2019-2020
PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

School begins at 7:55 AM and ends at 2:20 PM
Late Start Tuesdays school begins at 8:50 AM and ends at 2:20 PM

2019/2020 Registration Phase 1—Online at Home

Please complete Phase 1 of the enrollment procedure using the Aeries process (directions emailed and/or mailed to you). Once completed, print out the online Student Emergency Card “ticket” and bring it and your Tdap proof (if not turned in yet) with you to your on-site appointment.

2019/2020 Registration Phase 2—On Site Appointments by Last Name

If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment time, you may come in at another time as a walk-in, but please keep in mind priority will be given first to those who are scheduled for that time, so please plan for extra wait time.

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<th>Monday, 7/29 (7th &amp; 8th Grade)</th>
<th>Tuesday, 7/30 (7th &amp; 8th Grade)</th>
<th>Wednesday, 7/31 (7th &amp; 8th Grade)</th>
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<td>8:00 – 8:40 A</td>
<td>8:00 – 8:40 H, I</td>
<td>8:00 – 8:40 P, Q</td>
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<td>9:20 – 10:00 C</td>
<td>9:20 – 10:00 L</td>
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IMPORTANT: Any student that cannot attend registration day may have a parent, friend, relative, etc. complete registration in their place. (Make-up school ID pictures will be taken in September.)

Cash is needed for the purchase of most items at registration. No bills over $20. Certain items can be purchased online. Visit the Walker website and look for the School Pay Parent Brochure for directions.

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<th>WALKER STUDENT PLANNER:</th>
<th>1st one free $5.00 for replacement</th>
<th>YEARBOOK:</th>
<th>$50.00 (optional—price subject to change)</th>
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<td>STUDENT ID CARD &amp; Lanyard (required)</td>
<td>1st one free $5.00 each for replacement</td>
<td>PTSA MEMBERSHIP</td>
<td>$10.00 (optional)</td>
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<td>PE UNIFORMS &amp; LOCKS: (sold @ registration/handed out 1st week of school; show receipt to PE teacher as proof of purchase to get uniform.)</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
<td>Price varies. Cash, check, credit card accepted</td>
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<td>CAFETERIA (optional)</td>
<td>Applications &amp; buy a prepaid lunch card</td>
<td>SCHOOL PICTURES:</td>
<td>Package options available (optional)</td>
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PLEASE KEEP RECEIPTS OF ALL PURCHASES FOR YOUR RECORDS

AERIES PARENT PORTAL

The AERIES Portal (Parent Connect) will provide parents with secure access to your student's information via the Internet. Through the Parent Portal, you will be able to view your student's:

- Grades (progress reports & report cards*)
- Attendance & Disciplinary Record
- Assignments
- Course Schedule
- Transcript
- State Test Results
- Immunization Records
- Teacher's Email Address

The Parent Portal requires an email address and self-created password.

The district will provide verification codes (VPC) – parents will have a single login for all students in the family.

To access the Parent Portal, go to http://www.walkerjhs.org

Important Dates for 2019/2020

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<td>Welcome to Walker (new students)</td>
<td>Dec. 23 - Jan 3</td>
<td>Winter Break</td>
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<td>Aug. 7</td>
<td>First Day of School</td>
<td>Jan. 20</td>
<td>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)</td>
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<td>Sep. 2</td>
<td>Labor Day (no school)</td>
<td>Jan. 31</td>
<td>Non-Student Day</td>
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<td>Oct. 4</td>
<td>End of 1st Qtr./Minimum Day</td>
<td>Feb. 10</td>
<td>Lincoln’s Birthday (no school)</td>
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<td>Oct. 7</td>
<td>Non-Student Day</td>
<td>Feb. 17</td>
<td>President’s Day (no school)</td>
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<td>Nov. 11</td>
<td>Veteran's Day (no school)</td>
<td>Mar. 6</td>
<td>End of 3rd Qtr./Minimum Day</td>
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<td>Nov. 25 – 29</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Break</td>
<td>Mar. 23 – 27</td>
<td>Spring Break</td>
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<td>Dec. 20</td>
<td>End of 2nd Qtr./Minimum Day</td>
<td>May 21</td>
<td>End of 4th Qtr./Minimum Day/Last Day</td>
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Welcome to Walker Junior High School home of the Vikings!

I am overjoyed to serve as principal of Walker Jr. High; an international destination school with unlimited possibilities. Alongside a caring and devoted staff I am proud to offer a wide variety of electives and academic courses that lead to high school pathways and college and career success. I personally believe in the power of diversity and student voice and choice, and Walker is a uniquely diverse campus that celebrates a multi-cultural experience and promotes civic engagement through student led community service learning projects and civic inquiry. Through our award winning programs we inspire confidence and encourage students to be Scholars, have a positive Attitude, get Involved, and be Leaders (SAIL). Through a focus on the 5 C’s—Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Compassion/Kindness—we offer students a 21st Century experience. Junior high is all about growing and developing our students into globally minded, independent, life-long learners who understand the idea of “yet” and that here at Walker they can be unlimited, or as we like to say, their Unlimited You!

