



*East Side Union High School District
Student Handbook*

2009-2010

*Mt. Pleasant High School
Home of the Cardinals*



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check our web site: <http://www.esuhd.org>*

Mt. Pleasant High School

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Mission Statement

The mission of Mt. Pleasant High School is to prepare each student for a productive life in a safe, disciplined, and positive educational environment.

Bell Schedules

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Period 1	7:05 - 7:55
Tutorial	8:00 - 8:30
Period 2	8:36 - 9:26
Period 3	9:32 - 10:27
Brunch	10:27 - 10:42
Period 4	10:48 - 11:38
Period 5	11:44 - 12:34
Lunch	12:34 - 1:04
Period 6	1:10 - 2:00
Period 7	2:06 - 2:56

Wednesday

Period 1	7:00 - 7:45
Collaboration	7:50 - 8:55
Period 2	9:00 - 9:45
Period 3	9:51 - 10:40
Brunch	10:40 - 10:55
Period 4	11:01 - 11:46
Period 5	11:52 - 12:37
Lunch	12:37 - 1:07
Period 6	1:13 - 1:58
Period 7	2:04 - 2:50



Freshmen Focus

In order to ensure the academic success of all ninth graders, Mt. Pleasant High School teachers are teaming to assist incoming 9th graders with their transition to high school.

To help achieve this goal Mt. Pleasant freshmen will attend mandatory advisory period that supports their learning by establishing common goals, expectations and the monitoring of their academics.

Parents and students will learn more about our Freshmen Community during our Freshmen Orientation in August.

For information contact: Martha Guerrero, APED.

School Calendar

2009-2010

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
Holiday	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 11, 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)

Major Activities

August

18-19 Freshmen Orientation
25 First Day of School
28 Welcome Back Assembly

September

9-10 School Pictures
11 Aloha Dance
15 Make-Up Pictures
18 Club Day
24 Back to School Night
25 Freshmen Elections

October

2 Food Festival #1
23 Football Homecoming/Assembly
24 Homecoming Dance

November

2-25 Canned Food Drive
6 Puente Poetry Slam
13 ASA High School Tour Rally
20 Powder Puff / Bonfire

December

2 Winter Concert
4 Winter Ball
10-11 Fall Play
11 Food Festival #2

January

22 Basketball Homecoming Rally
29 Talent Show

February

12 Sadie Hawkins Dance

March

5 Multicultural Assembly
11 NHS/CSF Candle Lighting
11 Spring Concert
19 Food Festival #3
26 Fantastics Assembly

April

15-16 Spring Play
21-22 Spring Play
17 CVC Night Production
19-23 Elections
23 Puente Poetry Slam
30 Nuestra Noche

May

7 LSU Dance
15 Junior/Senior Ball
20 Pops Concert
21 Cardinal Holiday/Food Festival #4
21 Puente Honor Night
27 Senior Honor Night
28 Farewell Assembly

June

4 Aloha Dance
8 Senior Picnic
10 Graduation & Last Day of School
11 Faculty Inservice

Need Assistance? School Site

408.937.2800 • FAX 408.937.2815

Administration

Principal:	Teresa Marquez	937-2810
Principal's Secretary:	Susan Flores	937-2811
Associate Principal:	Martha Guerrero	937-2830
Associate Principal:	Christopher Schroeder	937-2820
Activities Director:	Shannon E. Lane	937-2812
Counselors:	Rudy Kelly	937-2827
	Raquel Ornelas	937-2826
	Miriam Velez	937-2828
School Bank:	Diana Santos	937-2813
Guidance Office:	Lori Valentine	937-2831
Registrar:	Bernardo Flores	937-2834
Health Clerk:	Martha Cabrera	937-2833
Attendance Office:	Roslyn Yhip	937-2821
	Angelica Heredia	937-2818
	Rufanita Parcutilo	937-2822

Homework Policy

By doing your homework you can improve your grades. The time and amount of homework should increase with the student's grade level.

Homework serves to:

- ✓ Reinforce the present day's lesson
- ✓ Prepare the next day's lesson
- ✓ Reinforce acquired skills and develop study habits
- ✓ Help develop a sense of responsibility
- ✓ Prepare students to face the demands presented through life
- ✓ Teach students independent learning
- ✓ Incorporate available materials and media in the home: books, magazines, newspaper, television

All allotted time for homework should be a part of your daily routine regardless of whether specific assignments have been given. You should realize that homework is not just written assignments, but that studying is an integral part of homework.

