

# Sinagua Middle School



## HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

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Dear Sinagua Families;

I hope this letter finds you all enjoying your summer and getting plenty of needed rest. This letter is to inform you of some upcoming dates and some information regarding registration. The registration dates for Middle School are August for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> is make-ups for anyone unable to attend on their scheduled day. This year, all registration materials are on-line through your Parentvue account. Step by step instructions to all documents, fees and schedules are available on this site and can be filled out in advance of arriving at registration. We will also have ipads available for families to use if necessary. All registration times are 8- 2p.m. and we will follow the schedule listed below to allow for timely and efficient registration. At that time, parents and students can come to school to pick up schedules, pay fees, get lockers, buy PE uniforms, sign up for athletics, tour the building and learn more about school clubs and other activities. As is every year, we will have a required Project Fee of \$40 that pays for field trips, elective course supplies and other such needed expenses. There is also an Athletic Fee of \$35 that covers participation in 1-3 sports. This fee helps us to provide coaches, referees and travel as needed for all our intramural sports programs. We are now able to accept credit/debit cards at registration for any of the above fees. Yearbooks will also be on sale for \$40, by using the QR code available. You can pay these fees online at the following site, or in person on the day of registration; <https://az-flagstaff.intouchreceipting.com/signin.aspx>.

8:00 a.m.-9 am.	Last Names beginning A-E
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Last Names beginning F-K
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Last Names beginning L-Q
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Last Names beginning R-V
12:00 p.m.-1:00p.m.	Last Names beginning W-Z
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	A-Z

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:40 sharp!

Attached in this letter are our TLC procedures and our current FUSD dress code. The TLC program has proven over and over in supporting student success at Sinagua. Our TLC program is run by our certified staff to assure students have access to extra support by quality educators. Please review all the attached forms with your child so they are ready to roll on the first day of school.

Also attached is the bell schedule for next year. There are new changes to this bell schedule so please look over that schedule. We will be having our annual Open House Week for families on August 29-Sept 1, 2022 so mark your calendars. We are looking forward to meeting each of you and to a great new school year.

Sincerely,



Tari Popham

Principal

# 2022-23 Dress Code

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## STUDENT DRESS

It is the policy of Flagstaff Unified School District to prohibit discrimination and harassment in student dress and appearance. The District encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of self and others.

Students must wear:

1. Shirt with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms
2. Bottoms that extend to at least mid-thigh
3. Shoes appropriate to a safe educational environment

Students may wear (examples may include):

1. Fitted pants, leggings, yoga pants, jeggings, skinny jeans
2. Ripped jeans, provided holes/rips do not go above mid-thigh
3. Religious and cultural head coverings and hair accessories
4. Religious and cultural medallions, medals or beads provided it does not create a safety hazard
5. Head bands
6. Hats, beanie's, hoods

*Note: Students may be asked to remove accessories and/or change clothing during curriculum or activities in which these items present a safety hazard*

Students may not wear:

1. Shirts without shoulder material
2. See through materials that expose undergarments
3. Graphic representations on clothing, accessories, or the body that display profanity, vulgarity, obscenities, hate speech, or promote alcohol, cigarettes, vaping, drugs, gang-related behavior\*, or sexual activity
4. Images or language on clothing, accessories, or body that display or create a hostile or intimidating environment
5. Bathing suits
6. Helmets or sunglasses (unless medically necessary)
7. Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon

8. Gang related clothing which may include bandanas

1. Gang related behavior or clothing which is defined by the Law Enforcement Information Network

Exceptions for special activities or health considerations may be pre-approved by the administrator. Dress should be appropriate for the weather during outside activities. These dress expectations shall apply to regular school days and summer schools; as well as any school-related activities.

Student Dress Enforcement for the District

The purpose of the student dress policy and regulation is to ensure consistency and interpretation is implemented district wide. It is the expectation and responsibility of staff to appropriately enforce student dress. Enforcement should be consistent with the District's discipline matrix. Failure to comply with the student dress policy should be enforced consistently with comparable behavior and conduct violations.

1. To comply with policy and regulation a student should be asked to modify their dress with their own clothing if available at school or have the option to wear school provided clothing. Should a student refuse to modify their dress it will be addressed according to the district discipline matrix.
2. Student's parents should be notified of infractions and provided the option to provide alternative clothing for the remainder of the day.
3. Repeated and/or continued failure to comply with student dress will be addressed according to the district discipline matrix.

