Ball Junior High

Home of the Blackhawks





Parent-Student Handbook

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Principal's Message

Dear Ball Junior High School Students and Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you as the newest members of our Blackhawk family for the 2020-21 school year. My name is Dr. Karen Dabney-Lieras, and I am honored to serve as the Principal of Ball Junior High School. We have an exciting year planned for and there will be many opportunities for parents to be involved in our school community.

We encourage all of our students take full advantage of the many programs we offer. Being actively involved in these programs helps students feel connected to our school, and gives them an opportunity to find out what they are most passionate about. We provide many opportunities for students to develop their academic skills and artistic and athletic talents over the two short years they are with us. Ball Junior High School is also a Visual and Performing Arts Academy Pathway with award winning programs in band, choir, art and theatre and we are excited to also offer dance this year.

Our staff is dedicated to empowering all Blackhawks to be creative problem solvers, critical thinkers, and inspired life-long learners. We encourage our students to make the world a better place by demonstrating integrity, perseverance, kindness and respect toward others. A list of our clubs, activities and special programs can be found on our website at www.balljhs.org. You may also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest updates and events happening at our school.

We look forward to welcoming you and your student to our Blackhawk family. We value your involvement and partnership with us in ensuring your child's success. With your support, we will work to develop your child's unique talents and interests, and provide them with a foundation for success in high school, college and beyond.

Should you have any questions about our school, or about programs we offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dr. Karen Dabney-Lieras, Principal (714) 999-3663 dabney_k@auhsd.us

OUR VISION:

We are a partnership of students, families, staff and our community. Together we create a caring inclusive environment that supports the growth of personal, academic, creative and real-world skills. We build resilient students who are empowered to realize their full potential and work toward their dreams.

Important Numbers and Dates

FREQUENTLY CALLED TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Call 714-999-3663 then press the proper extension for the office you want to contact:

Attendance Office	Ext. 2
Cafeteria	Ext. 8
Counseling Office	Ext. 4
Health Office	Ext. 6
Library	Ext. 9
Main Office	Ext. 3
Parent Center	Ext. 7
Registration	Ext. 5

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2020-2021

August 12, 2020	First day of school
October 9, 2020	End of First Quarter – Minimum day
December 18, 2020	End of Semester - Minimum day
March 12, 2021	End of Third Quarter – Minimum day
May 27, 2021	Last Day of School Minimum day

HOLIDAYS AND VACATION DAYS (NON-STUDENT DAYS)

September 7, 2020	Labor Day (Holiday)
October 12, 2020	Staff Development Day – Non-Student day
November 11, 2020	Veteran's Day (Holiday)
November 23 – 27, 2020	Thanksgiving Break
December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021	
January 29, 2021	Staff Development Day – Non-Student day
February 8, 2021	Lincoln's Birthday (Holiday)
February 15, 2021	President's Day (Holiday)
March 22-26, 2021	Spring Break

BALL JUNIOR HIGH 2020-21

The Partners in Learning Agreement outlines how parents, students, and the entire school staff will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement, intellectual, emotional and physical growth.

STUDENT

Because I want to be successful in school, I will:

- Go to class on time, ready to learn and with assignments completed.
- Set aside time each day to complete my homework assignments.
- Be responsible for my own behavior by following classroom and school rules.
- Follow the school's dress code.
- Regularly talk to my teachers and parents about my progress in school.
- Ask for help or attend tutoring when needed.
- Respect my school, classmates, staff, and family.
- Read independently at home at least 30 minutes each day.
- Use technology and social media appropriately and responsibly.

