



Freese Arts and Culture Magnet School

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2010-11

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San Diego Unified School District's Mission Statement

All San Diego students will graduate with the skills, motivation, curiosity and resilience to succeed in their choice of college and career in order to lead and participate in the society of tomorrow.

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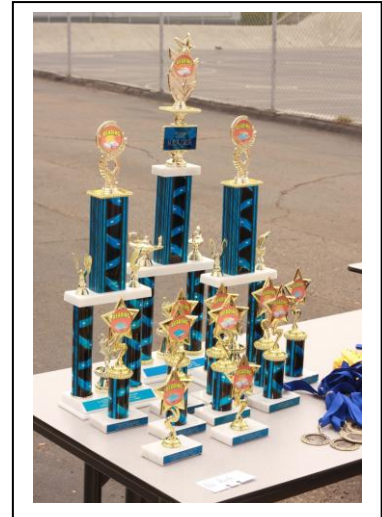
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Principal's Message

Welcome to Freese Elementary Arts and Culture Magnet School. Freese is an exciting place, full of strong and rich learning experiences in reading, mathematics, the arts and more. I invite all students to open your minds to the learning offered here. Here are just three of the exciting learning experiences planned for the 2010-11 school year:

- 120,000,000 (one hundred twenty million) words on Scholastic Reading Counts by May 20, 2011! That's right. We are challenging Freese students to read even more than they did last year. With everyone doing their part, we will make our goal.
- enVision Mathematics is our new mathematics series. It will be available online for students both at school and at home. With lots of exploration of mathematical concepts and every lesson explained online, we know students will achieve great knowledge in mathematics.
- Arts and Culture galore! Once again, through our magnet program we are looking forward to activities in visual arts, music, dance, and theatre. We will have assemblies and field trips as well as events to celebrate arts and culture at Freese.



With all the exciting learning planned for the 2010-11 school year, it is important to remember our Freese Expectations:

Respect yourself. ♦ Respect others. ♦ Respect learning. ♦ Choose to do right.

We will be learning about and revisiting these concepts all year long. With these expectations in place, combined with the powerful learning that is planned for this year, there are no limits to the successes Freese students will be able to achieve in school, in college, and in life. Let's work together to make great things happen around teaching and learning this year!

Mrs. Alma Hills, Principal

Start and Dismissal Times at Freese

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
9:05 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Tuesdays (Modified Day)
9:05 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Students are expected to be inside classrooms and ready to work when the 9:05 a.m. bell rings.

Gates open for students 8:55 a.m.

Remember!

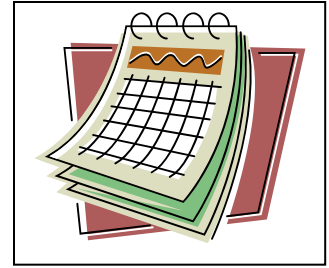
Come to school every day, on time, and stay until the end, unless you are sick.

Your attendance makes a big difference in your learning.

Important Dates

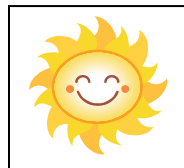
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Sept. 7 First day of School
September 21 Open House
November 7.....Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 11Veteran’s Day Observance
Nov. 15-Nov. 19....Minimum Days/Parent Conferences
November 22 – 26 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 20 – Dec. 31 Winter Break



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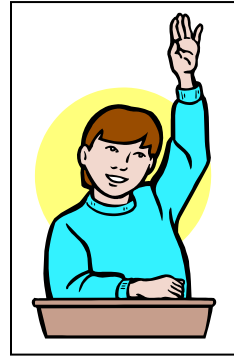
January 3 School resumes
January 17.....Martin Luther King Observance
Feb. 1 - Feb 2.....OCILE for 4th & 5th graders
(4th – Old Town, 5th – Balboa Park)
February 11 Lincoln Observance
February 21 Washington Observance
March 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 16-18.....Minimum Days/Parent Conferences
April 4 - April 8 Spring Break
Apr. 21 – May 12.....STAR Testing Window
May 20... Spring Open House Festival
May 30 Memorial Day Observance
June 13..... 5th grade Promotion
June 13 Last Day of School/Minimum Day



Attendance

At Freese, we are striving to ensure every student is proficient at grade level skills. In order to accomplish this goal, attendance is critical. All students should come to school every day unless they are sick. Here are some points around attendance that will be helpful:

- **Arrive on time everyday** – The first bell rings at 8:55 a.m. and school starts at 9:05 a.m. Every tardy has a negative effect on learning. Be on time! Every minute counts!
- **Stay at school all day** – The last bell rings at 3:35 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The last bell rings at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. Leaving before that time negatively impacts learning. Parents are asked to please make medical and other appointments outside the school day. Learning happens at Freese the entire school day. Every minute counts!