The following are basic principles that we adhere to as a district:

1. Students may be removed from a classroom with minimal loss of instructional time as a result of a dress violation.
2. No student will be disproportionately affected by student dress enforcement because of gender, race, body size, or body maturity.
3. Students are not to be shamed or required to display their body in front of others (students, parents or staff) during any school activity.
4. Student dress expectations will be clearly communicated to all members of the school community.
5. Teachers and staff will be properly trained on how to enforce expectations of student dress.

### *TLC (The Learning Classroom) Program Overview*

Our administration and faculty believe student responsibility is vital for academic success. It is important for SMS students to enter their classrooms with a “ready to learn” attitude. Having this mind-set is essential for educational achievement, so we are excited to continue the *TLC (the Learning Classroom)* for 2022-2023 school-year. TLC will begin at SMS on August 22, 2022.

*The Learning Classroom* is a program where teachers require students to be on time, with homework, and necessary class materials (prepared). For example, not having a charged and working IPAD. In English it might be paper, pencil pen and a novel, in Band it might be an instrument, and in Physical Education it might be wearing the PE uniform. Having students prepared creates an academic atmosphere for teachers to teach and students to learn. Students will be assigned TLC for tardies only after the 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy mark for that specific class.

When students are on time and prepared for each class, they will earn the 2:20 p.m. release time. If students are not prepared, then they will be entered into the TLC intervention and the teacher will also ask students to place a call home at that moment so you are aware they are required to stay after school. Students who are marked for TLC will be assigned to the Media Center from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Ninth-hour teachers will check the TLC spreadsheet to determine who receives a dismissal time of 2:20 p.m. and who stays until 4:00 p.m. and students are walked to the Media Center.

While in TLC, students have the opportunity to make-up past assignments and complete homework. It is a quiet study hall, which allows students to move toward the direction of success at SMS, while offering certified teachers as mentors, tutors and support. For tardies (3) and being prepared, students will sign-in with a QR code that leads to a reflection sheet about why they are tardy to class or why they are not prepared. A restorative circle will occur and students will develop a plan to help rectify the situation so students can be more successful in class.

Students assigned to TLC, who do not attend from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. will be pulled the following morning and attend a restorative circle to rectify the reason for the absence and provide support that is needed to the student before they can return to class.

We believe the choice of being responsible is a learned skill. The faculty and administration at SMS are pleased to offer this program to your student. *The Learning Classroom* is a way to instill the “ready to learn” attitude which allows students to achieve academic success.

#### **Benefits of TLC program as seen in previous school year at both SMS and MEMS:**

- ☑ Established environment of learning and respect throughout the school.
- ☑ More homework completed—97% of students prepared with work each day!
- ☑ Improved grades
- ☑ 99.8% of students on time to each class.
- ☑ Improved student responsibility and preparation for high school
- ☑ Increased parent communication
- ☑ Attendance probation list decreased by two-thirds.



## Bell Schedules for 2022-2023

Schedule for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday				
Schedule A			Schedule B	
Period 1	7:40-8:28		Period 1	7:40-8:28
Period 2	8:32-9:20		Period 2	8:32-9:20
Period 3	9:24-10:12		Period 3	9:24-10:12
Period 4	10:15-11:15		Period 4	10:15-11:15
Lunch (5)	11:15-11:45		Period 5/6	11:19-12:07
Period 6/7	11:49-12:37		Lunch (7)	12:07-12:37
Period 8	12:41-1:29		Period 8	12:41-1:29
Period 9	1:33-2:20		Period 9	1:33-2:20

Schedule for Wednesdays				
Schedule A			Schedule B	
Period 1	7:40-8:14		Period 1	7:40-8:14
Period 2	8:18-8:52		Period 2	8:18-8:52
Period 3	8:56-9:29		Period 3	8:56-9:29
Period 4	9:33-10:06		Period 4	9:33-10:06
Lunch (5)	10:06-10:36		Period 5/6	10:10-10:44
Period 6/7	10:40-11:14		Lunch (7)	10:44-11:14
Period 8	11:18-11:52		Period 8	11:18-11:52
Period 9	11:56-12:30		Period 9	11:56-12:30

Schedule for Late Starts (inclement weather)				
Schedule A			Schedule B	
Period 1	9:40-10:13		Period 1	9:40-10:13
Period 2	10:17-10:49		Period 2	10:17-10:49
Period 3	10:53-11:25		Period 3	10:53-11:25
Period 4	11:29-12:01		Period 4	11:29-12:01
Lunch (5)	12:01-12:31		Period 5/6	12:05-12:37
Period 6/7	12:35-1:07		Lunch (7)	12:37-1:07
Period 8	1:11-1:43		Period 8	1:11-1:43
Period 9	1:47-2:20		Period 9	1:47-2:20

