

**2022/23 Hillsdale Middle School**  
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**Hillsdale Middle School**



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**Principal - Roberta Ewing**  
**Assistant Principals - Adrian Jankowski, Chris Garcia and Sergio Navarro**

Q	<b>What is the calendar for the 2022/23 school year?</b>
A	The first day of school is Wednesday, August 17, 2022 <a href="#">CVUSD School Year Calendar</a>

Q	<b>What are Hillsdale's school/office hours?</b>
A	School begins at 9:00 am and students are dismissed at 3:30 pm (2:30pm on Mondays). Our front office is open from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm.

Q	<b>What are the drop off and pick up procedures?</b>
A	<p><b>Drop Off:</b> Students may enter our campus either at the Main Gate or at the Apolinaria Gate. Gates open at 8:45. Supervision before 8:45 is limited.</p> <p><b>Pick Up:</b> Students may exit at either gate.</p> <p><b>Pro-tip:</b> Traffic is challenging! We recommend an alternative drop-off or pick-up location for your student.</p>

Q	<b>Where should I drop off my child if they are late to school?</b>
A	If your child is late to school, they will need to check in at the front office.

Q	<b>What should I do if I need to pick my child up early OR if my child will be absent or tardy?</b>
A	<p>We encourage all doctor, dentist, etc. appointments to be made after school hours but understand that this is not always possible. If you need to pick your child up early from school, please come to the front office with identification and our office staff will be happy to help.</p> <p>Please call our Attendance Line (619) 590-6899 to let us know about any absences or tardies.</p>

Q	<b>What is the policy about wearing a mask?</b>
A	Mask wearing is a choice. Students and staff may or may not choose to wear a mask. We have a limited supply of masks for students. If students wish to wear a mask, it is recommended they bring one from home.

Q	<b>What are the CVUSD COVID-19 student policies?</b>
A	Please visit the CVUSD COVID-19 Information Page at: <a href="https://www.cajonvalley.net/covid19info">https://www.cajonvalley.net/covid19info</a>

Q	<b>What does a middle school class schedule look like? How long is each class period?</b>
A	For the 22/23 school year we will follow a traditional bell schedule with 50 minute periods, except for Monday, which is a minimum day and dismissal is at 2:30pm  6th grade students are teamed - they have a math/science teacher and an English/history teacher. Seventh and eighth grade students have math, science, history and English. All students have a PE period and an elective.

Q	<b>What electives does Hillsdale offer? How will my child's elective be decided?</b>
A	Elective offerings will provide students with experiences in different interest areas/RIASEC themes.  Your child received an elective interest survey from their 5th grade teacher to complete in the Spring. If your child did not complete the survey an elective choice will be reviewed when your student is enrolling.  We have electives such as drama, band, orchestra, career explorations, art, Spanish, robotics and STEM. Many 6th grade students will be on an elective wheel so they can sample several of our exciting classes! Seventh and eighth grade students are able to participate in leadership electives like ASB and yearbook, as well.

Q	<b>What is my child allowed to bring to school?</b>
A	<p>Please look out for information from your student's individual teachers to learn more about what supplies will be needed. Other acceptable school items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chromebook/charger</li> <li>● Backpack</li> <li>● Lunch (if they will not eat the school lunch provided)</li> <li>● Water bottle</li> </ul> <p>Our front office cannot guarantee your student will receive an item that you drop off for them during the school day. Please make sure your student has all of their supplies before they leave for school.</p>

Q	<b>How can I help my child be successful on days he/she has PE?</b>
A	<p>Students are required to wear PE uniforms, as students will be dressing out and using the locker rooms in PE this year. Students will be able to purchase their uniform during their PE class during the first week of school.</p> <p>For your student's safety, closed toe shoes must be worn.</p> <p>More information will be shared by your student's PE coach when the school year begins</p> <p>We encourage all students to bring a personally labeled water bottle each day.</p>

Q	<b>What do I need to know about lunch?</b>
A	<p>Lunch is 30 minutes and is expected to be free for all students next year. There are usually 2-3 lunch options and we have an ala carte window for students to purchase water or other snacks</p>

Q	<b>Do you offer honors classes? How can my child get into honors classes?</b>
A	Honors will be offered in English and math at all grade levels, based on test scores, GATE identification, iReady data, and teacher recommendations

Q	<b>What should my child do if they need to visit the Health Office?</b>
A	If your child needs to visit the health office (for health concerns, medication, etc.), students will either notify their classroom teacher or complete a visit request through our virtual health office.

