



Owens Valley Middle School 2016 - 2017

Providing a vital bridge from a childhood academic foundation to the rigor and responsibilities of high school with a student-centered learning environment in blended classrooms honoring physical, emotional, social, and cognitive developmental differences and individual strengths, challenges and needs.

Teachers:

Ms. Vivian Hanson

I hold credentials in elementary and secondary education and a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching with over twenty years of classroom experience mostly in the Eastern Sierra. To relax and keep fit I practice yoga, hike, cross-country ski, cycle, and read. My motto is: cooperate with others, compete only with yourself!

Mrs. Susan Haenni

I have worked in the school system for 11 years, 9 years as a school secretary and 2 years as a classroom teacher, as well as the Resource Specialist. I grew up in Bishop and returned to persue my career. I love the Owens Valley and am thrilled to be a teacher at OVUSD. My motto is: With hope and passion you can overcome just about anything, and achieve the impossible!

2016 - 2017 Middle School Schedule	
8:00 am - 9:30 am	ELA 1/Mrs. Haenni & ELA 2/Ms. Hanson
9:30 am - 9:45 am	On-Line tasks/ELA skills, Math activities, keyboarding
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Snack/Recess
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Math 1/Mrs. Haenni & Math 2/Ms. Hanson
11:05 am - 11:45 am	P.E./Ms. Libbee
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch/Recess
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	U.S. History Bi-monthly art lesson
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Physical Science
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	CNN Student News/Reflection/Homework ready

Expectations

- Be on time & prepared to learn with homework, materials, and an open mind
- Follow instructions, stay on task, and do your best
- Respect yourself, your fellow students, the teacher, and your environment
- Use technology and all materials appropriately

Attendance

- Please schedule medical appointments before or after school if possible.
- If your student will be absent during school hours, please inform teachers at least one day in advance in order for make up work to be given.
- If you will be out of town or experience a family emergency and your student will not be in school for a period of five or more days - see the front office for an Independent Study packet. The office and teachers should be notified two weeks in advance, unless the absence is due to an emergency. This will allow for attendance credit for your student and ensure that academic work is not missed.
- Refer to the school calendar for holiday schedule and grading periods.

Discipline

- Dependent on severity of behavior and number of occurrences see handbook

- Mild - verbal warning/time out
- Moderate - parent contact/principal referral

Middle School Grading

- All grading will be done according to a grading rubric. This may differ between subjects. Teacher will send home grading rubrics and scoring scales for large assignments and group projects. Grades will be on a percentile:

100% - 90% = A

89% - 80% = B

79% - 70% = C

69% - 60% = D

59% - Below = F

- Late Work - Incomplete Work

If your student is absent due to medical/illness/family emergency and absence is cleared through front office, your student will have as many days to make up work without penalty. (2 days absent = 2 days to make up work.)

If your student was absent and the absence is unexcused or unverified through front office, your student will incur a 10% reduction in score or a grade drop for each day the work is late.

Example: Score on work is 85%, work is 1 day late, new score = 75%, work is 2 days late, new score = 65%, work is 3 days late, new score = 55%, etc.

Example: Score on work is a B+, work is 1 day late, new score = C+, work is 2 days late, new score = D+, work is 3 days late, new score = F

- Homework Policy - Late homework will not be accepted, student will receive a zero. If student has an excused absence - homework must be handed in the day of student's return, or as directed by late work/incomplete work policy.
 - Homework Club, 2:30pm - 3:10pm, offered in MPR
 - Academically required enrichment from 2:30pm - 3:10pm, RSP room

Honor Roll - students with a combined grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or greater in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Physical Education, History, and Science will receive a certificate and be honored at the awards ceremony.

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Field Trips

- 6th grade will participate in the Inyo County Outdoor Education Camp at Bernasconi, in the foothills west of Big Pine. September 26 - September 30
This is a five day/four overnight experience. More information and permission slips to follow.
- 7th & 8th grades will participate in a multi day/night end of the year field trip, with destination, dates, and details to be determined. Owens Valley Middle School is on a waitlist for Astrocamp in May 2017. Fundraising required.
- Other academic field trips:
 - 7th & 8th Cerro Coso College Orientation Bishop Campus Friday, October 21
 - 8th grade University of Nevada at Reno overnight college visit to be scheduled
 - Fall & Spring music courtesy of Bishop Community Concert Association

Eligibility

- Your student must be eligible per the student handbook - same as sports
 - Grades and discipline

How Parents Can Help

- Be patient, understanding, and interested in your child's academics
- Provide a quiet, undisturbed place for study/homework
- Spend quality time with your child & eat dinner as a family often
- Participate in school activities, sports, & fundraisers, volunteer in the classroom

