

Walker Jr. High

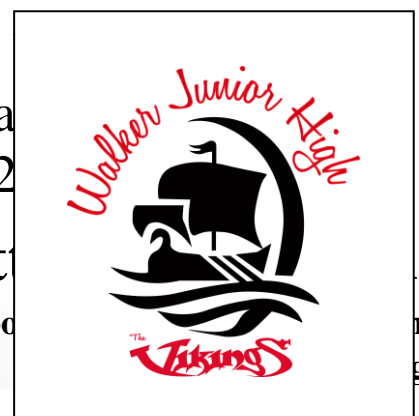
Home of the Vikings



Parent-Student Handbook

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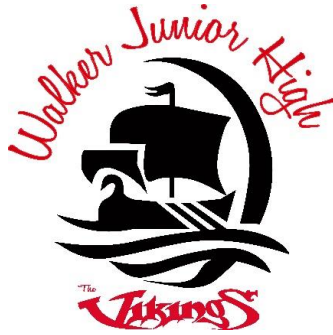
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Welcome to the school year 2020-2021

Welcome to Walker Junior High School home of the Vikings!



I am overjoyed to serve as principal of Walker Jr. High; an international destination school with unlimited possibilities. Alongside a caring and devoted staff I am proud to offer a wide variety of electives and academic courses that lead to high school pathways—including the exclusive Kennedy Institute of Technology and Engineering (K.I.T.E.) 6-year Pathway—and college and career success. I personally believe in the power of diversity and student voice and choice, and Walker is a uniquely diverse campus that celebrates a multi-cultural experience and promotes civic engagement through student led community service learning projects and civic inquiry. Through our award winning programs we

inspire confidence and encourage students to be Scholars, have a positive Attitude, get Involved, and be Leaders (SAIL). Through a focus on the 5 C's—Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Compassion/Kindness—we offer students a 21st Century experience. Junior high is all about growing and developing our students into globally minded, independent, life-long learners who understand the idea of “yet” and that here at Walker they can be unlimited, or as we like to say, their Unlimited You!

The two years of junior high will fly by quickly. My tips for success and making the most of junior high are:

- *Get involved: try playing a sport that is new to you in our after school Intramural program; join a club; take a class where you get to perform or create something for the school; participate in school activities (dances, lunchtime activities, Fun Run, etc.)*
- *Utilize your student planner to write down homework and events so you do not forget anything.*
- *Make a connection with at least one person in each class so if you have homework questions in the evening, you have someone you can contact for help or clarification.*
- *If you are struggling in any of your classes, see your teacher for help before the end of the quarter. We have tutoring opportunities before and after school as well.*
- *If you are having a problem at school, talk to an adult. We are here to help you succeed in junior high and beyond and are here to support you.*
- *Start thinking about your future. What do you want to be when you get older? What must you do to reach that goal? College? Technical training? Volunteering?*
- *Do your very best.*
- *Have fun. You will be amazed at how soon you will be filling out your course requests for high school.*

Sincerely,



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SCHOOL

Important Numbers and Dates

FREQUENTLY CALLED TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Attendance Office.....	714-220-4053
Health Office.....	714-220-4051
Main Office	714-220-4051
Fax Number.....	714-220-2237

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 First Semester -- Minimum day
March 12, 2021.....	End of Third Quarter – Minimum day
May 27, 2021	End of Second Semester/Last Day -- 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.....	Christmas Break
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

School-Parent Policy

WALKER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021

The school-parent outlines how parents, students, and the entire school staff will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

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 quiet 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.

Viking Resource Center (Room B2)

RESOURCES FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Our Viking Resource Center (*The Center*) is located on our campus in Room B2. Here you can find information on community resources such as medical/dental assistance, individual/family counseling, hygiene care, etc. The Center also oversees our Viking Closet which is full of donations from staff and community members for our families. Other information that is available to you in The Center is:

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

Center Hours: Tuesdays, Fridays, every other Wednesday 8:00am-3:00pm (*Closed for lunch*)
Contact number: 714-726-0404
Contact person: Silvia Van Wye (vanwye_s@auhsd.us)

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 2020-2021

Dear Students, Parents, or Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We at Walker JHS are planning another excellent year for students and staff. Your enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will depend on your completion of the necessary registration forms. Please go to <https://walker.uhdsd.us/> for more information on what you'll need in order to complete the registration process.

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

Phase 1- Aeries Online Enrollment- OPEN NOW!



Aeries Portal

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 <https://walker.uhdsd.us/> 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@uhdsd.us

Phase 2- Registration on campus- July/August



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 must enroll in Aeries Air before completing Phases 1 & 2. Please go to: <https://aeriesair.uhdsd.us/air/> and complete the steps.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Any student who does not appear at his/her appointed time will lose his/her schedule of classes 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. **Parents registering for their student will NOT have preference in line.** *Students will receive their official schedule before school at 7:15am on August 7th in the center of campus.*

Registration for 2020-2021

WHAT TO DO:

Students should report to the **CHECK-IN STATION** at the front of the school on the days and times listed below by last name. If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment time, you may come in at another time as a walk-in, but please keep in mind priority will be given first to those who are scheduled for that time, so please plan for extra wait time. If you cannot make it to any of the given dates/times listed below, you may come into the main office between August 6 to 11 to complete the process.