Arriving late, leaving early, and being absent, negatively impacts academic growth and achievement. It is extremely important for students to attend school every day, arrive on time and stay for the entire school day. Students with poor attendance may be referred to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). Let's make 2010-11 the best school year ever for attendance!

Student Arrival and Departure

- Students arrive at school only through the main gate located at the front of the school, between **8:40 a.m. and 8:55 a.m.** each day—unless they are enrolled in Prime Time Before-School-Academic Programs.



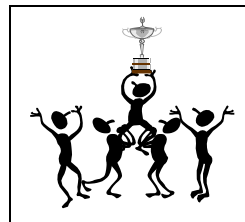
- Before the bell, students must line up at their designated grade level line in the front hallway. They may not wander throughout campus. Once the bell rings, students wait for their grade level to be called. When a grade level is called, students in that grade level walk through the entrance and to their classroom. Running through the hallway is never allowed.
- The dismissal bell rings at 3:35 p.m. every day except Tuesdays. Tuesday dismissal is at 12:45 p.m. All students walk to the front of the school in an orderly manner with their teachers at dismissal. Students are not to leave their dismissal lines, until dismissed by teachers, to go home, to Prime Time or to pick up kindergarteners.
- Kindergarten students are dismissed from their classrooms. All authorized persons - parents, as well as siblings, friends, cousins, etc. - must wait at the front gate prior to student dismissal. Waiting for students outside their classrooms is not permitted.

Freese's Formula for Success

Students of Freese, like members of any community, have both rights and responsibilities. It is the job of the school to protect these rights and insist upon students fulfilling these responsibilities. The Freese Formula for Success will ensure that learning and student achievement will thrive at Freese. Here are expectations for all in the Freese community.

❖ **EXPECTATION #1 - Respect yourself.**

- *For example, take pride in your work, be honest, use appropriate language, take responsibility for your actions, ignore negative comments, etc.*



❖ **EXPECTATION #2 - Respect others.**

- *For example, respect others' personal space and property, keep hands/feet to yourself, listen/wait for your turn, use physical/verbal self control, etc.*

❖ **EXPECTATION #3 - Respect learning.**

- *For example, attend school daily, be on time and prepared to learn, participate in class, turn in completed class/home assignments, do your best in school work, etc.*

❖ **EXPECTATION #4 - Choose to do right.**

- *For example, comply promptly, compromise when necessary, follow directions and rules, bring appropriate snacks, work cooperatively, etc.*

Consequences

Freese students who choose to break the Freese Formula for Success will receive consequences that may include the following:

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| ❖ Verbal warning, with opportunity for self-correction | ❖ Parent Contact |
| ❖ Student completion of a Freese Behavior Chart with a plan to behave appropriately | ❖ Exclusion from activities |
| ❖ Time out in a different classroom along with completion of Freese Behavior Chart | ❖ Referral to Counselor |
| | ❖ Referral to Principal |
| | ❖ Detention |
| | ❖ Suspension |
| | ❖ Involvement of Law Enforcement |

Rewards and Positive Reinforcement

Freese students who choose to follow the Freese Formula for Success are recognized and appreciated for their good behavior. Students may receive praise, awards, positive notes, special privileges, Principal's Bonus Club membership, recognition at Freese Award Assemblies, prizes, and more.



This year, Freese Golden Acts tickets will also be issued for exceptional positive acts that Freese staff members see students performing. A monthly drawing of the Freese Golden Acts tickets will be held in which students may win school supplies.