HOME

As a parent, I will:

- Talk to my child regularly about the value of education.
- Provide a guiet study time and place for my child at home.
- Encourage my child to complete his/her homework on time.
- Make sure my child gets adequate sleep and has a healthy diet.
- Support the school's/district's homework, discipline, dress code, and attendance policies.
- Communicate with the school when I have a concern.
- Monitor my child's progress in school.
- Make every effort to attend school events.
- Participate in decisions related to the education of my child.
- Monitor time on TV, electronic devices, social media, and assure that my child reads at least 30 minutes each day.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

SCHOOL

As a teacher, I will:

- Provide high-quality, motivating and interesting learning experiences in my classroom.
- Communicate high expectations for every student.
- Strive to address the individual learning needs of each student.
- Explain classroom goals and the grading system to students and parents.
- Explain classroom and school codes of student conduct to parents and students.
- Explain assignments clearly to my students.
- Supply clear evaluation of your child's progress and achievement.
- Communicate regularly with families about their child's progress in school.

Blackhawk Parent Center

RESOURCES FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Our Parent Center is located on our campus in the front building, Room 8. Here you can find information on community resources such as medical/dental assistance, individual/family counseling, hygiene care, etc. The Parent Center also organizes our Free Farmer's Market. Other information that is available to you in the Parent Center is:

- Parent Involvement Opportunities (meetings, trainings, workshops, volunteering, etc.)
- Aeries Parent Portal assistance
- Our FACES also hosts monthly parent events such as Coffee with the Principal, Parent Learning Walks, E.L.A.C. and more.

Center Hours: Open Monday – Friday 7:30am-4:00pm

Contact Number: Office: (714) 999-3663 Ext 8

Cell: 714-949-7668

Contact Person: Irlanda Orta-Rodriguez

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McKinney-Vento

HOMELESS EDUCATION ACT

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing, your child might be eligible for certain educational rights and services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.

Eligibility for McKinney-Vento Services if your family lives

- In a shelter,
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation,
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station, or
- Doubled-up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

If any of the above applies, then your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

Your McKinney-Vento eligible children have the right to

- 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 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 your preference.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

*If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.

Have questions or need assistance? Call the McKinney-Vento Liaison

Dr. Adela Cruz, LCSW, PPSC; Coordinator, School Mental Health

McKinney-Vento (Homelessness)/ Foster Youth Email: cruz_ad@auhsd.us Office: 714-999-7734

Registration for 2020-21

Dear Students, Parents, or Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year. We at Ball JHS are planning another excellent year for students and staff. Your enrollment for the 2020-21 school year will depend on your completion of the necessary registration forms. Please go to www.balljhs.org for more information on what you will need in order to complete the registration process.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 12TH, 2020 – 7:55 AM

Phase 1- Aeries Online Enrollment- OPEN NOW!



In order to complete Phase 1 enrollment, you MUST have an Aeries PARENT PORTAL account. If you do not have an account, you can create one with your personal email by going to our website **www.balljhs.org** and click on the Aeries Portal icon. Begin completing the Aeries Enrollment. Make sure that all of the sections are completed.

If you have any password questions, email passwords@auhsd.us

Phase 2- Registration on campus- July 28-31



Once you've completed Aeries Online Enrollment, you should have a printed Emergency Card, which you will bring on your assigned date and times.

Make sure to bring your "Ticket to Register" **signed!**

NEW STUDENTS TO AUHSD

Any new students to Anaheim Union High School District not coming to us from our feeder elementary schools, must enroll in Aeries Air before completing Phases 1 & 2. Please go to: https://aeriesair.auhsd.us/air/ and complete the steps.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Any student who does not appear at his/her appointed time may lose their choice of electives selected in the spring and will have to be re-scheduled into a new set of available classes. Any student who is not able to come to registration should have a parent, relative or friend bring in the materials. Schedules will be distributed to students during registration as well as some textbooks.

Registration for 2020-2021

WHAT TO DO:

Student/Parents should report to the CHECK-IN STATION on the days and times listed below with their forms completed and signed.

