



AERIES PARENT PORTAL

All parents can access the AERIES Parent Portal to check on student progress and attendance. If you have had a student in the district prior to this year and you have already used the portal you will not have to change a thing.

If you have not accessed the system then you can contact your students counselor. You will be provided a user name and password that will allow you access to the grade and attendance information.

If you have forgotten your username or password you again can contact the counseling department. (438-3394 or 438-3374)

Counselors contact information:

Ms. Jewell - SandraJe@fsusd.org / 438 3385

Joanne Acosta- JoanneA@fsusd.org / 438 -3383

Carlos Aguilar- CarlosA@fsusd.org /438-3373

AHS offers the International Baccalaureate program. Over 800 student's school wide are involved in the program. If you have questions please contact any administrator

What is International Baccalaureate?

Rigorous course of study

Designed for the highly motivated student

Two-year curriculum: grades 11, 12

Pre-IB curriculum: grades 9, 10

Liberal arts curriculum: humanities, mathematics, sciences

Internationally prepared curriculum

Students can earn college credit

Authorized IB Schools

IB Programs in 119 countries worldwide

1,250 IB programs in the U.S.

75 member schools in California

50% of the IB Diplomas worldwide come from the United States

Mission Highlights

Comprehensive curriculum

Challenging assessments

High academic standards

International perspective

Responsible citizenship

Respect for diversity

Collaborative Wednesday:

Every Wednesday students are let out of school at 2:10 pm. Teachers use this time to collaborate with each other. They work on a variety of planning topics including, pacing courses, common assessments, sharing effective teaching strategies and previewing new materials.

During this time students are supposed be off campus as the teachers are not out on campus to supervise.

Please visit the AHS Website FSUSD.org and select Armijo from the dropdown menu. You can find information on a wide variety of topics. Teachers e-mail connections, athletic schedules and important school and district information is available.



Armijo Nation

Tardies

Parents and guardians please review with your student the importance of being on time to class each period. Students are given 7 minutes to walk from class to class. This can be done and is by many students on a daily basis.

The staff and administration are going to be discussing the issue of students arriving late to class. We will be putting a plan in place to address the growing numbers of students arriving late to class. We are showing increased attendance numbers (Not as strong as we would like) but the number of students walking to class after the tardy bell rings is not acceptable.

Attendance:

I cannot overstate the importance of your students attendance in school. The expectation of the FSUSD is that all students will attend school every day. If for some reason your child must miss school please contact the attendance office at:

Ms. Banks-DebraB@fsusd.org / 438-3376

Ms. Rocha -PerlaR@fsusd.org / 438-3375

Should your student need to miss school for more than 5 days we request that you inquire about short term independent study. We can then be sure that your student receives their academics prior to being out and the attendance can be accounted for.

If students miss more than 3 days or 18 single periods unexcused the truancy process will begin. Be sure to clear all absences.

Every year, school absences increase the days prior and after Halloween. Let's break that cycle. Make sure your child is in school on Friday, October 30th and Monday, November 2nd. Our teachers will be teaching and our students will be learning.

Congratulations: The AHS community wants to give a big shout out to some programs that are continuing to perform at high levels or have made great strides towards performing at high levels in the classroom and the competition fields.

The Cross country team lead by Luis Grijalva is once again performing across the state and bringing AHS recognition.

The Band has again continued a string of solid performances by Winning top Music and Show this weekend at the Santa Cruz tournament.

The AHS Volleyball team has shown great improvement this year and is in the hunt for the first section playoff bid in many years. Congratulations to the players, parents, coaches and directors for their hard work.

Athletics

Fall Sports are in full swing with league play. All of our teams, student-athletes, and coaches are working hard both on and off to represent Armijo High School with character and dignity! There are simply too many highlights to list, but look for many of our teams to enter the playoffs with 1 thing in mind. A Monticello Empire League Championship and another banner to hand in the Gary E. Vaughn Gymnasium! With all this, keep in mind that Winter Sports are just around the corner. Boys/ Girls Basketball and Wrestling are wanting any interested Armijo High School students to come out and participate. Please contact your respective PE teacher, coach and/or Athletic Director for more information

California Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

The implementation of the new SBAC (Smarter Balanced assessment consortium) started last year. This new test is done in conjunction with the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. The tests are to allow students to demonstrate how well they have mastered the Common Core Standards.