IMPORTANT: Any student that cannot attend registration day may have a parent, friend, relative, etc. complete registration in their place. (Make-up school ID pictures will be taken in September.)

Monday, 8/3	Tuesday, 8/4	Wednesday, 8/5
8:00 – 8:40 A	8:00 – 8:40 H, I	8:00 – 8:40 P, Q
8:40 – 9:20 B	8:40 – 9:20 J, K	8:40 – 9:20 R
9:20 – 10:00 C	9:20 – 10:00 L	9:20 – 10:00 S
10:00 – 10:40 D - F	10:00 – 10:40 M	10:00 – 10:40 T - V
10:40 – 11:30 G	10:40 – 11:30 N, O	10:40 – 11:30 W - Z

LIBRARY CHARGES

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 during onsite registration. Students with library books checked out and not returned or returned overdue, will also need to clear these charges at registration. Students are responsible for returning books in useable condition or paying charges for lost or damaged materials.

Walker Vikings are encouraged to visit the library and check out a book from our collection of over 10,000 books and graphic novels. Several items are available in Spanish and English, or other languages. Students may check out up to three items 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 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. Download the *Librista App* or visit the library website to learn more about all of the helpful resources your library provides at bit.ly/3a2mUix



*The Library Media Technician, Mrs. Rosales will be available beginning July 29th.
Library Hours: 7:30am-4:00 (closed on alternating lunches) unless otherwise posted.*

Items Available at Registration

CASH IS NEEDED FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOST ITEMS AT REGISTRATION. NO BILLS OVER \$20. CERTAIN ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE. VISIT THE WALKER WEBSITE AND LOOK FOR THE SCHOOL PAY PARENT BROCHURE FOR DIRECTIONS.

WALKER STUDENT PLANNER (REQUIRED)	1 st one free \$5.00 for replacement	YEARBOOK (OPTIONAL)	\$50.00 (price subject to change)
STUDENT ID CARD & LANYARD (REQUIRED)	1 st one free \$5.00 each for replacement	PTSA MEMBERSHIP (OPTIONAL)	\$10.00
PE UNIFORMS & LOCKS (REQUIRED) <i>(sold @ registration/handed out 1st week of school; show receipt to PE teacher as proof of purchase to get uniform.)</i>	\$25.00 Cash or credit card accepted	PTSA SPIRITWEAR (OPTIONAL)	Price varies. Cash, check, credit card accepted
CAFETERIA (OPTIONAL)	Applications & buy a prepaid lunch card	SCHOOL PICTURES (OPTIONAL)	Package options available
PLEASE KEEP RECEIPTS OF ALL PURCHASES FOR YOUR RECORDS			

Immunization Requirements

STUDENTS ADMITTED AT TK/K-12 NEED:

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**

These immunization requirements apply to new admissions for all grades.

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 applications 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 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 familiar 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.

Illnesses up to three days may be verified by the parent.

Illnesses of longer duration or that are chronic and cause the student to miss school frequently will require a doctor's note.

PROCEDURE FOLLOWING AN ABSENCE:

Student must bring in a note from the parent/guardian or doctor within 24 hours to the attendance office or the parent must call 714-999-3756

PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY:

Student brings a signed note from parent to attendance office before school and gets an early release form. An unverified absence is the same as an unexcused absence.

TARDINESS

TARDINESS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

Arriving on time is a critical life skill and on time, attendance is expected. AHS Tardy Policy is strictly enforced. With each tardy there are increasing consequences. Students who arrive late to school must sign in at the attendance office upon arrival and get a late pass to class.

The teacher may assign consequences for being tardy.

Teacher will contact parent when tardies are starting to affect the student's grade.

As a reminder, AHS will continue its No Go List for special events. Students accumulate hours based on tardiness/lateness, period trancies and overall attendance percentage.

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://walker.auhsd.us/Walker/>

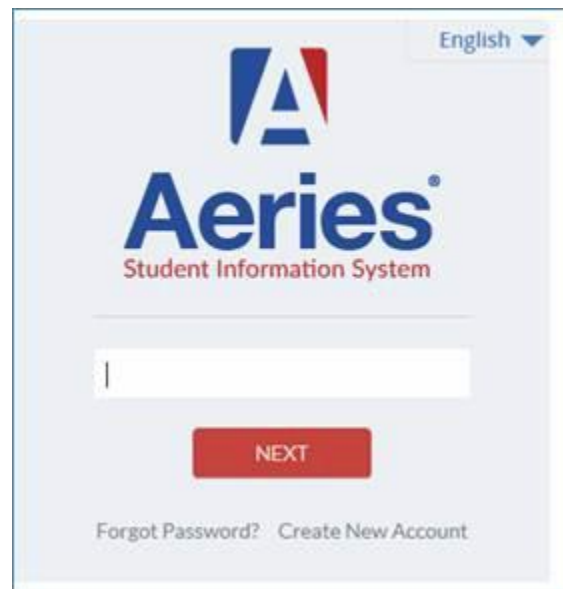
ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

