

SAGE Academy



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## SAGE Academy

Welcome SAGE EAGLES to the 2017-18 school year!

It is truly a great honor to serve as Principal of SAGE Academy. At SAGE, we will strive to create an academy that honors the vision of Palmdale School District:

***Every Student Leaves Ready for Success in High School  
and Beyond: College, Career, and the Global World.***

We will work to fulfill the values of the Palmdale Promise:

- **High intellectual performance that prepares every student to graduate ready for college, career, and the global 21st century world.**
- **Equity for all our students, schools, and communities as reflected in outcomes and opportunities.**
- **Facilitating and supporting every student's achievement by building on their strengths, cultures, languages, and experiences to create new successes.**
- **Multilingualism and multiculturalism as individual, community, national, and global assets in the 21st century.**
- **Integrity and community based on trust and common purpose that empower individuals and communities.**

I know all of our students are committed to working hard, having fun, and learning about aviation and space travel!

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan McDougal  
Principal, SAGE Academy



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### School Procedures

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The SAGE Academy staff works hard to provide our students with a safe, clean, and inviting campus. We ask that all parents and students help us keep our school looking clean. Please help us keep all students in class and learning by following school procedures:

- Cell phones may not be used during the school day - this includes lunch time.
- Students may not chew gum on campus.
- Sandals are not permitted on school grounds.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in classrooms.
- Skateboards and scooters are not allowed on campus.
- Students from other schools who come to SAGE to pick up siblings are expected to be respectful and comply with all SAGE Academy expectations.

### School Promotion Requirements - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

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The Palmdale School District remains committed to providing our students with the academic and social skills necessary for a successful transition from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school. While promotion to 9<sup>th</sup> grade is achieved with a minimum GPA of 1.67, the district has agreed to reserve the promotion ceremonies and culminating activities solely for those 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who satisfy the following requirements.

- Students must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.0.
- Students may have no more than 10 absences. See page 7 of your student handbook for information regarding absences. **Reminder - Parents / guardians must clear an absence within 72 hours.**
- Students may have no more than 2 incidents of suspension.
- Students may have zero incidents of truancy (ditching, students skipping school without parent knowledge).
- Students must have all school owned materials turned in, paid for, or otherwise accounted for (Chromebooks, textbooks, library books, musical instruments, lab equipment, cafeteria charges cleared, fundraiser charges cleared, etc.).
- Students must be present and on time at all promotion rehearsals.
- Students who disrupt the promotion ceremony rehearsal may be excluded from participating.
- Students may not have excessive tardies as defined by site administration.

## Dress Code

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Students' dress and appearance must not detract or interfere with teaching and learning in the classroom and on the campus. The expectation is that all students will maintain themselves and clothing in a modest, clean, and age appropriate fashion consistent with our dress code and compatible with the instructional program. Determination of inappropriate dress rests solely with site administrators.

The Palmdale School District requires that:

- Students attending school must be clean and properly groomed. Clothing worn to school must fit appropriately and be neat and clean. Oversized, baggy, or sagging clothing, tears, holes, patches, slits in seams, and ragged hems in clothes and/or shoes are not permitted.
- Clothing, logos, or accessories that are offensive, profane, or promote gangs, drugs, violence, or disruptive behavior are prohibited. Tattoos of any kind or writing on the body are not allowed on campus.
- Closed footwear that covers the entire foot must be worn for safety reasons. Open sandals, high heel shoes, slippers, and flip flops are hazardous and are not appropriate for school.
- Jewelry and accessories that are unsafe and/or dangerous like studded belts and wristbands, metal belts, long chains, and dangling or large hooped earrings are not permitted. Only ears may be pierced and must be adorned with stud earrings only. Belts should be appropriately fitted, placed through belt loops, and not hang down as a tail.
- Pants, jeans, and / or shorts must fit appropriately at the waist and at the leg inseam and/or crotch area. Cut-off jeans, tight pants, sweats, biker shorts, short shorts, and boxer shorts or shorts that look like boxer shorts are prohibited. Pajamas may NOT be worn to school. Undergarments may not be visible.
- Hats, headgear, bandanas, hair nets and combs in the hair are not permitted. Only sunglasses required for medical reason may be worn at school.
- Shirts and blouses must fit appropriately and are to be buttoned properly. Tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, crop tops, or any other piece of clothing that exposes excessive skin is prohibited.
- Hair must be of a natural color and not be worn (styled) in a manner that brings excessive attention to the student.
- Personal grooming items must be kept in the student's backpack at all times and are not be taken out in the classroom, cafeteria, or play areas.

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### **Student Responsibilities**

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At SAGE Academy, we believe that all students have the right to learn and all teachers have the right to teach. It is your responsibility to protect YOUR right to learn by conducting yourself in a considerate and courteous manner, paying a businesslike attention to punctuality, attendance and orderliness, and having a positive attitude towards those with whom you make contact. The friends and choices you make now will affect your life more than you realize.