Meals at School

Free breakfast and lunch are provided for our students at Freese Elementary. Breakfast is served first thing in the classroom each school day. Students arriving late to school will miss the opportunity for breakfast at school. All students receive daily a fifty minute lunch/recess time. Students may bring their own lunch from home if they wish. If a lunch is brought from home, all items in the lunch must conform to the following lunch guidelines:

- ✓ Students may bring a **NUTRITIOUS** lunch to school. Nutritious lunches include items like healthy sandwiches, vegetables, fruit or crackers.
- ✓ Items such as **GUM, CANDY, DRY NOODLES, CHIPS, CHEETOS, AND SODA** are not **APPROPRIATE** as a lunch item. Please do not bring these items to school.

Since both breakfast and lunch are provided inside the school day, Freese will no longer offer a snack time, so please do not bring snacks to school.

School Rules

Although teachers have established specific standards for classroom behavior, the following rules cover school standards that must be followed by all students. Students are expected to:

1. Follow directions of all staff members at all times.
2. Come to school on time and remain at school until dismissal.
3. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
4. Walk, never run, while on school campus except as permitted at recess and P. E.
5. Dispose of trash properly.
6. Bring only nutritious lunches from home.
7. Bring only school approved materials to school.
8. Keep school materials/property clean and free from graffiti and inappropriate markings.
9. Exercise proper hygiene by regularly bathing, brushing teeth and wearing clean clothes.
10. Use appropriate language at all times. Cursing and shouting are never permitted.
11. Treat all staff members and students with respect. Hitting, fighting, bullying, and defiance are never permitted.
12. Come directly to school in the morning. Do not stop at stores or other locations as you walk to school. Do not leave campus once you have arrived at school.
13. Go directly home or to a parent approved location after dismissal.
14. Follow the directions of the School Safety Patrol when crossing the street.

Freese Reminders

Before School

- I will NOT arrive before 8:40 a.m. (Unless I am in the PRIMETIME program)
- I will walk ONLY on sidewalks, not play in the park or surrounding areas instead of walking to school.
- I will not go to the store before school.
- I will ONLY cross at the marked corner cross walks.
- I will ONLY enter campus through the main gate at the front of the school.
- As soon as I arrive I will LINE UP QUIETLY at my grade level line.
- I will KEEP my hands and feet to myself while in my grade level line.
- I will NOT PLAY on the lawn or hallways during line up time.
- I may request permission, if necessary from the morning duty supervisor to walk to the bathroom and return promptly.

After School

- I will walk at all times.
- If I am in kindergarten, I may not leave without my teacher's permission.
- I will obey school rules as I walk home each day.
- If no one has come to pick me up, I will follow the directions of the after school supervisors and office staff.
- I will go home immediately upon dismissal and check in at home.

In the Bathrooms

- I will use a quiet voice in the bathrooms.
- I will not play, run or hide in the bathrooms.
- I will respect others' right to privacy.
- I will treat school property with care and respect.
- I will not waste paper or water in the bathrooms.
- I will place all paper in the proper containers.

In the Lunch Arbor and Cafeteria

- I will respect and follow the directions of all Freese lunch supervisors.
- I will stand quietly in the lunch line, not cutting in front of others nor allowing others to cut.
- I will use a quiet and respectful voice.
- I will use good manners and language.
- I will keep my hands to myself.
- I will not throw food.
- I will raise my hand and wait to be excused.
- I will dispose of my lunch trash and stack my tray properly.
- I will not take food out to the playground.
- I will walk to the playground when I am excused from lunch.

Freese Reminders continued

During Recess

- I will play only at the playground, and never in bathrooms.
- I will follow the rules of the games.
- I will respect others' rights and keep hands and feet to myself.
- I will use equipment in designated areas.
- I will stay out of classrooms.
- I will get a drink and go to the bathroom BEFORE the bell rings.
- When the end-of-recess bell rings, I will “freeze” by stopping and dropping to a stooped position until the whistle is blown. When a staff member blows the whistle, I will rise and walk to my class line in an orderly fashion.

In the Library

- I will work/read quietly and be considerate of others in the library.
- I will use my time wisely.
- I will use materials and equipment according to directions.
- I will clean up after myself.
- I will follow the directions of the adults promptly and politely.
- I will be responsible for lost books and damage to books and equipment.