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

Create Aeries Parent Portal Account

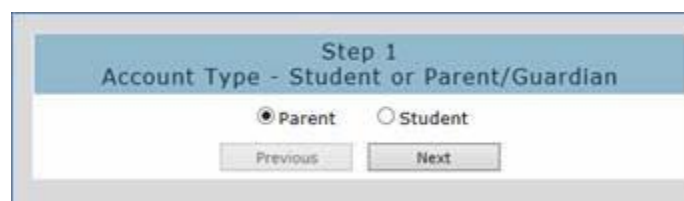
CREATING A NEW AERIES ACCOUNT

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**.



The image shows the Aeries Student Information System login page. At the top right, there is a language dropdown menu set to "English". The Aeries logo is prominently displayed in the center, with the text "Aeries Student Information System" below it. A white input field is present, followed by a red "NEXT" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Forgot Password?" and "Create New Account".

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



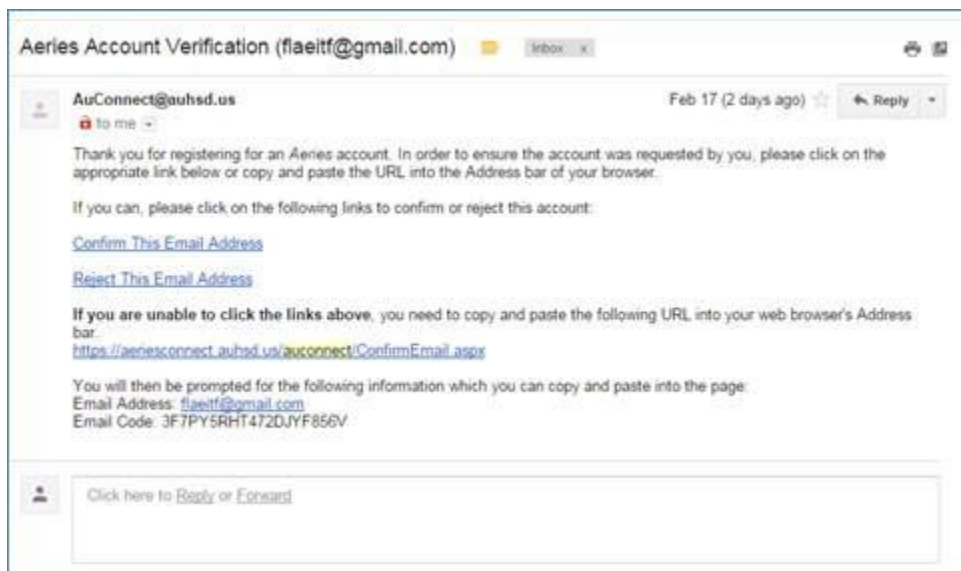
The image shows the "Step 1 Account Type - Student or Parent/Guardian" selection screen. It features two radio button options: "Parent" (which is selected) and "Student". Below the options are "Previous" and "Next" buttons.

Step 2 - enter a valid email address and password. Click **Next**.

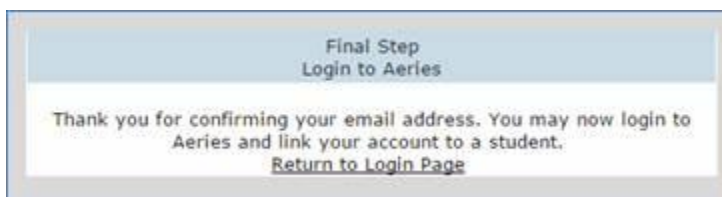


The image shows the "Step 2 Account Information" entry screen. It prompts the user to "Please Enter The Following Information About Yourself". The fields include: "Email Address" (filled with flaeitf@gmail.com), "Verify Email Address" (filled with flaeitf@gmail.com), "Password" (masked with dots), and "ReType Password" (masked with dots). A red-bordered box contains a note: "A verification email will be sent to your email address from: AuConnect@auhsd.us. Before continuing, Please add this email address to your 'contacts' or 'safe senders' list to ensure you receive this email." Below the fields are "Previous" and "Next" buttons.

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



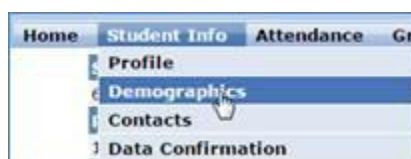
A message will display. Return to **Login Page** and **Login to Aeries Parent Portal**.



Step 4 - 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.



SAILing to Success

Walker Vikings are

Scholars!

We

- Arrive on time
- Participate
- Do our best and don't give up

Walker Vikings have

Attitude!

We

- Are respectful
- Are kind and compassionate
- Are positive

Walker Vikings are

Involved!

We

- Attend school events
- Show up ready to learn
- Build relationships

Walker Vikings are

Leaders!

We

- Are critical thinkers
- Are creative
- Are connected to school & community

Unlimited Possibilities, Unlimited You

