



San Diego Unified School District

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School Safety Update (4-23-2019):

Several years ago the School's Site Governance Team (comprised of students, staff, and parents) decided to close off the school parking lot to students during the school day. Their decision was based on a school safety recommendation made by various police agencies. What they noted about the school is that it does not have fencing that surrounds the perimeter of the school, making it impossible to secure all entrance points and monitor visitors to the school.

The "No Access" policy to the parking lot during the school day is understood by most of our students. However, we're seeing an increase in the number of students going to their vehicles and some driving off campus without permission. Monitoring the parking lots, bathrooms, hallways, basketball courts, quad areas, and school exits continues to be a challenge given the number of staff we have on campus on any given day. The reality is that we simply can't be at all places students want to go- especially during lunch.

Because school safety is top priority, we will need to shift some of our resources (staffing) to secure the campus during school hours. Additionally, we will restrict access to certain areas during school hours and during the lunch period. Clear boundaries will be marked with white painted lines on the sidewalks and around various spots on campus, and students will be required to stay within the boundaries during school hours. Students arriving late or leaving early due to their community college class schedule will need to be prepared to show school staff proof they are authorized to be where they are accordingly.

As stated above, students are not allowed to go to their cars or be in the school parking lot during the school day. Those who are caught out of the approved perimeter boundaries will be required to attend Saturday School. Not attending Saturday School for the behavior infraction will result in a student being suspended from school.

Restricting access to certain parts of the school is not a new rule. What is new is the amount of time and resources we will be using to ensure a more secure and supervised area during school hours. Some gates will be closed and some exterior doors will be locked to help secure campus entry points to outsiders. While this may impact where some students spend their time during lunch, it will allow for better staff supervision to meet the school's safety needs.

Working together, we can maintain a healthy, fun, and secure campus for all. Please act responsibly, Cents. School safety is all of our jobs.

-The UCHS Administration