

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

August 2025

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Each school year offers a new chance to reignite an educational journey that transforms the lives of our students intellectually, socially, and personally. While the full recovery from the pandemic continues, our momentum is strong and hopeful.

This year, we're proud to offer joyful, well-rounded elementary learning experiences that reflect the care and quality of a private education in our public schools. Our elementary students will continue to benefit from weekly enrichment in music, art, STEM, PE, and library/dramatic literacy time. In our middle and high schools, students will again enjoy a seventh period, while teachers gain extra planning time to ensure instruction is engaging and effective. At MTEC, 8th graders are preparing for high school with more confidence than ever in a tremendously rich project-based, real-world inquiry that brings their subject matter to life. Modernizing our educational programs to achieve the MUSD Graduate Profile puts us firmly in the 21st century!

Our **Graduate Profile** is our promise to prepare students for a future we can't fully predict. By developing critical thinkers, communicators, and collaborators, we're helping students learn how to learn for life. As an example, every member of the Class of 2025 completed the Senior Showcase in order to graduate—a meaningful milestone in their personal and academic growth. The high school teachers who led this work alongside their administrators set an even higher standard than we dared to dream! With all we learned through this experience, we see even better results in years to come. Our Senior Showcase was a high watermark of district pride where all our teachers saw the value of their investment in students from the beginning to the end of their journey. Madera Unified truly felt UNIFIED and that level of success fuels our fearless drive to continuously improve!

Success in today's world requires a team effort. Every staff member is a **Student Champion**—committed to uplifting students with kindness, fairness, dignity, and respect. This vision is taking hold at every level of our district, and the results are showing. Academic growth is up, behavioral issues are down, and we're experiencing an even higher level of historic achievements in arts, athletics, and Career Technical Education. Last April brought undeniable proof when Madtown Robotics came back from Houston's international competition with a third World Championship!

All of this and so much more is available to your students in our schools. You will find dynamic cultures and staff ready to greet and support our families with a wide range of services. We are doing all we can to uplift the entire community of Madera and by ALL we mean EACH student and family. Please join us as partners so together we can help your students have the educational experiences that shape the next generation of your family in this new and exciting century!

Please use this handbook as a guide, and know we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership.

You will find the most updated information on our website at <https://www.madera.k12.ca.us/> and we ask you to carefully consider all the district communications we send out. The **Student and Parent Rights and Responsibilities Handbook** is accessible year-round under the Students/Parents section, or by requesting a copy from your school site or from the office of Student Services at Price's Plaza, 1820 Howard Road, (559) 416-5858.

In the following pages, you will find key policies and laws that affect your child's education; processes for accessing services; and procedures for finding answers to questions or voicing concerns. Please consult the District's website (www.madera.k12.ca.us) or your local school webpage for more detailed information, which is updated throughout the year.

Within the handbook you will find these important topics:

- Governing Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR)
- California Education Codes (EC)
- Special Education, Categorical Funding and Child Development
- Dress Code
- Student Discipline

The MUSD Community Compact states our vision this way: *Madera Unified will set the standard for hard work, creativity and resiliency with a fearless drive to continuously improve.* This challenging vision requires us to work together as partners. We're proud to serve you and value your collaboration and communication to help us all improve!

Sincerely,



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