

Important Information for 2022-23 Dana Parents re: Scheduling, School Tours & Start Time

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Dana Parents,

You are receiving this email because your 4th grade and/or 5th grade child is scheduled to attend Dana Middle during the 2022-23 school year. Welcome!

At Dana, all faculty members realize the importance of building trusting relationships and a strong sense of community. Our goal is that students leave Dana as thoughtful and productive citizens with a sense of purpose, integrity and a curiosity about the world in which they live.

LEARN ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

There are a variety of ways you can learn about the instructional program at our school.

- **Parent Tours** - We conduct in person school tours once a month. [Click this link to learn more.](#)
- **Student Tours** - We postponed our January in person student tours due to COVID and are in the process of rescheduling these events. Stay tuned for more information.
- **Attend our Spring Parent Breakfast** - Come have fun at our informal virtual breakfast! Principal Irwin, Vice Principal Perkins, and FoDaC Directors will share all of the exciting ways Dana parents are involved with their child's experience at the middle level. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **Visit Us Online** - Explore our electives program. View student generated Dana Mariner News broadcasts. Read the FAQ section for answers to your questions. Learn about Dana eBlasts. Visit us today at www.danamiddle.com and look for the [link to New Parents.](#)
- **View** our [Catch The Wave](#) parent flyer today!

SELECTING ELECTIVES

All students at Dana will be scheduled into a year-long elective class. We need your input! Families should review our list of elective options and submit your top five choices electronically using our online form. Choose your electives thoughtfully. Review the [elective descriptions](#) on this page prior to making your decision. You Can also view our [Elective Program overview video.](#)

Click the links below to submit your elective choices:

- [5th grade form](#)
- [6th grade form](#)

Complete this form by Friday, February 18th. Failure to complete this form, or failure to comply with the instructions above, will result in elective placement by the Counselor.

[Students requesting ASB as an elective must complete a separate application.](#)

2022-23 START TIME

On Friday, January 21st the San Diego Unified School District announced the start time for Dana Middle School will be adjusted from 7:35 AM to 8:00 AM. This change will take place at the start of the 2022-23 school year. Families should make arrangements to have their child arrive on campus no earlier than 7:40 AM. Morning supervision is not available prior to this time and minors cannot be left unsupervised in front of our school.

Our PrimeTime program offers childcare options for our families. Their 2022-23 application window is scheduled for March 7th 2022 - April 15th 2022. [Families should follow this link to learn more about our PrimeTime program.](#)

We currently do not have any available spaces in our PrimeTime program. We contacted the Extended Learning Office to request additional space to accommodate families who may need assistance with childcare during the 2022-23 school year. The PrimeTime program is funded by the After School Education and Safety (ASES) grant at a per school level as determined by the State of California. The State has not offered an opportunity to apply for additional before school funds in over ten years. The Extended Learning Office is exploring other funding options. We will continue to share information with families as it becomes available.

MY CHILD WILL NOT ATTEND DANA

Families who are moving their child to another school for the 2022-23 school year are asked to complete our schedule planning form. ([5th grade form](#) - [6th grade form](#)) Please check the “*I DO NOT plan on attending Dana for the 22/23 school year*” box on the form and skip entering elective information. We are more than willing to re-enroll your child at a later date in the event you change your mind.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Dana Middle School Special Education Department consists of five Educational Specialists who provide services to students and oversee case management responsibilities. Starting in February, our team will begin the transition process by reaching out to your child's current case manager. We expect to conduct individual transition meetings with families of students with

disabilities in May. We will provide you with the name of your child's new case manager in August.

STAY CONNECTED

Just because your child is making the transition to a new school doesn't mean your involvement in your child's education needs to stop. We have a variety of ways you can stay connected:

- **Join The Friends of Dana and Correia Middle Schools parent foundation (FoDaC)** - We are the collaborative 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves both schools, creates a more collective 4-year experience for students and families, and increases the parent volunteer participation and fundraising opportunities at both middle schools in our cluster. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **Follow Us Online** - All parents receive weekly informational updates from the school. Your email address will be automatically activated in September but you can follow us today. We update our website weekly.
 - [Click this link to view our latest news articles.](#)
 - [Click this link to view our newsletter archive.](#)

NEXT STEPS

- **March - July 2022** - Our master schedule team will collect current student data and create student schedules.
- **April 2022** - We will contact you regarding our [Honors program](#) and provide your family with options for you to consider.
- **May 2022** - [Attend our incoming parent breakfast](#)
- **Early August 2022** - Parents will receive a welcome letter with important information about the upcoming school year.
- **Late August 2022** - We will conduct an in-person student orientation where students can explore the campus and meet their teachers. Your child will receive a copy of their schedule at this event.

Please feel free to contact our counseling staff with any questions you might have.

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