Students Responsibility

- 1) Homework is the responsibility of the student
- 2) Students should ensure that required materials are taken home. Completed homework should be returned to school when due
- 3) Students should allocate a time and place for homework, free of distractions.
- 4) When a student misses a class, it is his / her responsibility to complete the work assigned.



Rules of MPHS Student Behavior

1. It is expected that students conduct themselves in a manner which respects the rights of other students and staff.
These include:
 - the right to a safe non-threatening environment
 - the right to courtesy at all times
 - the right to protection of private property
 - the right to have a clean school
 - the right to hear only acceptable language
2. Attendance is compulsory at all classes unless one is participating in a school-authorized activity.
3. Students in the halls during classes must carry a pass authorizing them to be out of class.
4. Students are expected to arrive at school and for all classes punctually.
5. Students arriving late or planning to leave during the day must have a signed note from a parent explaining the situation and must check out through attendance office..
6. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is neat, tidy and appropriate.
 - a. No sagging clothes, size appropriate pants—Pants must be worn at the waist. (No baggy pants will be allowed)
 - b. No torn jeans
 - c. No hats/head covers, scarves, head rags or hoods (i.e. stocking caps, satin-type or hairdo covers, “do rags”, etc.) on school grounds. Athletes can wear their school uniform hats on the athletic fields. JROTC students may wear their military hats only when in uniform.
 - d. Clothing that bears logos, insignia, letters or colors signifying a gang, a crew, violent actions, weapons, illegal drugs, or offensive language or promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs or sex will not be tolerated.
 - e. All tops (shirts and blouses) must cover the top of the shoulder and completely cover the stomach, chest and bare back. No bare midriffs.
 - f. Shirts, sweat shirts, coats and jackets should be size appropriate.
 - g. No inappropriate footwear, roller shoes, no red or blue shoe laces.
 - h. Writing on personal items such as backpacks, jackets and clothing will not be allowed. Only student’s name, written in plain block letters, is permitted on the backpack.
7. Smoking is not permitted in the building, on school grounds, within a view of the school, or at any school sponsored activity.
8. Eating is permitted outside only. Eating is not allowed in any classroom, Library or Career Center.
9. No skateboards are allowed on campus.
10. Students caught altering or removing bar codes or book numbers will be charged the full cost of the book and will face discipline action from the school.

Safe Campus Policy

Mt. Pleasant High School places a heavy emphasis upon the safety of its students and staff. We will do everything within our authority to ensure a safe and orderly environment for all members of our educational community. All students are reminded that if they are having any difficulties with other students on the campus, they are to report the problem to the office so that the situation may be remedied before it comes to a physical confrontation. With your cooperation, we can make Mt. Pleasant High School a safe and productive educational environment.

Students’ Expectations and Obligations

Student ID

Every student at Mt. Pleasant will be issued a picture ID. Every student must have their ID with them at all times while on campus, with the exception of their participation during their PE class. At the request of any staff member the student must present their unaltered ID.

Our students are active learners meeting our school’s goals of excellence. The following outlines the expectations our students should have of their school and its staff. It also lists the responsibilities that our students should have towards their school and its staff.

Students’ Expectations

- The best possible educational opportunities.
- A staff that is sensitive and responsive to their individual needs.
- Fair and just treatment from other students and staff.

Students’ Obligations

- Diligence and sustained effort in their schoolwork and activities.
- Respect for themselves, other students, the staff, and school property.
- Behavior that will be a credit to themselves, their family, their school, and their community.

Electronic Gadgets

Cell phones, I-pods and other electronic gadgets are not to be used during school hours. No earphones are to be visible during school hours. Absolutely no filming or photos without permission of those being filmed.

Physical Education Uniform Requirements Clothing Requirements

All P.E. students are required to wear the prescribed uniform. Failure to wear this uniform will result in point deduction from the P.E. grade.

The Uniform Consists Of:

1. Gray Mt. Pleasant T-shirt or solid gray T-shirt.
2. Black Mt. Pleasant shorts or solid black shorts.
3. White athletic socks.
4. Athletic shoes.
5. Black, white and gray “fleece” type sweat shirts and sweat pants are optional. However, other school clothing (jackets, sweaters, jeans, “silky” or “designer” type sweats, etc.) may not be worn as P.E. clothes.

Where to Purchase:

The Mt. Pleasant T-shirt and shorts may be purchased from the P.E. department for \$20.00. They may be purchased with cash or check payable to Mt. Pleasant High School.

