



*East Side Union High School District
Student Handbook*

2009-2010

*Independence High School
Home of the 76ers*



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Independence High School

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Mission Statement

The mission of Independence High School is to provide a supportive learning environment that enables all students to achieve academic and personal success.

Bell Schedules

Regular Schedule

Period 1	7:20	-	8:13
Period 2	8:20	-	9:13
Period 3	9:20	-	10:20
Break	10:20	-	10:35
Period 4	10:42	-	11:35
Period 5	11:42	-	12:35
Lunch	12:35	-	1:05
Period 6	1:12	-	2:05
Period 7	2:12	-	3:05

Minimum Days

November 25, 2009
December 18, 2009
January 13 - 15, 2010 Finals
June 3 - 4, 2010 Senior Finals
June 8 - 10, 2010 Finals

Collaboration Days

September 9+ & 23*, 2009
October 28*, 2009
November 18*, 2009
December 2+, 2009
January 6+ & 27*, 2010
February 10+ & 24*, 2010
March 10+ & 24*, 2010
April 21*, 2010
May 19*, 2010

* late start
+ early release



School Calendar

Dates in the following calendar may be changed if necessary to schedule makeup days, for days lost to emergency school closing, in order to meet the minimum number of student instruction required by state law.

Holidays/Vacation Days

Labor Day
September 7, 2009
Veteran's Day
November 11, 2009
Thanksgiving
November 26 - 27, 2009
Christmas
December 21 -Jan. 1, 2010
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
January 18, 2010
Semester Break
January 19, 2010
Winter Break
February 15 - 19, 2010
Cesar Chavez Observed
April 2, 2010
Spring Break
April 5 - 9, 2010
Memorial Day
May 31, 2010
Last Day of School
June 10, 2010

Grading Period Ends

1st Grading Period
October 9, 2009
2nd Grading Period
November 20, 2009
3rd Grading Period
January 15, 2010 (End of Sem)
4th Grading Period
March 5, 2010
5th Grading Period
April 23, 2010
6th Grading Period
June 10, 2010 (End of Sem)

Dress Policy

Many students and parents have questions regarding appropriate dress for attending high school. While Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 302 states that students whose dress is “offensive, distracting, or dangerous to others or to himself/herself will be sent home until such conditions are corrected,” parents and students often request a more specific explanation. It is hoped that the following specific examples of inappropriate dress will avoid any misunderstanding.

Students are prohibited from wearing/possessing the following:

- Hats/head coverings
- See-through shirts/blouses, halter tops, tank/tube tops, undershirts, or other tops which expose the midriff
- Tight shorts, short shorts, “Daisy Dukes”, short cutoff jeans
- Under clothing worn as outerwear
- Bare feet
- Clothing depicting illegal activity such as drugs, alcohol (example: “Blunt”, “Cypress Hill”, “8 Ball”, marijuana plant, etc.), tobacco products, graffiti, spray cans, or sexual suggestions
- Bandanas or scarfs (on the head, pocket, or otherwise)
- Apparel, insignia, or other items known to/or suspected of identifying any group, gang, or activity not sanctioned by school, including but not limited to: depicting gang/prison life (example: “Homies”), Old English lettering personalization, belt buckles linked to gang names, cliques, or multiple buckles, gang colors, hair nets

Any student who insists on wearing these types of clothing to school will be disciplined per school and district policy.

Student Finance Center

Independence maintains a school finance center for the convenience of our students. Students may pay test registration fees (PSAT, SAT, and AP exams), purchase school spirit and activity items (shirts, hoodies, dance tickets, etc) and receive help with club financial transactions in A-06. The school finance center is open before school, at break, at lunch and after 7th period. Students must have a school I.D. to receive services.

Physical Education Class

All students taking P.E. classes are required to wear Independence High School uniforms. T-shirt and shorts can be purchased in their P.E. classes.

Major Activities

Freshmen Welcome Assembly	August 25, 2009
Kick Off Dance	September 18, 2009
Homecoming Assembly	October 8, 2009
Homecoming Dance	October 10, 2009
Back to School Night	October 15, 2009
Winter Assembly	December 17, 2010
Sadie Hawkins Dance	February 26, 2010
Battle of the Classes Assembly	March 29, 2010
Multicultural Assembly	April 15, 2010
Star Gazing	April 23, 2010
Junior Prom	April 24, 2010
Senior Ball	May 29, 2010
Senior Farewell Assembly	May 26, 2010
Honor Night	May 27, 2009
Last Dance	June 4, 2010

Work Permits

California law mandates that all students under the age of 18 must have a work permit. Students may obtain a work permit by following these simple steps:

1. Obtain an application for a work permit from the student’s Villa Office.
2. Complete the top half of form.
3. Ask the prospective employer to complete the bottom half and sign the form.
4. Have your parent or guardian sign the form.
5. Return the application for a work permit and your social security card to the Villa Office.
6. The secretary will then type the final copy of the work permit.