8th Grade

TUESDAY, JULY 28

REPORT BY LAST NAME

7:30 AM A-F

8:30 AM G-L

9:30 AM M-P

10:30 AM R-S

11:30 AM T-Z

MAKE- UP REGISTRATION

7TH AND 8TH GRADE

Friday, July 31 8am-12 noon

7th Grade

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

REPORT BY LAST NAME

7:30 AM A-B

8:30 AM C-E

9:30 AM F-G

10:30 AM H-J

11:30 AM K-L

THURSDAY, JULY 30

REPORT BY LAST NAME

7:30 AM M-O

8:30 AM P-R

9:30 AM S

10:30 AM T

11:30 AM U-Z

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING REGISTRATION.

UNIFORM POLO SHIRTS	ASB Card 8 th Grade	\$20.00
\$12.00	ASB Card 7 th Grade	15.00
	Yearbook	40.00
 Gray Polo 	Yearbook/ASB Card Co	mbo
 Black Polo 	8 th Grade	55.00
White Polo	7 th Grade	50.00
Gold Polo	PTSA Membership	
CDIDIT CUIDTE \$40.00	PE SHORTS	10.00
SPIRIT SHIRTS\$10.00	PE SHIRT	10.00
	PE LOCK	5.00
	Ball Sweatshirts	20.00
	Ball Jacket/Windbreaker	28 00

Immunization Requirements

STUDENTS ADMITTED AT TK/K-12 NEEDTHE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATIONS:

STARTING JULY 1, 2020

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTap, DTP, Tdap, or Td) 5 doses
 (4 Doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday. 3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday)

 For 7th-12th graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday.
- Polio (OPV or IPV) 4 doses
 (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Hepatitis B 3 doses
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) 2 doses (Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) 2 doses

PLEASE PROVIDE COPY IF NOT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.

LIBRARY

Please be aware that students who have charges for instructional materials, which were issued and not returned, or returned damaged, will need to clear these charges prior to registration. Students with library books checked out and not returned or returned overdue, will also need to clear these charges prior to registration. Students are responsible for returning books in useable condition or pay charges for lost or damaged materials.

Our Library will be open for business on the first day of school. BLACK HAWKS are encouraged to visit and check out a book from our collection of over 18,000 books and graphic novels. Several items are available in Spanish and English, or other languages. Students may check out up to three item at a time, for a checkout period of two weeks. Items may be "renewed" twice for another two weeks, if needed. The library also provides access to multiple databases and additional online resources, like audiobooks, test prep, and free online homework help through our partnership with the Anaheim Public Library (i.e., ACES). Come to the library to read, study, work on group projects, and explore ideas. Visit our library website to learn more about all of the helpful online resources your library provides at

Library website



Library catalog

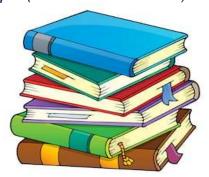


https://sites.google.com/auhsd.us/balljhlibrary/general-info

https://auhsd.booksys.net/opac/balljhs/index.html#menuHome

The Library Media Technician, Ms. Castaneda will be available beginning July 29th.

Library Hours: 7:00am-3:30pm (closed 10:30am-11:30am)



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Earned Income Tax Credit Act

(EITC) INFORMATION ACT

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.

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.



Free & Reduced Lunch Benefits

EXTENDED BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

There are many benefits for students who are approved as eligible for free and/or reduced meals through the National School Lunch Program.

- A healthy, delicious breakfast and lunch each day at school
- \$15 AP Testing Regularly \$94 per AP Test
- Free 11th Grade PSAT Regularly \$16
- Free SAT Testing (up to 2 opportunities) Regularly \$64.50 each opportunity
- Free college application fees at participating colleges or universities including all California State and University of California schools - Regularly \$55 to \$80 each
- Free unlimited sending of SAT scores to colleges Regularly \$12 each

AUHSD also benefits as the school district receives additional funding for each student eligible for free and/or reduced meals. This funding is currently used in AUHSD to support additional social workers, counselors, and teachers, as well as improved and increased services for students.

There are two ways to submit your application. One way is to complete a paper Application for Free and Reduced Lunch and return it to your child's school. A second, and fastest, way is to complete an online application (see below).

