

**MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEQUOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Student's Name _____
(please print)

Current Grade _____

SUPPORT AGREEMENT:

The undersigned parent or guardian of above named student agree to support the total Academics Plus Program, an education alternative offered by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District (see reverse side). This agreement is in addition to the policies and procedures of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

I understand the goals and philosophy of the program, and will be readily available for conferences and consultation with teachers, and/or administrators when necessary.

I agree that we will:

1. Abide by the rules and policies of Academics Plus;
2. Attempt to work out problems jointly, with the child, parent and staff participating;
3. Support the philosophy of high academic achievement that is the foundation of the Academics Plus Program.

I understand that if I find the program is not what I want for my child, I will follow the Intra-District transfer policies to return him/her to their neighborhood school.

Parent Signature _____

(over)

DISCIPLINE CODE

Students may be suspended for breaking any of the Education Codes (District handbook) regardless of where they are in the Step Process based on a philosophy of firm school rules and parent responsibility for discipline problems.

We, at Sequoia, feel that safety and security are of the utmost importance. In order to maintain a safe environment for all, we do not tolerate fighting and/or threats to others. If two people are involved in a physical confrontation, these two people will be suspended.

Students who instigate or encourage fights, videotape fights or remain as bystanders will be subject to school discipline.

Should student behavior interfere with the learning of others and all classroom modification attempts fail, an administrative referral will be written, and the student sent to the office.

Referrals are for more serious classroom and campus offenses and may result in more serious progressive consequences such as detention, Saturday School, or suspension.

If expulsion is warranted for extreme misbehavior, district due process procedures are followed.

PARENT PATROL

We ask each family to volunteer one (1) day per school year per attending student to patrol campus and be visible in the maintenance of Sequoia as a safe and secure place for students to receive an education.

This is a requirement of the signed Support Agreement beginning in the year 1995-1996.

Specific sign-ups and assignments will be available prior to the Fall registration.

Parent Patrol is from 11:00 am to 1:10 pm; check in at the office. On Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Parent Patrol obligation can also be fulfilled by volunteering at walk-through registration.

DRESS CODE

Students, parents and staff recognize the importance of appropriate dress and its effect on the learning environment. Sequoia students take pride in their personal appearance. The school has set a suitable standard for appropriateness, safety, cleanliness and modesty. A student whose attire is not appropriate will be required to change. Parents may be asked to bring a change of clothes, or P.E. clothes may be worn. Baseball caps, bucket hats or beanies may be worn provided they are **plain navy blue or gray** and have **no logos** (Sequoia Middle School insignia excepted). Hats may not be worn inside a classroom or school building. **They must remain be out of sight when entering the school buildings.**

Inappropriate:

- Any head coverings except those worn for religious reasons. Hoods, bandanas or scarves of any color.
- Clothing which exposes undergarments, bare midriffs, or stomachs, including transparent or sheer blouses, crop tops, tank tops of any width including sports jerseys, spaghetti straps, tube-tops or halter-tops. If more than one layer is worn, the entire outfit must be within dress code.
- Form fitting stretch pants, such as leggings, or yoga pants unless top or tunic covers to middle fingertip length.
- Short shorts or skirts (shorter than fingertip length of the middle finger.)
- Hair styles deemed distracting to class learning.
- Clothing and jewelry which is disruptive to the educational processes, including, but not limited to pictures or words that insult others, relate to sex, alcohol products, drugs, tobacco products, violence or gangs.
- Shoes must be worn at all times for safe participation in school activities. No flip-flops, slippers, backless footwear or shoes with wheels.
- Sagging pants that drag on the floor, or prevent normal walking or cannot stay up by themselves without being held. Waistbands of pants must be worn at waist. **Clothing that is dirty or with holes, tears, shredding or ragged edges.**
- Chains and hanging belts are not allowed.
- No sunglasses may be worn in the classroom.
- Gang related clothing as identified by school officials and local police agencies.

Dress Code applies to all school activities including dances, extra-curriculars and field trips.

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