball
- VdM Champions



Music

Band - Woodwind, Brass, & Percussion Instruments

Orchestra - Strings Instruments

Musical Theatre/Drama - Perform Concerts, Plays, and Musicals

Some points to remember:

- These ensembles meet daily as a class
- Beginners are welcome in all classes
- Students can switch to new instruments (more choices available in MS)
- Instruments are provided for all students who need one
- Each ensemble performs 4-6 times per year, both on and off campus



RISE

(Reading Intervention, Support, Extension)

- VdM is committed to regularly analyzing site achievement data to provide a **systematic approach** for identifying and supporting at-risk students.
- A “Tiered System of Interventions” is in place to help meet the needs of academic, social-emotional, and behaviorally at-risk students on our campus.
- Opportunity for students to receive extra help, re-take tests, or make-up missing work.
- Opportunity for students to participate in an activity of their choice if they don’t have missing work.
- **SEA VIEW NEWS**

Lunch

6th Graders LOVE the lunch Options!

- Our lunches conform to state standards which are very specific about sugar and fat content.
 - We ask students to leave candy at home.
 - Respect allergy issues and eat outside only. Avoid nuts whenever possible.
- ASB Activities
- Lunchtime sports
- Lunch Bunch & Art Club

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) Expectations

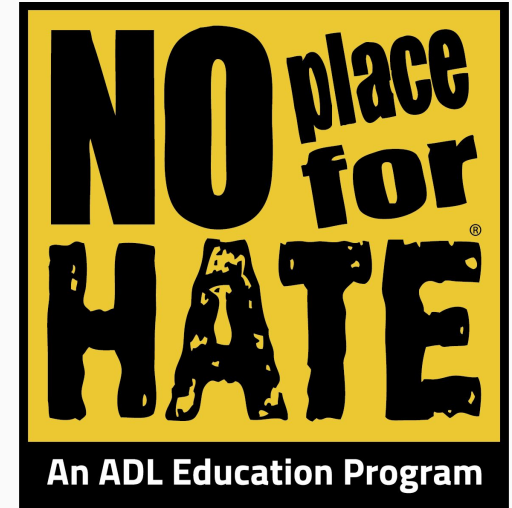
- **Respectful**
- **Responsible**
- **Ready**

VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL
VdM will promote a positive school culture by modeling the MAKO 3 R's of respectfulness, readiness, and responsibility.

Expectations	Respectful	Ready	Responsible
School Wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep cell phones turned off and in backpacks • Walk on campus • Walk your bike/skateboard • Use your manners • Follow directions of adults • Respect the property of yourself and others • Be an upstander 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions given by adults • Show up ready to learn • Seek help when needed • Use available resources • Take academic risks • Try again after making mistakes • Show up ready to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate using appropriate language • Encourage others to follow school rules • Be a positive role model • Be drug/alcohol free • Keep all passwords and combinations to yourself
Common Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put all trash in the trash cans • Keep hands and feet to yourself • Recycle bottles and cans • Meet and welcome new people • Be patient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return equipment • Participate safely • Stay in designated areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See something, say something • Eat your own lunch • Be strong when facing negative peer pressure • Use patience while waiting
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use active listening skills • Return all books/equipment/supplies • Respect the point of view to others • Politely share ideas • Be open minded to ideas • Hold the door open for others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be on time • Arrive prepared with materials • Print at home or in advance • Adopt high standards for yourself • Complete all assignments by deadline • Embrace challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use computers for academic purposes • Be academically honest
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be attentive and show enthusiasm • Clap appropriately • Use stage and ramp for stage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow through on commitments • Be ready to support other students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think before you speak and act • Promote activities and events
Restrooms Locker Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the privacy of others • Be mindful of time out of class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to class promptly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up after yourself • Report inappropriate behaviors • Be mindful of the dignity of others

No Place for Hate

- National School Movement
- Students volunteer to be NPFH ambassadors
- Students meet regularly during RISE
- Students create school wide activities that work to change the overall culture
 - Activities Focus on
 - celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion for all
 - Increasing students' sense of safety and belonging



WEB - Where Everybody Belongs

New Student Orientation -August 15th 9AM-12PM

*****Funded by MAKO Foundation*****

WEB is a yearlong transition program with four components that contribute to its success:

- **Middle School Orientation** - WEB Leaders and 6th graders start building the mentor relationship and receive information about how to be successful in middle school
- **Academic Follow Ups** - WEB Leaders support 6th grade academic success and character development through classroom visits
- **Social Follow Ups** - WEB Leaders and 6th graders connect outside the classroom at social events to increase student engagement and promote positive school climate
- **Leader Initiated Contacts** - WEB Leaders connect with their 6th graders on a more individual basis

AVID

(Advancement via Individual Determination)

AVID is an elective focused on helping students become organized, confident, and successful in school and beyond.

