

Notes on 8th grade transition to High School:

- Gather query of 8th grade students in mid Jan. from Data Tech. with names, high school slated to attend and Parent emails.
- Work with Westview and Mt. Carmel on dates for Presentations. Typically Westview presents in Social Studies Classes (check with Mr. Strachan on a date that works for the 8th grade team. Mt. Carmel has presented in the Eagle Center at lunch. As the date approaches, make contact with 8th Graders attending Mt. Carmel to let them know to attend the lunch time presentation. Send out reminders on the day of. Place messages in the morning announcements as well.
- Send a general 8th grade email to all families (see below). Place information in the Parent Newsletter.
- Once you receive information from various HS. Call groups of students in that are not slated for Westview. Give them the CRF forms to take home.
- Send emails out to Parents who are slated to attend various HS other than Westview. Example..... Email to Poway High Parents. Another to RBHS Parents, Del Norte Parents, Mt. Carmel Parents. Let them know their child is slated to attend _____ school. Remind them of transfer request process. Explain to them that they will need to complete the course request process for their homeschool while waiting for their transfer request approval.

8th Grade Transition to High School

It's that time of year that we begin to start planning for our 8th graders' transition to high school. If you have an older child and have been through this, you are probably more at ease than a parent who is approaching this transition for the first time. Our 8th graders often feel great anticipation and excitement as they make the last major transition within their K-12 education. We hope that the information below addresses any questions that you might have. The MVMS Counselors and HS Counselors are here to help and guide you and your 8th grader through this transition.

What School Does My Child Attend?

Most of our Mesa Verde Families are slated for their 8th graders to attend Westview High School. We also have other families who are slated to attend Mt. Carmel High School, in addition to families that live in a zone that can choose either school. The families who can choose their high school will receive a letter from PUSD with a date by which they need to confirm their high school choice.

Lastly we have families with intradistrict transfers who may be slated to attend Poway HS, Rancho Bernardo HS, or Del Norte HS. If you reside within PUSD or outside of

PUSD boundaries and want your child to attend another high school which he/she is not slated to attend, you will need to complete a transfer request located on PUSD website: [Transfer Requests](#). This link contains transfer information on both intradistrict (residing within PUSD) and interdistrict (residing outside of PUSD). If you have completed a transfer request while your child is in middle school, you will need to complete another one to attend a HS outside of your residential boundary. Previous transfer requests are not automatic for the neighboring High School.

If you are requesting a transfer and you reside within PUSD, your child will still need to complete the course selection for the high school he/she should attend. Once the transfer request has been approved, the course selection will be transferred to the high school he/she is approved to attend. The transfer window is open from February 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025, until 5 pm.

Presentations:

On Thursday March 6th, all MVMS 8th grade students will hear presentations from a Westview School Counselor in their Language Arts or Social Studies Class. Westview will be hosting their Family Night on March 18th at Westview from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. [Flyer](#)

On Tuesday March 4th, all 8th grade students who are slated to attend Mt. Carmel (per their residential zone) will also be invited to attend a lunchtime presentation in the Eagle Center facilitated by a Mt. Carmel School Counselor. Any of our 8th grade students who are interested in hearing about Mt. Carmel are welcome to drop by and listen as well. We share this information in our morning announcements but feel free to tell your 8th grader as well. Mt. Carmel will be hosting their Family Night on March 11th at 5:00 pm. [Flyer](#)

- After these presentations, each HS will typically post their slideshow on their website.
- These evening Family Night Presentations are for both the student and parent/guardian to attend and go over much of the information that students hear when Counselors visit their school sites.
- In addition, this allows for an opportunity to get a feel of the layout of the campus.
- Families are welcome to attend any of the Family Night presentations at any of the schools (in case you want to know further information if you are thinking of a transfer request). Check the high school websites for further information (look under the Counseling tab).
- 8th grade students will need to begin to think about their course selection for high school and begin entering courses online through StudentVue when the window to do so opens. Each High School's time period may vary.

- o Students will learn when to do this after the presentations at school. Signing up for classes is not a first come first served concept. So, do not worry, students do not have to sign up on the very first day that the window opens. They do, however, want to make sure that they have entered courses before the window closes.
 - o Reminder: students awaiting an intradistrict transfer will complete courses for the high school of their zoned attendance area. Waiting does not mean that the student will be last to receive courses at your desired PUSD school.
- Students who have an IEP will additionally have a transition meeting scheduled in which course selection will be discussed.

Information re: All PUSD High School Course Selection and Family Nights
[8th Grade Course Request](#)

If you have questions along the way, you can reach out to Lisa Marcotte, MVMS Counselor: lmarcotte@powayusd.com