*Be safe. Be respectful. Be responsible.*

### **Behavioral Interventions**

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It is SAGE Academy's responsibility to ensure that all students can learn and all teachers can teach. When student behavior interferes with these rights, we will use different interventions to help you get back on track and make better choices.

These interventions include, but are not limited to:

- Classroom reflection time
- Time out/time away from classroom
- Restorative practices

### **Electronic Devices**

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Cell phone use is strictly prohibited during the school day. Inappropriate use of MP3 players can result in disciplinary action including confiscation or suspension. Student owned electronic devices of any kind brought on campus are at the student's own risk. Staff will not investigate any thefts of these devices.

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### How to Calculate Your GPA

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**Step 1:** Write down your grades for all your classes.

**Step 2:** Write down the points for each grade, using the following values:

A = 4.00	B+ = 3.33	C+ = 2.33	D+ = 1.33	
A- = 3.67	B = 3.00	C = 2.00	D = 1.00	F = 0.00
	B- = 2.67	C- = 1.67	D- = 0.67	

**Step 3:** Add all products (remember to line up your decimal points!)

**Step 4:** Divide the sum by the number of classes you take

GPA too low?? Set some goals to do better. Do all your work. Study for tests.

- Final GPA is the average of both semesters. Subtract your first semester GPA from 4.00 to figure out what you need for the second semester.
- 1.67 is passing
- 2.00 is needed to participate in 8th grade promotion ceremony

### How to Take Cornell Notes

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			Name Date Class Period
○	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main idea</li> <li>• Key questions (after notes are completed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key words and ideas</li> <li>• Important dates/people/places</li> <li>• Repeated/stressed info</li> <li>• Ideas/brainstorming written on board</li> <li>• Info from textbook/stories</li> <li>• Diagrams &amp; pictures</li> <li>• Formulas</li> </ul>	
Summary of your notes in your own words			

## SAGE Academy

### 2017-2018 School Calendar

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<b>First Day of School</b>	August 9
<b>Last Day of School</b>	June 1
<b>Holidays (School Closed)</b>	
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept 4
Veterans Day	Nov 10
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 20 - 24
Winter Break	Dec 18 - Jan 5
Martin L. King Jr. Day	Jan 15
George Washington Day	Feb 19
Spring Break	Mar 19 - 23
Abraham Lincoln Day	Apr 2
Memorial Day	May 28
<b>Non Student Days</b>	
Parent Conference	Oct 13
Parent Conference	Mar 16
<b>Minimum Days</b>	
Back to School (Elementary)	Aug 17
Back to School (Middle)	Aug 24
Teacher Prep	Dec 15
Teacher Prep	May 18
Last Day of School	June 1

\*All Wednesdays are early release days. Total = 38\*

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### My Schedule

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Lunch:        A        B                      Period 4:    A        B

Period	Subject	Teacher	Room #
1			
2			
3			
4			
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### Infinite Campus

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To access Infinite Campus for the first time:

- Step 1:** Go to <http://www.palmdalesd.org> and click on the Infinite Campus button in the upper right corner of the homepage.
- Step 2:** Click on the Parent Portal button on the Infinite Campus Student Information System page.
- Step 3:** On the Portal Login page, click on the "Help" pull-down menu.
- Step 4:** Click on the link next to "If you have been assigned a Campus Portal Activation Key"
- Step 5:** Enter your Campus Portal Activation Key in the boxes, then click "Submit".
- Step 6:** Create a username and password.
- Step 7:** Login to your account.



**2017-2018 Bell Schedule**

**Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri**

Period 1	7:15 - 8:05
Period 2	8:09 - 8:59
Period 3	9:03 - 9:53
A Lunch	9:53 - 10:28
Period 4B	10:32 - 11:22
Period 4A	9:57 - 10:47
B Lunch	10:47 - 11:22
Period 5	11:26 - 12:16
Period 6	12:20 - 1:10
Period 7	1:14 - 2:04

**Wednesdays**

Period 1	7:15 - 7:55
Period 2	7:59 - 8:39
Period 3	8:43 - 9:23
A Lunch	9:23 - 9:58
Period 4B	10:02 - 10:42
Period 4A	9:27 - 10:07
B Lunch	10:07 - 10:42
Period 5	10:46 - 11:26
Period 6	11:30 - 12:10
Period 7	12:14 - 12:54

**Minimum Days**

Period 1	7:15 - 7:49
Period 2	7:53 - 8:27
Period 3	8:31 - 9:05
Period 5	9:09 - 9:44
A Lunch	9:44 - 10:21
Period 4B	10:25 - 10:59
Period 4A	9:48 - 10:22
B Lunch	10:22 - 10:59
Period 6	11:03 - 11:37
Period 7	11:41 - 12:15