Q	<b>What is the cell phone policy for students on school campus?</b>
A	Cell phones must be off and kept in the student's backpack when at school.

Q	<b>When is Chromebook Hospital available?</b>
A	Students may get Chromebook support during their Advisory class each morning. Teachers will direct students in need of support to our Chromebook Hospital, which is located on site.

Q	<b>How can I monitor my child's activities on their Chromebook?</b>
A	<p>The Bocksi Parent Dashboard is available to all Cajon Valley families. Bocksi gives parents the flexibility to enforce some of their home policies such as bedtime and access to control over specific content.</p> <p>Video : How to set up Bocksi <a href="https://blocksi.net/howto_parent.php">https://blocksi.net/howto_parent.php</a></p> <p>Parents will need:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Your student's school email address which reads like this, <a href="mailto:123456@cvusd.co">123456@cvusd.co</a></li> <li>2. The parent's email address that is connected to your student's school contact information</li> <li>3. Go to Bocksi.net and click Login</li> </ol>

Q	<b>My child is an incoming 6th grader or is new to Cajon Valley. How will my child receive their new Chromebook for school?</b>
A	<p>6th grade students and students that are new to Cajon Valley will receive their new Chromebook during the week of August 22 during the school day.</p>

Q	<b>How will my child be graded?</b>
A	<p>Students will be receiving feedback on their progress and grades from their individual teachers. Additionally, progress reports or report cards will be provided every six weeks. Please check the Parent Portal to find your child's grades. You may also contact your child's teacher with any questions you may have throughout the year.</p> <p>Since progress reports and report cards are available online, we will not be sending home a printed copy with your student.</p>

Q	<b>What's the best way to contact my child's teacher or school staff?</b>
A	<p>Feel free to email your child's teacher and/or staff. Below is a link to the Hillsdale Staff Directory.</p> <p><a href="#">Hillsdale Middle School Staff Directory</a></p> <p>CVUSD uses ParentSquare for school communication, primarily with email, text and app notifications. ParentSquare automatically generates an account for each parent, using their preferred email address and phone number. We encourage parents to access their accounts so they can download the mobile app and update their preferences on when and how they are notified.</p> <p>For additional information, and the link to download the mobile app, please visit the Cajon Valley website  <a href="https://www.cajonvalley.net/Domain/3000">https://www.cajonvalley.net/Domain/3000</a></p>

Q	<b>What counseling services are available? How do I contact a counselor?</b>
A	<p>Our counseling center is committed to creating a safe and welcoming place for students and parents to address any academic, social, or personal concerns that they may be experiencing. Our goal is to assist students to grow academically and socially during their time at Hillsdale. The middle school years offer new experiences, challenges, responsibilities, and opportunities for students to clarify values, set goals, and continue developing confidence and positive self-esteem.</p> <p>Mandy Bell (A-C) <a href="mailto:updegraffa@cajonvalley.net">updegraffa@cajonvalley.net</a></p> <p>Daniel Shea (D-J) <a href="mailto:shead@cajonvalley.net">shead@cajonvalley.net</a></p> <p>Haley Sipan (K-P) (<a href="mailto:sipanh@cajonvalley.net">sipanh@cajonvalley.net</a>)</p> <p>Kara Smith (Q-Z) (<a href="mailto:smithk@cajonvalley.net">smithk@cajonvalley.net</a>)</p> <p>Counseling office phone number (619) 441-6186</p>

Q	<b>What programs does Hillsdale provide for children who qualify for support services?</b>
A	<p>If your student is an English language learner we provide ELD instruction as your student's elective class.</p> <p>If your student has an IEP, we provide a continuum of services through our Special Education Department</p> <p>If your student has a 504 Plan classroom support is also provided.</p>