The common Core standards are based upon students developing and applying skills such as Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity, and communication.

For more information you can visit the district website .

Vacations and Independent Study Contracts for Students

During the school year we are having periods when our attendance numbers are suffering. The district has attempted to schedule extra day or days around vacation dates to allow families to travel and avoid some of increased travel costs associated with travel around holidays.

It is to your child's benefit to be in school as much as possible. We cannot educate your child if they are not in school. Missing as little as 2 or 3 days can negatively affect your child's performance in class. It may put them behind and make it difficult for them to catch up. Your child's education is too important for permission to be granted for anything except family emergencies, illness and doctor appointments.

If your child must apply for independent study contracts the absence must be for 5 days or more. There are very strict district and state guidelines governing the independent study program.

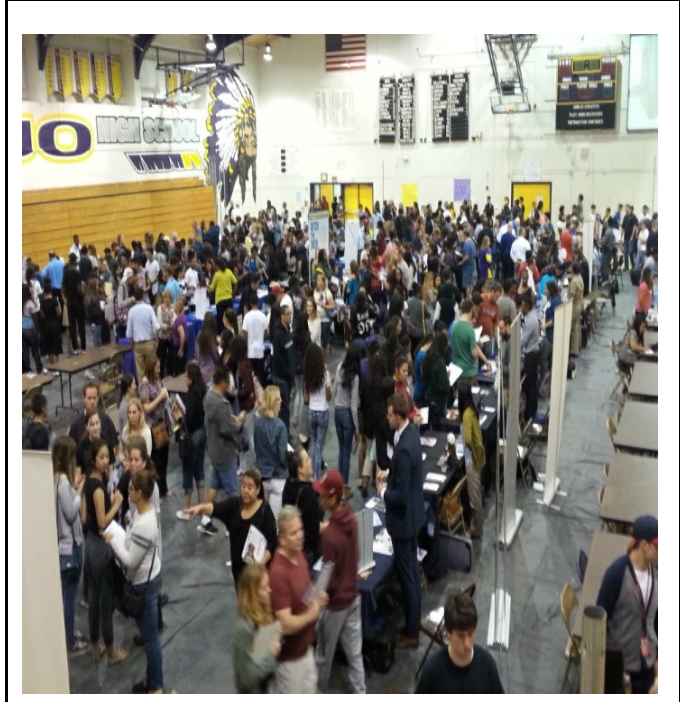
If your child is going to be gone for the end of a semester (during finals) it is up to the teacher as to whether they will allow a student to take the final outside of the scheduled time.

Should you have questions regarding Independent Study please contact Assistant Principal Sheila Smith.



Leadership

The Armijo leadership class has a long history of serving not only the student population but participates in many community activities. Should you have an event that you think student participation would help please contact Mr. Burzynski @ 438-3486 or BradB@fsusd.org.



College and Career (Photo above of college and career fair)

The Armijo High School College and Career Center (CCC) provides a variety of resources for college and career planning. The CCC is a place where all students can come to obtain information on two and four year colleges and universities, technical schools, military, testing and test preparation, financial aid and scholarships, career possibilities and college majors descriptions. In collaboration with the academic counselors, we continue to work on building a comprehensive college-going culture for all students.

We use a program called Naviance that has an amazing number of tools and information to help make the college search easier. On Naviance students can view all events and presentations that the center holds monthly. So far, we have had workshops on scholarships, UC personal statements, parent information night and many college representatives from different schools come to speak. On October 6, Armijo held a district wide college fair where over 55 colleges were in attendance and students from all the high schools and middle schools attended.

In addition, we have a College and Career Club that meets on Fridays at lunch in room F-5. This year we are excited to be going on a field trip to Stanford University this fall.

To visit the center, students can make an appointment, visit during lunch or after school to utilize the resources, and get one-on-one college advising. It is not too early to start planning for college, so all grade levels are welcome to come in. The College and Career Center is located in the library. The office hours are M-TH 9:30 to 4 and Friday 9 to 3:30. Contact Mrs. Anderson at sandya@fsusd.org or at (707) 438-3372 if you have questions.