Please note that it can take up to 10 days to process the application. Once processed, you will receive a letter via US Mail. It is necessary to keep this letter to document eligibility

Free & Reduced Lunch Application

FREE & REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

- 1. Free & Reduced price meal applicatio0ns can be submitted throughout the school year. SY20/21 applications will be available online the first week of July 2020:
 - 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 meal history balances online at: www.schoolpay.com
- 3. Meal prices: Breakfast \$1.75, Lunch \$3.00
- 4. Special diet information and requirements are available on the Food Services website.
- 5. Breakfast and Lunch menus are available on the Food Services website and are posted in all cafeterias.

Attendance & Tardy Policy

Parents, your student matters! Together we can help them on their way to earn a high school diploma! It all begins with having regular school attendance. Showing up to school each day is the beginning to their success. Please familiarize yourself with the school's absence and tardy policy below.

ABSENCES

Section 48205 of the Californian Education Code lists eight valid reasons for students to miss school. The reasons are listed under the attendance policy pages.

State Education code defines a habitual truant as any student who misses more than three days (unexcused/unverified). Students who are habitual truants WILL BE referred to the School Attendance Review Board for consideration by the District Attorney.

PROCEDURE FOLLOWING AN ABSENCE:

Please call the attendance office the day of the absence. 714-999-3663 Ext 2. If phone contact is not possible, please send a note with the student the first day back and have your student turn the note into the attendance office. Absences not verified by a signed written note or a call into the attendance office will be marked unexcused. You may also email the attendance secretary. Illnesses may be verified by the parent up to two days from the date of the absence. Illnesses of longer duration or that are chronic and cause the student to miss a few days each week or month will require a doctor's note. Automated calls will go out twice daily as a reminder for parents to call the school.

PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY:

Student brings a signed note from parent to attendance office before school and gets an early release form. If the office does not have adequate notice, the parent may be waiting until the end of the class period to have student released. Parent, guardian or person on contact list must provide photo ID to sign out students.

TARDINESS

Arriving on time is a critical life skill. Ball works hard to instill this in every student. In addition to limited student participation in special events based on tardies, period truancies and overall attendance percentages, the teacher may also assign consequences for being tardy. Teachers will also contact parents via progress reports and/or phone calls when attendance is affecting the student's grade.

Important Links

You will be asked during the registration process to verify that you have read the school's policy pages and annual notifications. Here are the links:

SCHOOL POLICY PAGES

https://ball.auhsd.us/Ball/

Policies are listed under the tab "About Us"

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

https://www.auhsd.us/district/index.php/parents/notification-to-parents-guardians

Create Aeries Parent Portal Account

CREATING A NEW AERIES ACCOUNT

If you do not already have a Parent Portal Account it is very easy to create however you will also need an active email address to create your Aeries Portal Account. **You will first need to obtain the Student ID, Telephone and VPC code from your school site.** To create a new Parent Portal account visit https://aeriesconnect.auhsd.us/auconnect. The following Login screen will display. Click on **Create New Account**.



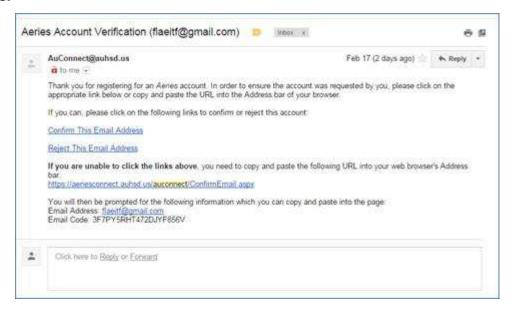
Step 1 - select Parent for Account Type. Click Next.



<u>Step 2</u> - enter a valid email address and password. Click **Next**.