Parking Lots

With the increase of students driving and using the school parking lots, safety has become an issue. Monitoring the number of cars by means of checking for licensed drivers, car registration and proof of insurance will allow Independence High School greater control over who has access to school parking lots. This will help to eliminate unlicensed and/or uninsured drivers from having access to Independence High School parking lots. Our priority is to keep the students and staff safe while on our campus.

As a reminder, students may be subject to search and seizure. Any persons driving without a valid driver’s license may be cited and have their vehicle impounded.

Educational Park Drive is clearly marked as a “no parking” zone during school hours. Students are reminded not to park on the east side of Educational Park Drive. Parents are not to enter the parking lots to drop off students. Use the drop-off zone near stadium on Jackson Avenue.

Need Assistance?
School Site
408.928.9500 • FAX 408.928.9515
Administration

Principal:	Grettel Castro-Stanley
Administrative Assistant:	Debbie Ramirez
Principal's Secretary:	Becky Robles
APA	Jesus Rios
APED	Kelly Daugherty
Villa B Dean:	Gerri Forte
Villa C Dean:	Tony Dao
Villa D Dean:	Greg Meissner
Activities Director:	Liz Dinh
School Bank:	Kolet Kaplowitz
Registrar:	Christine Azzopardi
Head Counselor	Leota Kuzma
Health Clerk:	Diana Nevarez

TESTING DATES

CAHSEE

California High School Exit Exam Schedule
 November 3-4, 2009 for 11th and 12th Grade
 February 2-3, 2010 for 10th Grade Census
 March 16-17, 2010 Make-Ups- 10-12th Grades

STAR / EAP/ STS / CAPA Schedule

March 22 - 26, 2010 EAP Writing Test (11th Grade Only)
 April 19 - 30, 2010 CST, EAP, STS, CMA and CAPA Test Windows
 May 3 - 7, 2010 CST, EAP, STS, CMA and CAPA Test Make-ups

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) Testing

	8:00 am	12:00 pm
May 3, 2010:	US Govt. & Politics	Comp Govt. & Politics
May 4, 2010:	Computer Science A	French Language
	Spanish Language	Statistics
May 5, 2010:	Calculus AB/Calculus BC	Chinese Language & Culture
May 6, 2010:	English Literature	Japanese Lang & Culture
	German Literature	French Literature
May 7, 2010:	US History	European History
		Studio Art (Portfolio Due)
May 10, 2010:	Biology/Music Theory	Physics B/Physics C Mechanics
May 11, 2010:	Environmental Science	2:00 pm Physics C Elect/Magnet.
	Chemistry	Psychology
May 12, 2010:	English Language	Art History
May 13, 2010:	Macroeconomics/World History	Microeconomics
May 14, 2010:	Human Geography	Latin Vergil
	Spanish Literature	

SAT/PSAT

**The SAT Reasoning Test is standardized test for college admissions
 in the United States**

October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests
October 14 and 17, 2009	PSAT
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests
March 13, 2010	SAT ONLY
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests

Announcements

ID Badges

All Independence students will be required to have a school identification badge with a picture. Students will be required to keep the ID badge visible at all times when on campus, including school events. This policy will increase the security and safety of students and staff members while attending the school.

Daily Bulletin

Announcements are made daily during third period regarding upcoming events, changes in bell schedule, important activities, and more. Additionally each teacher receives a printed copy of the day's announcements. Students are encouraged to listen to the Daily Bulletin to keep up-to-date regarding campus happenings.

The bulletin will also be posted daily on the school's website

<http://ihs.esuhsd.org>.



Personal Messages

Personal messages will not be accepted and/or delivered to students. In an emergency, parents must contact their child's Villa office for assistance. Students will need to bring a written note to their Villa office to be released from school to attend a doctor or dentist appointment. On these occasions, parents must phone their son/daughter's Villa office attendance secretary to verify the scheduled doctor or dentist appointment for that day.