Activities are focused on developing the following skills:

- Writing
- Inquiry and Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Organization
- Reading

Students also engage in goal-setting, field trips, and a weekly tutorial process where AVID students pay special attention to identifying points of confusion or curiosity in their classes and resolving them in small groups. Students who want to enroll in the AVID elective will need to fill out an application and interview.



Student Leadership—ASB/PAL



what is Leadership?

TO PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD

Leadership is a combination of PAL and ASB

ASB is the spirit of the school and ASB stands for Associated Student Body

PAL is the heart of the school and PAL stands for Peer Assistance League

Together we are the leadership team.

Why you should consider leadership

TO PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD.

It is way more fun than you think!

Builds your confidence.

Leadership skills that benefit you in everything you do.

Helps your decision making skills.

It's a true family.

Really connecting with other grades.

Non-judgemental.

Ropes team building course and Disneyland leadership conference.

We eat a lot of candy and donuts!

Those are just a few reasons!

What we do.

TO PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD.

- Step it up Fundraiser
- Go gold for Cancer / Jessie Reece Foundation
- Military Donations for Camp Pendleton
- Red Ribbon week and Parade
- Halloweek
- Holidaze
- Mako Markets
- Blue Ribbon week / Kindness week
- Vistas got Talent... Show
- Mental Health May
- Marvelous Mako Luncheons
- And Dances!
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Come Join us!

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Leadership is the most competitive elective on the middle school side.

- But if you love being a leader
- You want to make the right choices everyday.
- You like planning events
- You love helping, and being a friend to everyone

Then Leadership is for you!

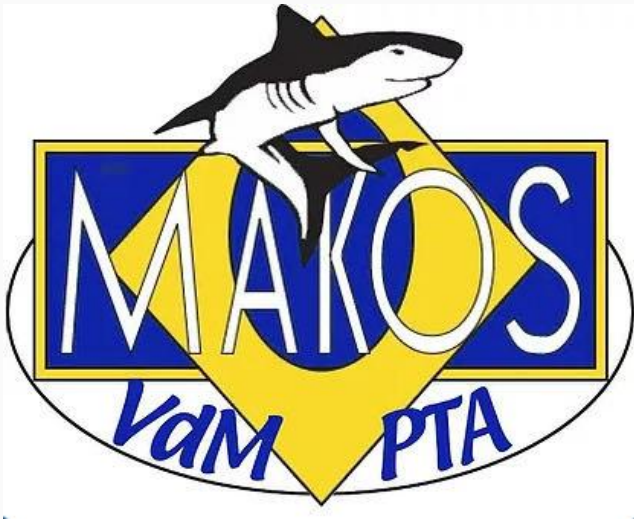
Grab an application and fill it out by Monday and give it to your 5th grade teacher and put it Mrs. Amon's box in the office.

Good Luck!!!!



Parent Involvement

PTA



- PTA membership and dues support your child by funding essential educational and curriculum needs, advocating on behalf of children and educators at the local, state, and national levels, and building an inclusive school community for families.
- Become a member of the VDMMS PTA Board or serve on a Committee.
- Find out more at: <http://www.vdmpta.org/>
*vdmpta - Follow us on Instagram

Parent Involvement

In the last five years **the MAKO Foundation has deployed over \$850,000** into Vista del Mar:

- **Chromebook Program (\$224,000)**
- Supplemental Programs & Staffing (\$282,000)
- Teacher Training (\$96,000)
- Safety (\$116,000)
- Student Enrichment (\$75,000)
- Classroom Grants (\$67,000)
- Campus Enhancement Projects (\$29,000)
- Follow us on Instagram - vdmmakofoundation



**Join to the MAKO Foundation today
by visiting**

<http://makofoundation.org>

Next Steps

- Check your Aeries Parent Portal
- Become a Canvas observer
- Watch for the weekly newsletter (Friday via email)
- Sign-up for School Messenger - <https://goo.gl/Sevsvx>
- Bookmark our website:
<https://vdmmakos.capousd.org/>
- Review Classroom Technology page for helpful guides and videos.
- Follow VDM on Social Media