Student Lockers

There are a limited number of lockers on campus and they are distributed on a first come, first served basis. Lockers will be distributed the week of August 17th - 21st. A notice will go home with specific dates and times. Locker repair and replacement is an expensive item. Students will be charged for any damage to their lockers. Students using lockers are informed that they do so at their own risk and that the school and the district accepts no responsibility for loss of items placed in the lockers. Furthermore, students are held responsible for any loss of district property (e.g. books, uniforms, etc.) that are placed in the lockers. Many students have opted to use book bags in lieu of lockers. Cars in the parking lot may not be used for lockers as students are not allowed in the parking lots during the school day.

Student Parking

Student parking is allowed in the “Student Parking Lot” only. The “Faculty Parking Lot” is for faculty only and the spaces in front of the school are for visitors and administration only. Anyone parking in the student parking lot without a permit is subject to at least \$28.00 ticket issued by the security officers patrolling campus.

To receive a parking permit, a student must do the following:

1. Parking permit fee with a Mt. Pleasant ASB card \$15.00 or \$20.00 without.
2. Completely fill out the MP Driver Agreement contract.
3. Show proof of a driver’s license, current registration and insurance.
4. Permit must be displayed in bottom right rear corner of the rear window. It is the student’s responsibility for the permit to be seen. If no permit is visible, a ticket will be issued even if you are parked in assigned spot.
5. All rules and regulations on the Driver Agreement must be adhered to or it will result in loss of parking privilege.

The privilege to park on the school grounds is revocable at any time for violation of the rules. Also, violators of California Vehicle Codes can and will be cited by SJP.D.

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. The other twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) is due the first day of class.

- Parents are REQUIRED to attend the first hour and a half (1-1/2) of the program. Failure to appear will result in loss of the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) registration fee.

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 408.998-5865 or dennis@lungsrus.org

Get Involved!

Mt. Pleasant High School has something for everybody. From Academics to Athletics, the extra-curricular program at Mt. Pleasant offers a way for students to round out their high school experience. Clubs and athletics are a great way to learn leadership and social skills that can't always be learned in the classroom. Just what has Mt. Pleasant got to offer?

Clubs

A.V.I.D.
 African American Student Union
 Animal Rights
 Anime
 Bar BQ
 Bowling
 C.A.T.T.
 California Scholarship Federation
 Cemetery Gates
 Chinese/Vietnamese
 Danza Multiregional
 Debate Team
 Delikatessen
 Drama
 East Indian Student Union Film/
 Photography of Skateboarding
 Folklorico United
 French
 Funktion
 Gay Straight Alliance
 Integrate This
 Interact

Junior
 Kasama
 Khmer
 Latino Student Union
 Literary Society
 M.E.S.A.
 Mock Convention
 My Social
 National Honor Society
 Not of this World
 Ping Pong
 Poetry
 Polynesian
 Portuguese
 Puente
 Seniors
 Sophomores
 Step-N-Drill
 Swing Kids
 United Youth for Charity
 Video Production
 YEAH!

Athletics and Spirit Leader

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



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).

Student athletes and spirit leaders are also required to have the following:

1. 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.

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. 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. When possible, all absences should be **cleared in advance** through the Attendance Office. All students arriving late must have a note from a parent/guardian. If no parent verification is received, the student will receive an "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 may be referred for disciplinary action.**

Students who are absent must observe the following procedures:

1. CONTACT THE SCHOOL

It is required that a parent or guardian telephone the school the first day of absence. Contact should be made as early as possible. The purpose of this call is to advise the school of the nature of the absence.

2. PHONE EVERY DAY

In cases where students are absent for a period of several days, a parent or guardian should call the school every day and advise the Attendance Office of the condition of the student. The parent or guardian is also encouraged to contact the student's teachers for lesson assignments that have been missed. Following this procedure will prevent the student from falling behind in his/her work.

3. ADVANCE ABSENCES

When the student knows in advance he/she will be absent more than five days, he/she should notify the Attendance Office in advance of the absence to arrange for Short-Term Independent Study. Notification of the office must be five days in advance of the absence to qualify for Short-Term Independent Study.

Cardinal Success Center

A student assistance program....when you want a safe place, where people will listen.

The Cardinal Success Center is a comprehensive collaborative program that promotes personal, social and academic success for all Mt. Pleasant students. We recognize that all students will encounter obstacles in their high school careers and will have difficult choices to make about how they will respond to these hurdles. Some adolescents have skills that will allow them to make positive choices and sail over the obstacles to experience success; others will struggle with negative choices and the consequences. At CSC we seek solutions for students struggling with obstacles in their lives.