Library



The Armijo Library is open from 7:00am-5:00pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. During this time, we have math tutors for students. Tuesday's time is from 7:00am-4:00pm, and, on Friday we close at 3:30pm. AHS Library has a 30 seat computer lab with partner chairs and another 40 computers/tablets available on the library main floor. The library also has study rooms and a work room available for students to plan and complete projects.

We offer students the EBSCO Databases, World Book Online, ABC-CLIO Database for World Religions, Newsela and a free Easybib subscription for citing sources. All these software programs are accessible from home.

Our mission is to provide materials for students to obtain information through printed and online materials, both fiction and nonfiction. We have hundreds of new books, and, also free ebooks that students might read on their cell phones, ipods, ipads, or androids. It is awesome how much our students are reading!

Check out Armijo Library Webpage: <http://www.fsusd.org/domain/906>

Peer mediation

Mr. Aguilar has trained and has a peer mediator program in place. Student mediators go through training on conflict resolution and work with students to settle differences. We are proud of our team and the work they are putting in. For mor information please contact Mr. Aguilar @ 439-3337 or CarlosA@fsusd.org

Clerical

We have a wonderful staff working in the office. Below id their contact information.

Atendance: Ms. Banks 438-3376, Ms. Rocha438-3375 **Counseling::** Ms. Martinez 438 3392, Ms. Cotey 438-3374 **Athletics: Ms.**

Cherry 438-3460 **Student management:** Ms. Cherry 438-3460 Mr. Anderson 438-3408

Principal Secretary: Ms Duncan 438-3366

PBIS

In September, the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Team attended the first cohort meeting of the year. At the meeting the AHS team reviewed progress made on the 2014-15 PBIS goals and began work on creating a referral form the AHS intervention team will use to refer students to appropriate interventions. For 2015-16 there is a focus on Tier 2 interventions and refinement of Tier 1 interventions. At our November staff meeting, the PBIS team will provide more training and practice for the staff with the newly implemented referral form and will consider recommendations for behavior interventions that were identified in the In-Progress Review (IPR) in October. The team also continues to promote positive behavior through PSA's, restorative practices, and the popular Armijo Buxx. The team meets monthly and welcomes any interested staff to participate or share ideas that will help make our campus a positive learning and working environment. PBIS members are Jacob Lippman, Carlos Aguilar, Emily Enslee, Anna Vieira, Maria Hernandez, Sheila Smith, Zarena Brown, Brad Burzynski.



www.fsusd.org/armijo



The Armijo Multimedia Academy is looking for interested students to join our program.


The Armijo Multimedia Academy is a school program that includes a curriculum designed to help students develop the necessary skills and knowledge to achieve a Multimedia Certificate.

Our program also includes the normal academic courses, such as English, Social Studies, and Science. The AMA is a three year program that runs through the student's sophomore, junior, and senior years.

The main focus of our Academy is multimedia production. Students will take multimedia courses over the three year period that concentrate on filming techniques, editing, and digital production. Students in the AMA will have the opportunity to make videos for the Armijo yearbook, to film school events and sports, and to market student produced DVDs. Students will be working with state of the art equipment that includes digital cameras and recording devices, video switchers, and audio/visual mixers. Students will also learn to use the latest digital software including Adobe editing software, Photoshop, Premier, Flash, and Dreamweaver.

Another main component of multimedia production is the chance to work on video projects with other schools and with members of the local community to create public service announcements.

Besides the multimedia courses, the Armijo Multimedia Academy also has strong academic courses that focus on the collaborative experience. The AMA teachers collaborate together to design a project-oriented curriculum. The projects are developed and completed in a cross-curricular manner with the students working on their projects in several of the AMA classes. Because of the nature of our program, we are able to help at-risk students who may be



struggling with grades. The Armijo Multimedia Academy offers several field trips during the year to enhance learning and to open the students to new experiences. We travel to several local colleges and universities, and we also travel to many multimedia-oriented colleges and businesses.

If you believe your child may be interested in a program like ours, please contact Lori Rockwell at Armijo High School. She can be reached by phone at (707) 438-3465 or by email at LoriR@fsusd.org.