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TalkingPoints

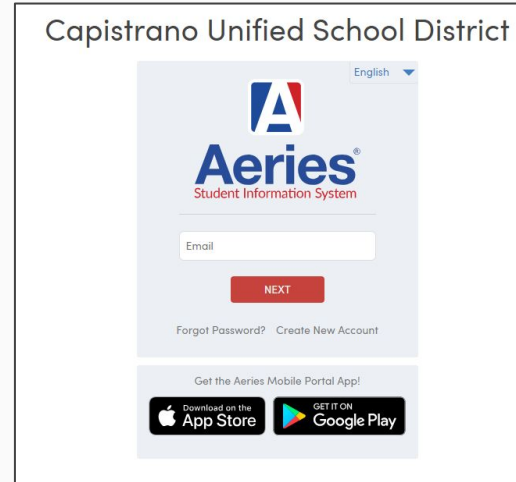
- TalkingPoints is a free application that lets you communicate with your children's teachers and school via Text!
 - Teachers or school staff will text you, and you can respond back
- You will be able to send and receive messages through this application in your preferred language, because TalkingPoints will translate your message
- An easy way to stay engaged and involved in your child's learning by communicating by collaborating with their teachers/school.



Parent Portal

- Select Elective
- Complete yearly registration paperwork
- Update student records/contact information
- View Attendance
- View/print report cards
- Access the portal at portal.capousd.org

If you are new to the school and you need to create a Parent Portal account you will need your Students ID, Home Phone Number, and a Verification Passcode. Contact the Main Office for more information.

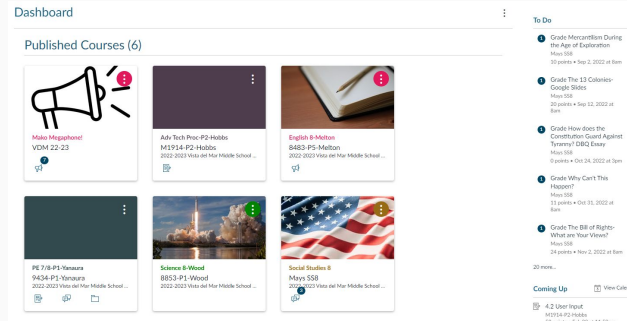


Canvas



Student Account

- View Grades
- View Assignments
- Complete Assignments
- School Announcements
- Email Teachers



Dashboard

Published Courses (6)

- Make: Megaphone! VON 22-23
- Adv Tech Proc-P2-Hobbs M2-P2-Hobbs 2022-2023 Was and Has Middle School ...
- English 8-Kelton S483-P2-Hobbs 2022-2023 Was and Has Middle School ...
- PE 7B-P1-Yonera 0434-P1-Yonera 2022-2023 Was and Has Middle School ...
- Science 8-Wood 8853-P1-Wood 2022-2023 Was and Has Middle School ...
- Social Studies 8 Maya S51 2022-2023 Was and Has Middle School ...

To Do

- Grade: Non-completion During the Age of Exploration! May 188 25 points • Sep 2, 2022 at 8am
- Grade: The 13 Colonies- Google Slides Nov 188 20 points • Sep 12, 2022 at 8am
- Grade: How Does the Constitution Guard Against Tyranny? G2C2 Entry May 188 8 points • Oct 16, 2022 at 7am
- Grade: Why Can't This Happen? Nov 188 13 points • Oct 15, 2022 at 8am
- Grade: The Bill of Rights- What are Your Views? Nov 188 24 points • Nov 2, 2022 at 8am

20 more...

Coming Up

4.2 User Input: M25A-P2-Hobbs 30 weeks • Feb 28 at 12:00am

Parent Account

- Observer
- View Assignments
- View Grades
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Important Dates

Elective Selection: March 8-March 22 (Aeries Parent Portal)

Packet Pick-up: July 30-August 1

6th Grade Registration: Wednesday, August 13, 2024

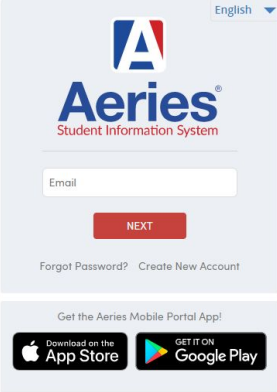
6th Grade WEB Orientation: Thursday, August 15, 2024

First Day of School: Tuesday, August 20, 2024



Thank you

Capistrano Unified School District



The screenshot shows the Aeries Student Information System login interface. At the top right, there is a language dropdown menu set to "English". The Aeries logo is prominently displayed in the center, with the text "Student Information System" below it. A white input field for "Email" is present, followed by a red "NEXT" button. Below the button are links for "Forgot Password?" and "Create New Account". At the bottom of the login area, there is a section titled "Get the Aeries Mobile Portal App!" with buttons for "Download on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play".

This portal is connected to school year **2022-2023**

To access 21-22 data (prior year students) please [CLICK THIS LINK](#).
[CLICK HERE](#) for FAQ, videos and documentation about the portal.