Our collaborative provides support with:

- Referral To On or Off Campus Support Services
- On Campus Peer Support Groups
- Conflict Mediation
- "I Quit" Tobacco Cessation
- Social Workers
- Drug and Alcohol Support Groups
- Peer Programs
- Gang Prevention & Intervention
- Academic Support: Career & College Readiness
- Cultural Support Groups
- Community Agencies
- Crisis Intervention

If you experience difficulties with friends, family, substance use, gang involvement or any other issue that is an obstacle to success, contact the Cardinal Success Center at 937.2857 to discuss support services at Mt. Pleasant.

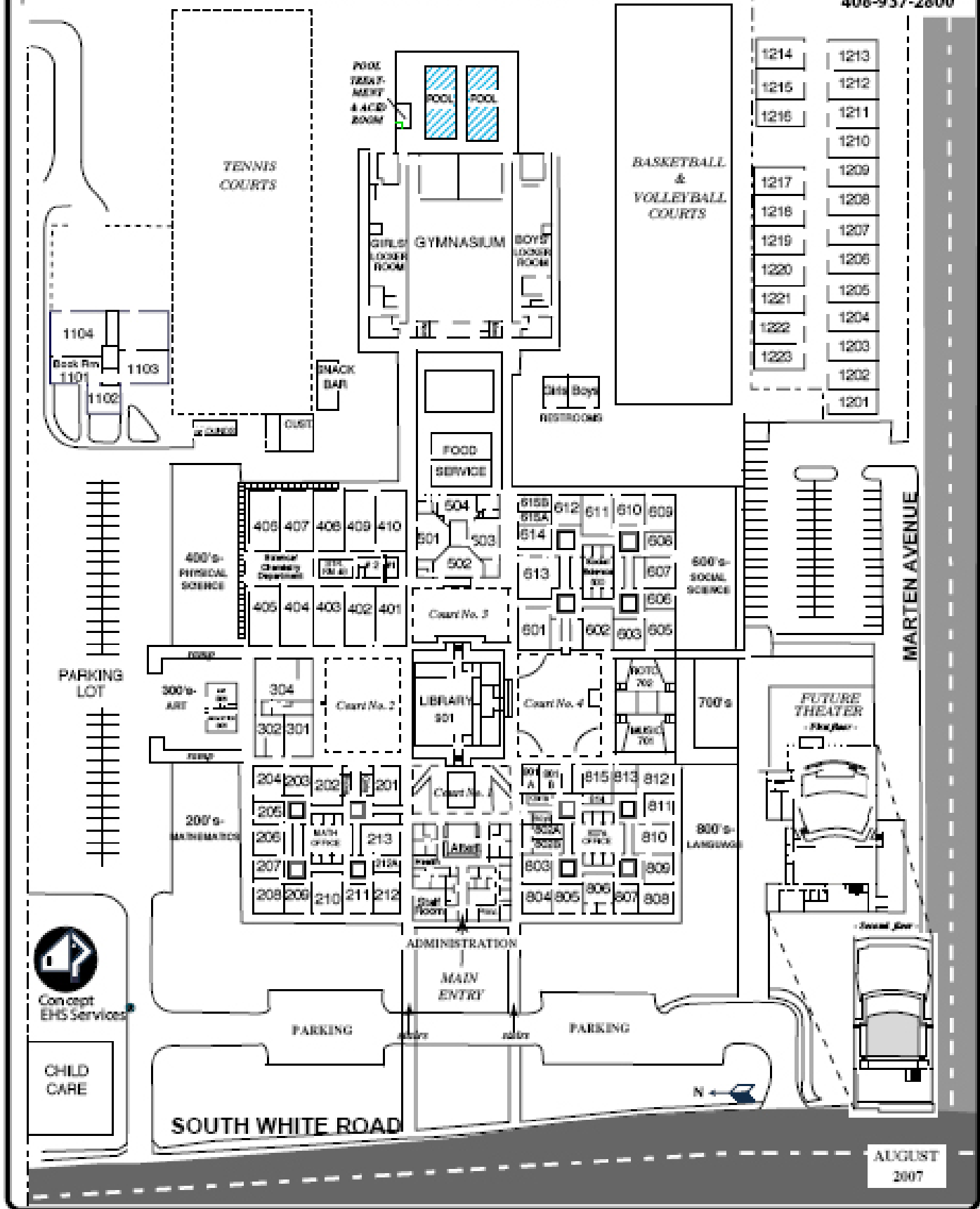
*Referral forms are available
at the switchboard.*

*All referrals should be returned to the
Cardinal Success Center.*

SITE MAP

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