In the Classroom

- I will do my best to learn and complete my assignments.
- I will respect my teacher at all times by following directions and maintaining a good attitude.
- I will respect my classmates at all times, treating others the way I want to be treated.
- I will follow classroom rules and agreements.

During Arts and Culture Magnet Activities

- I will be respectful while working with magnet artists.
- I will act responsibly, following directions and putting forth my best effort.
- I will treat all property with care.
- I will encourage my classmates as they try new things.
- I will not tease or make mean-spirited comments.



Hallway Behavior

- I will always carry a hall pass when walking in the hallways during school time.
- I will walk, not run, at all times in the hallways.
- I will obey all Freese staff members in the hallways. Staff members are identified by their SDUSD badges.
- I will use a quiet and respectful voice in the hallways.
- I understand that if I am caught running in the hallway, I will be required to return to the point of origin and walk.

Dress Code

Students are expected to wear modest clothing that is comfortable and appropriate for school. Students must:

1. Wear closed shoes at all times. Sandals and high heels are not permitted.
 2. Pants must be worn at waist level—No “sagging” pants.
 3. Hats and hoods must be worn only outdoors and properly.
 4. Bandanas are not allowed, nor are any clothing that promotes gangs.
 5. No make-up, long nails, or distracting jewelry.
 6. Shorts, skorts, skirts and dresses should come at least to mid-thigh. (No short shorts, skorts, skirt and dresses.)
 7. Blouses/shirts must cover stomach and/or mid-section.
 8. Spaghetti straps, halters, cropped tops are not allowed.
 9. Only messages that are appropriate for elementary school are allowed on clothing.
 10. No suggestive clothing or slogans are allowed.
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Cell Phones

Cell phone use is limited to before or after school. Cell phones must be kept out of sight and turned off during the instructional program, in classrooms and at lunch time. School officials may take the device away if it is being used during times not permitted.

IPODS, Digital Devices, Toys

Bring only school approved materials to school. Teachers will inform students of approved school materials, as those items vary according to grade level. Ipods, MP3 Players, Gameboys, PSP players, toys, games and digital devices are not allowed at school. Do not bring toys, games or digital devices to school.

Zero Tolerance

Freese enforces the Zero Tolerance Policy of the San Diego Unified School District. Zero Tolerance prohibits the possession and/or use of weapons of any kind on a school campus. The policy includes any objects being used as a weapon as well as weapon facsimiles (e.g. toy guns, etc.) Also, students who have been involved in repeated fighting may be subject to zero tolerance guidelines.

Harassment

Sexual harassment in any form will not be tolerated. If violations occur, disciplinary action will be taken. Any discrimination on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex, or handicap will not be tolerated.

Bicycles and Other Wheels

Bike riding, scooter riding, skating, and skateboarding, are not allowed on school grounds at any time. Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Grades 4-5 students may ride bikes to school. You must wear a helmet and keep your bike locked in the bike rack. Students riding bikes to campus must get off the bike and walk it at all times when on campus.

Playground Equipment Rules

Basic rules: follow the arrows – climb up, slide down, keep moving. Students must have adult supervision nearby at all times while using equipment.

1. No running, pushing, hitting, pulling, shoving, or tagging while on the equipment or pad area.
 2. No standing or sitting on or on top of equipment.
 3. No jumping off equipment to the pad.
 4. Slide down the slide, feet first, one person at a time, getting out of the way, before another slides.
 5. No spinning on chinning bars.
 6. No upside down dropping off of bars.
 7. No standing, sitting, crawling, lying or playing under the equipment.
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Freese Song

To the tune of "You're a Grand Old Flag"

**We are Freese kids and we're the best in the land
We are smart, we are kind, and we care
We work real hard and we do our part
To make our community strong**

**Every heart beats true for the tan and the blue
Where Freese tigers learn and grow
And everyone will always know
Freese tigers are Number One!
"GO FREESE!"**

Freese Student Creed

**We are Freese kids
And we're the very best
We will work extra hard
We won't settle for less**

**We will be on task
We will follow each rule
We will learn something new
Today in school**

**We will make ourselves proud
And our community shine
We will remember to be
Respectful and kind**

**We will always keep learning
Because learning is fun
Our education is important
Our education is number one**