College Prep Students Should:

- Take the PSAT in October of the Junior Year. It is also recommended that student take the PSAT in the 10th grade. This test is good practice for the SAT Reasoning Test.
- Take the S.A.T. Reasoning or A.C.T. (college entrance emanations) the spring of Junior year and fall of Senior year. Applications are available at the Career Center, basic cost is: SAT \$23.00, ACT \$21.00. Request that scores be sent to the campuses where you are applying.
- Take two S.A.T. Subject Test and should be taken when the information is fresh, but must be completed by December of senior year. Applications are available at the Career Center. Test include Mathematics and one test chosen from English Literature, foreign languages, or social studies. Cost is \$33.00 or more.

Get Involved!

Independence High School has something for every student. We have as many clubs and athletic teams as possible growing out of genuine student interest. They include:

Clubs

Academy of Finance	Key Club International
Anti-Tobacco	Latino Student Union
Anytown	Mabuhay Cultural Club
Art Club	Martial Arts Club
Aviation Explorers	Math Club
Bowling Club	Muslim American S.U.
Brothers & Sisters United	National Honor Society
Cambodian/Lao/Thai	Photo Club
Chess Club	Piano Club
CFJ	Physiology Club
Chinese Club	Poetry Club
CSF	Polynesian S.U.
Dance Club	Recycling Club
East Indian Club	Roller Hockey
F.B.L.A.	SAT Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Samoan Club
Folklorico Club	Sikhness Club
French Club	Simply Help
German Club	Sister to Brother
Greenhouse Club	Space Tech Club
Half Life	Spanish Club
IndepenDANCE	Speech & Debate Club
Interact Club	Step Team
Japanese Club	Vietnamese Club
Juggling Club	Youth Fellowship Club

Classes/Student Government

Class of 2010
Class of 2011
Class of 2012
Class of 2013
Associated Student Body

Athletics

Baseball	Basketball
Badminton	Cross Country
Football	Soccer
Softball	Swimming
Tennis	Track
Volleyball	Wrestling
Water Polo	

Membership drives for each of these clubs/teams are held throughout the school year and are published in the daily bulletin.

Athletic Eligibility:

To participate in Athletics, students/athletes must be currently enrolled in at least 20 semester units of work and passed at least 20 semester units of work at the completion of the previous grading period and must have maintained a 2.0 grade point average in all enrolled courses on a 4.0 scale with no more than one "F" grade (C.I.F. rule 204). Probation Period: (only for students who meet the above requirements, but have not maintained a 2.0 G.P.A.) The student will be allowed one probation period in the 9th or 10th grade and one probation period in the 11th or 12th grade; a total of two during their high school years. The principal or their designee will oversee probation at each school site. These students must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible (C.I.F. rule 204).

Students/athletes are also required to have the following:

1. A complete physical examination.
2. Proper insurance coverage. Insurance can be purchased at the Student Bank for those not having adequate, private insurance.
3. A signed Parental Consent Card. Such cards can be obtained at the Student Bank as well as from each sport's respective coach.
4. To receive an athletic "BLOCK", athletes must have an ASB card.



Absent!

The State of California has instituted Senate Bill 727 (Attendance Law). Under this law only students that are in school will count for reimbursement from the state. Because of this law it is very important for the financial stability of the district that all students be in school. Every student must be in school unless it is necessary for him/her to be absent due to illness, doctor appointment, court subpoena or funeral of member of immediate family. These are the only excusable reasons for a student's absence from school. Family emergencies, out-of-town, etc. are not excused absences. When possible, all absences should be cleared in advance through the Attendance Office. If a student arrives late to school, he/she must report directly to the Attendance Office. All students arriving late must have a note or a phone call from a parent/guardian. If no parent verification is received, the student will receive a "unverified" for each class missed. Students who must leave campus before the end of the school day must check through the Attendance Office. If they do not, they will receive "unverified" for classes missed. Students who do not follow attendance procedures will be referred for disciplinary action.

1. CONTACT THE VILLA

It is requested that a parent or guardian telephone the Villa the first day of absence. Contact should be made as early as 7:30 A.M. The purpose of this call is to advise the school of the nature of the absence.

2. BRING A PREPRINTED NOTE

A set of six (6) preprinted notes that include the student's name and identification number will be mailed home. Following each absence, the preprinted note, signed by the parent or guardian, giving the dates of absence, must be turned in at their Villa Office by the returning student.