Q	<b>What other types of support are available to help my child?</b>
A	<p><b>Teachers:</b> Students could have up to 6 different teachers at a time. These teachers are there to support your students throughout their educational career. Teachers provide a range of academic support based on student need.</p> <p><b>Counselors:</b> We have 4 counselors here at Hillsdale who are able to help students with a range of topics including academics, social-emotional, college/career, and more! Counselors interact with students in the classroom, in small groups, and individually. We do have an alpha breakdown of students we typically work with but any counselor can help any student throughout the year.</p> <p><b>Administration:</b> Our admin team is made up of our Principal (Roberta Ewing) and four Assistant Principals (Frank Luera, Adrian Jankowski, Chris Garcia and Sergio Navarro). Our admin team is here to make sure our students feel safe here at Hillsdale. They can assist students with safety concerns that may come up while on campus.</p>

Q	<b>Is there a student handbook?</b>
A	<p>Yes, our student handbook is digital and can be found on our website at: <a href="#">22/23 Student Handbook</a></p> <p>You will find all kinds of information about policies and procedures like student dress code, cell phone policy, discipline and more in our handbook.</p>



Q	<b>I applied for a transfer and have not heard if my child has been accepted, when can I expect to find out?</b>
A	<p>If you applied for a transfer by the February 1, 2022 deadline, you should have already received an email from Longe Range Planning to call Hillsdale. If you applied by the deadline and have not received an email, please contact the Hillsdale Counseling Department at (619) 441-6186.</p> <p>If you applied after the deadline, please keep an eye out for the email and contact Hilldale Middle School when you receive it.</p>

Q	<b>Are there any after school sports or clubs?</b>
A	<p>After school sports are provided through partnership with EDP including soccer, flag football, volleyball, track and basketball.</p> <p>After-school clubs have included Club Live, Homework Club, Strategy Game Club, Rock Band, Book Club and more.</p> <p>CVUSD will also be offering amazing before and after-school enrichment opportunities with grant funds dedicated to providing enrichment activities for students</p>

Q	<b>What about 6th grade camp?</b>
A	We are scheduled to attend Camp Cuyamaca February 6-10, 2023. 6th grade teachers help coordinate this and will begin to share information in late Fall.

Q	<b>Does Hillsdale have an Extended Day Program?</b>
A	Yes - before and after school care; Link to EDP information: <a href="#">CVUSD EDP</a>

Q	<b>Will transportation be available next year?</b>
A	Students with transportation services specified in their IEP will be provided with transportation. You can contact CVUSD Transportation at 619-588-3177.  More to come on fee-based transportation for other students

Q	<b>Will there be an option for Distance Learning?</b>
A	This year CVUSD offered VLP (Virtually Learning Program). More information has yet to be shared to determine if this program will be available for the 22/23 school year. Long-Range Planning can answer questions about VLP if you are interested in enrolling your student: 619-588-3210

Q	<b>Will there be a 6th grade orientation for students before school begins?</b>
A	Yes, we will host an in-person orientation for our incoming 6th grade students and any other students who are new to Hillsdale on August 10. See the attached flier for details.

Q	<b>When will my student receive his or her schedule?</b>
A	Schedules are often being finalized right up until the last minute. Our goal is to provide families with an emailed copy of their student's schedule no later than the night before school begins.

Q	<b>How can I access ParentPortal?</b>
A	Each parent has an account on the parent portal that can be accessed at: <a href="https://parentportal.cajonvalley.net/">https://parentportal.cajonvalley.net/</a> . If you need more information regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher. If you need a copy of your login information, please contact the counseling office at 619-441-6156.

Q	<b>Is there a PTA at Hillsdale?</b>
A	Yes! We love our PTA!. Please contact our PTA president Lessley Jackson at <a href="mailto:less_jackson@yahoo.com">less_jackson@yahoo.com</a>

Q	<b>When is Back to School Night?</b>
A	Back to School Night at Hillsdale is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. More information will be shared at the beginning of our new school year.

Q	<b>Where can I get more information that is not provided here?</b>
A	Starting on August 10, you may call the Hillsdale office, M-F 8:30am-4:00pm and we will direct you to the staff member or department who can help  OR you can visit our website at <a href="#">HMS Website</a> or follow us on Facebook at <i>Hillsdale Middle School Huskies</i> .