Please Enter The	e Following Information About Yourself		
Email Address:	flaeitf@gmail.com		
Verify Email Address:	fiaeitf@gmail.com		
Password:	Motorbolic Co.		
ReType Password:			
Before continuing, Pleas	will be sent to your email address from: AuConnect@auhsd.us se add this email address to your "contacts" or list to ensure you receive this email.		

<u>Step 3</u> - check your email for an **Aeries Account Verification**. Click on **Confirm this Email Address**.

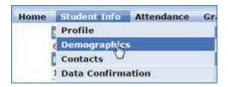


A message will display. Return to Login Page and Login to Aeries Parent Portal.



<u>Step 4</u> - enter your Students Permanent ID, Home Telephone number and Verification code. This information can be obtained from the Registrar at your school site. Click **Next**.

You should then be able to access the Student Information that is available.





PBIS	Enter/Exit Classroom	Direct Instruction	Transitions	Individual Work	Group Work

DOSITIVE	Enter and exit orderly Greet staff at the door	Active listening Face and look at the teacher/presenter Politely ask questions	Be mindful of others' personal space, materials and time	Politely ask teacher for clarification Raise hand and patiently wait for recognition	Be open-minded to new ideas Be diplomatic and empathetic with group members
RESPECT	Go to and sit in assigned seat promptly	Be patient and wait to ask questions when teacher/ presenter is finished speaking Face forward with feet under desk/table	Keep hands to yourself Use insides voice	Write legibly Work to complete task with accuracy Be mindful of peers working in area	Speak and work with others kindly "Ask three before me" Work as a team
INTEGRITY	Use inside voice	Focused on task Actively engaged with instruction with 100% effort	Follow directions quietly and quickly	Give your best effort Focus on task and ignore distractions	Respect differences with opinions and personalities Think before you speak
DILIGENCE	Take off backpack and take out materials Read board for agenda and objectives	Participate when appropriate: Verbally Non-verbally Individually With groups	When asked to "move", do so orderly and efficiently	Follow teacher guidelines for headings (e.g. name, date, etc.) Persevere through challenging tasks	Stay on topic/ task Be an active, productive team member
EXCELLENCE	Be prepared to learn	S – Sit up straight L – Lean forward & listen A – Ask meaningful questions N – Nod your head T – Talk with teacher	Listen for the teacher's next direction	Show pride in your work Complete and turn in assignment/ task	Share responsibility and accountability for task Complete task with accuracy

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT

Make your everyday purchases add up to fundraising dollars for Ball Junior High School

Register your Club cards and every time you shop particular stores, Ball Junior High School earns money for our programs. Upon registration or renewal, a percentage of all purchases made on these cards will automatically be given back to Ball Junior High School!

Community Resources

VONS.

- 1. Log onto escrip at www.eScrip.com
- 2. Click on (1) Sign up It's free!
- 3. Designate Friends of Ball # 6472219
- Click on Friends of Ball and proceed to next step to register your Vons club card, debit/credit cards, Visa & American Express Cards. If you Lost your card or need your account #, call Vons at (877) 723-3929
- 5. You Must Renew each year between August and November



- 1. Log in to www.ralphs.com
- 2. Click on 'Create an Account'
- 3. Follow the 5 easy steps to create an online account
- 4. You will be instructed to go to your email box to confirm
- 5. After you confirm your online account, return to www.ralphs.com and click on 'my account' (you may have to sign in again first)
- 6. View all your information and edit as necessary
- 7. Link your card to your organization by clicking on:
 - a. Scroll down to Community Rewards
 - b. Edit my community contribution and type in BALL
 - c. Remember to click on the left circle for BALL JHS

That's it! It's that easy--- your family shops – and our school earns dollars for our programs! Register other friends and family members too...grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors.

Ball Junior High PTSA

Look for information coming soon from Ball Junior High School's PTSA regarding:

- ✓ Membership
- ✓ Volunteer Opportunities
- √ Fundraisers
- ✓ Available PTSA Leadership Positions
- ✓ Parent Leadership Academy
- ✓ PTSA Reflections Program