3. PHONE EVERY THREE DAYS

In cases where students are absent for a period of several days, a parent or guardian should call the school every three days and advise the Villa Office of the condition of the student. The parent or guardian is also encouraged to contact the Villa for lesson assignments that have been missed. A note from a doctor is required to excuse a medical absence of more than four days.

4. ADVANCE ABSENCES

When the student knows in advance he/she will need to leave school early, he/she should bring a note from home. This note should be cleared by the Villa Office in advance of the absence. When it is not possible for the student to bring such a note in advance, the parent or guardian must telephone the Villa Office at least one day in advance whenever possible, but no later than 9:00 A.M. on the day of the absence before the student leaves campus. Students who leave campus without clearance from the Villa Office will receive an unexcused absence.

5. DOCTOR AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Parents are asked to schedule medical or dental appointments after school hours. Should a student be absent due to medical or dental appointments he/she should provide written verification from the medical or dental office. All verifications should be on medical or dental professional stationery with the student name, date and time of the appointment. Students are to give this note to their Villa Attendance Clerk.

Tobacco/Smoking Update for Youth

It is a violation for a minor to be in possession of tobacco products according to Section 308 (b) of the California Penal Code. The law allows any law enforcement officer to cite a person under the age of 18 years for being in possession of any tobacco products or paraphernalia. If a student is cited for tobacco use or possession the County of Santa Clara Juvenile Probation Department's Juvenile Diversion Unit will notify them of two choices:

1. **MANDATORY Counseling**

Program for one (1) day at Breathe California located at 1469 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126 (Regardless of your child's participation in a tobacco program through his/her school).

A fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee is charged. This includes a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) non-refundable registration fee that must be paid in advance to enroll in the program and to guarantee seating.

Or

2. A Hearing with a Juvenile Traffic Officer can assign the following to a minor:

- A seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) fine
- A Penalty Assessment of one hundred thirty-six dollars (\$136.00) for a total of two hundred eleven dollars (\$211.00)
- Completion of 30 hours community service.

If you have questions about this anti-smoking program, please call Breathe California Coordinator Dennis Achá at 408.998.LUNG (5864) or dennis@lungsrus.org

Independence Student Support Center Room A-05

What Do We Do?

- Offer personal counseling to help with problems that can keep students from doing well in school.
- Partner with community agencies which have after school programs, resources, and opportunities for youth.
- Sponsor special events related to physical and emotional wellness and safety throughout the year.

How Are Students Referred?

They can be referred by academic counselors, parents, advisors, teachers and staff, or they can refer themselves.

How Do We Provide Services?

Specialized school staff partner with community agencies. Students are assessed and placed with the appropriate provider.

Example of services offered: individual and group counseling, conflict mediation, family sessions, mentoring and case management, referral to community resources.

Have more questions? Feel free to contact:

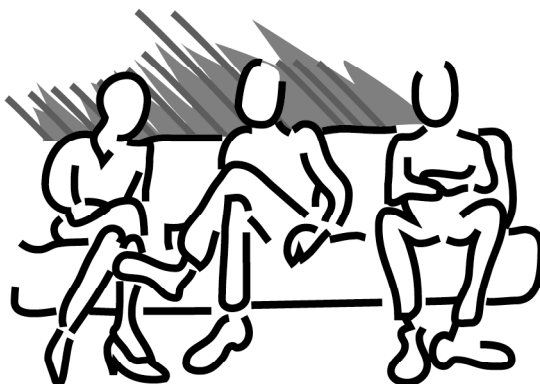
Coordinator Rick Shinn 408.928.9581
shinnr@esuhsd.org

Need Health Insurance? Ask us about Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Healthy Kids Insurance Plans!

Visit or call the

SCFHP Family Resource Center (Mi Pueblo Shopping Center)

1775 Story Road, Suite 130
San Jose, CA 95122
408.874.1888



IHS Service Center

Gardner Family Care

For students needing personal counseling for anxiety, depression, anger, suicide, family or relationship problems, or other personal issues.

Teen Success Program

For parenting teens desiring group support and parenting education.

South Bay Children's Health Clinic

For students requiring first aide or basic medical care.

Stanford University Teen Stop Smoking Program

For students who wish to stop smoking. Participants will receive 10 weeks of group counseling, free nicotine patches, and gift cards for participation.

Asian American Recovery Services

For students looking for alcohol, tobacco or substance abuse counseling and intervention. Individual case management and support groups are offered.