The two years of junior high will fly by quickly. My tips for success and making the most of junior high are:

- Get involved: try playing a sport that is new to you in our after school Intramural program; join a club; take a class where you get to perform or create something for the school; participate in school activities (dances, lunchtime activities, Fun Run, etc.)
- Utilize your student planner to write down homework and events so you do not forget anything.
- Make a connection with at least one person in each class so if you have homework questions in the evening, you have someone you can contact for help or clarification.
- If you are struggling in any of your classes, see your teacher for help before the end of the quarter. We have tutoring opportunities before and after school as well.
- If you are having a problem at school, talk to an adult. We are here to help you succeed in junior high and beyond and are here to support you.
- Start thinking about your future. What do you want to be when you get older? What must you do to reach that goal? College? Technical training? Volunteering?
- Do your very best.
- Have fun. You will be amazed at how soon you will be filling out your course requests for high school.
**Food Services**

1. Free & Reduced Price Meal Applications can be submitted throughout the school year. SY19/20 applications will be available online the first week of July 2019: [https://anaheimuhsd.rocketscanapps.com/](https://anaheimuhsd.rocketscanapps.com/). It can take up to 10 days to process an application; please send your child to school with money or a lunch until your application is processed.
2. Parents/guardians can pre-pay for full price meals and check account balances online at: [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com).
3. Meal prices: Breakfast - $1.75, Lunch - $3.00 (prices for SY1920 will be posted online and in all cafeterias).
4. **Credit limit for AUHSD students:** Students will have a $6.00 credit limit. After this limit is reached, students will receive an alternate meal.
5. Special diet information and requirements are available on the Food Services website.
6. Breakfast & lunch menus are available on the Food Services website and are posted in all cafeterias.

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**Earned Income Tax Credit Information Act Communication**

Below is the specific language that LEAs must include when notifying households about the EITC. This language is in RTC Section 19854:

Based on your annual earnings, you may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit from the Federal Government (Federal EITC). The Federal EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The Federal EITC has no effect on certain welfare benefits. In most cases, Federal EITC payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, low-income housing, or most Temporary Assistance For Needy Families payments. Even if you do not owe federal taxes, you must file a federal tax return to receive the Federal EITC. Be sure to fill out the Federal EITC form in the Federal Income Tax Return Booklet. For information regarding your eligibility to receive the Federal EITC, including information on how to obtain the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notice 797 or any other necessary forms and instructions, contact the IRS by calling 1-800-829-3676 or through its website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

You may also be eligible to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (California EITC) starting with the calendar year 2015 tax year. The California EITC is a refundable state income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The California EITC is treated in the same manner as the Federal EITC and generally will not be used to determine eligibility for welfare benefits under California law. To claim the California EITC, even if you do not owe California taxes, you must file a California income tax return and complete and attach the California EITC Form (FTB 3514). For information on the availability of the credit eligibility requirements and how to obtain the necessary California forms and get help filing, contact the Franchise Tax Board at 1-800-852-5711 or through its website at [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov).

There are many options for notifying households about the EITC which may include in-person, electronic, mail, flyers, or by phone.

For additional information, refer to the IRS EITC web page at [https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit](https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit) or the California EITC Web page at [https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/faq/net/900.shtml](https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/faq/net/900.shtml).

**Contact Information**

If you have questions regarding this subject, please contact the IRS by phone at 800-829-3676 or through its website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You can also contact the Franchise Tax Board by phone at 800-852-5711 or through its website at [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov).

Thank you.
McKinney-Vento (Homeless) Assistance Program

Rights of Youth under McKinney-Vento (Homeless) Assistance Act
Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while you or the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is in the best interest of the student and is feasible.
- If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide a written explanation of its position and inform student/parent(s) of the right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children’s needs.

You are guaranteed enrollment in school of residence or school of origin (the school the child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled) by the federal McKinney-Vento Act and California state law if you live:
- In a shelter (family, domestic violence, or youth shelter or transitional living program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- In a house or apartment with more than one family because of economic hardship or loss
- In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the street
- In temporary foster care or with an adult who is not your parent or guardian
- In substandard housing (without electricity, water, or heat)
- With friends or family because you are a runaway or an unaccompanied youth

**NEED ASSISTANCE - Call the district's McKinney-Vento (Homeless) Liaison**
Adela Cruz, LCSW, PPSC
Program Administrator, McKinney-Vento & Foster Youth
Office: 714-999-7734
FOR STUDENTS THAT WILL BE ENTERING 7TH GRADE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parent/Guardian of a current 6th grade student:

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, all incoming 7th graders are required to meet immunization requirements for chickenpox (varicella) as well as whooping cough (pertussis) before they can attend classes. These requirements can be met through proof of 2 doses of the chickenpox vaccine and 1 dose of the whooping cough vaccine (known as Tdap).

A Tdap booster shot administered on or after the child’s 7th birthday will meet this requirement. (Tdap, Adacel, Boostrix, DTap, or DTP are all accepted. The tetanus-diphtheria booster vaccine, Td, will not meet the requirement.)

Please refer to The Parents Guide to Immunizations Required For School Entry on the back of this page.

We want to make sure your child will be able to start school in September. We encourage you to:

If needed, get your child’s Tdap and varicella immunization as soon as possible.
A large number of students need vaccines between now and the start of school in August. Avoid the back-to-school rush and make an appointment with your child’s doctor to get the needed vaccines. Free immunization clinics for qualified families are available. Local pharmacies are also available to give the vaccinations for a fee.

Save your proof of immunization.
Be sure to keep the written proof of your child’s varicella and Tdap booster vaccines. Your child will need to provide proof of immunization in order to start school.

Submit your proof of immunization now.
We encourage you to bring in proof of your child’s vaccines to your current school before the end of this school year. We will also accept proof of immunization at 7th grade registration.

Medical exemptions may be granted by a physician; a physician’s written note is required.

If you have any questions, please contact your school or visit shotsforschool.org.