Mexican American Community Services Agency

Support groups for students who want to transition out of a gang-impacted lifestyle. Case management and conflict mediation services available.

Cross Cultural Community Services

For students who are truant from classes and would benefit from one-on-one or group support.

Filipino Youth Coalition

Case management and group sessions for students struggling with truancy or needing mentoring and cultural support.

Asian Americans for Community Involvement

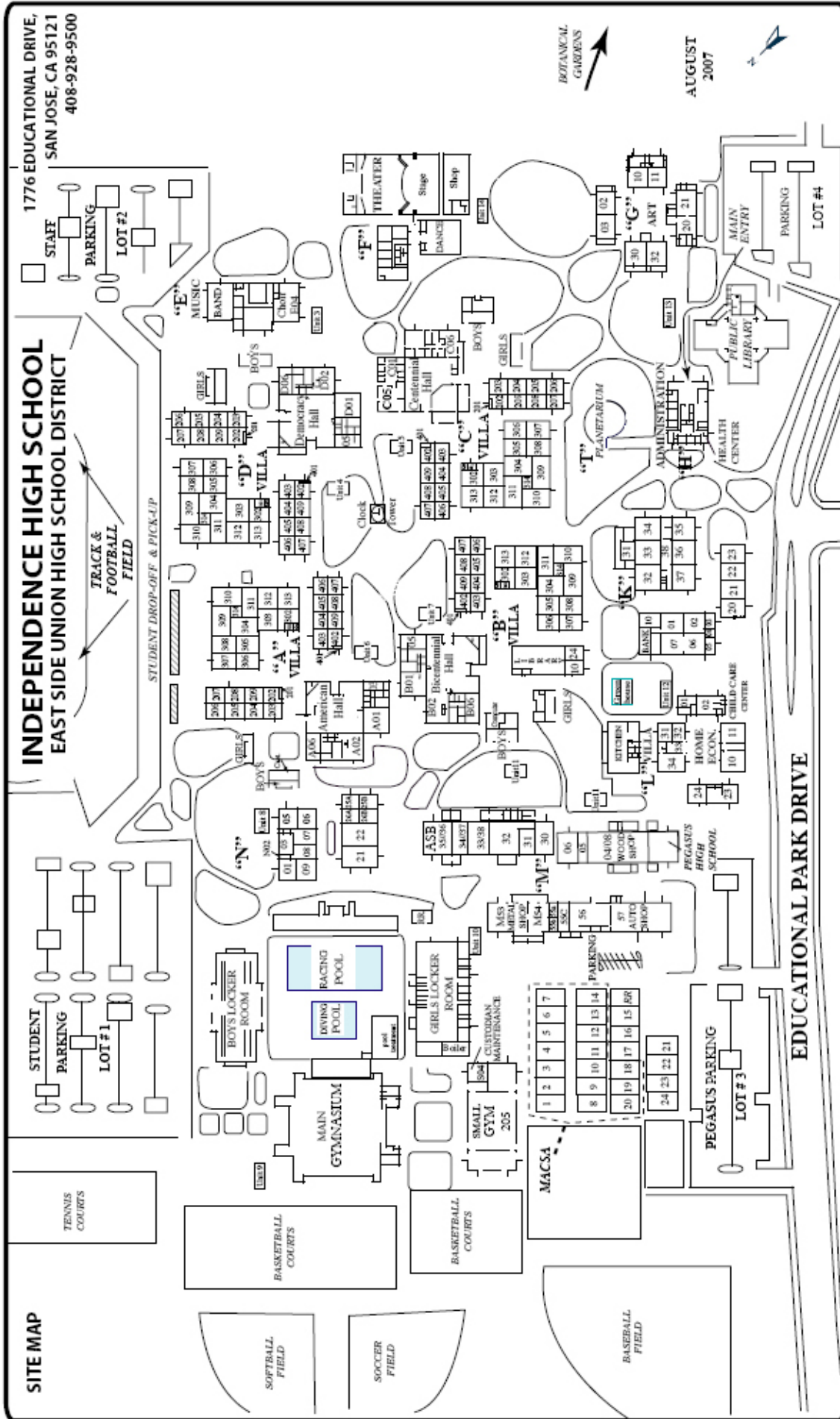
Life skills groups for freshman students who need support as they transition from middle to high school.

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BOTANICAL
GARDENS

AUGUST
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INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL
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SITE MAP

EDUCATIONAL PARK DRIVE