

# INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear SIXER Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I welcome you to a year filled with new learnings and exciting experiences for our students as we help them discover their passion, purpose, and path from high school into college and careers.

I invite all new students and new student families to an orientation on Thursday, August 4th, from 9 am - 12 pm. Please arrive by 8:45 am to check-in. At this event, students will receive their class schedule and school issued Chromebooks. Additionally students will be greeted, assigned a student-mentor, receive a walking tour of campus, and learn about the different opportunities for involvement through clubs, athletics, and performing arts groups. Lastly, students can purchase PE clothes, receive order forms for school portraits, and reserve a yearbook for \$65 at this event. If you are a new student, please bring this letter to the event to speed up the process for checking out your Chromebook.

For our returning students, we welcome you to campus to receive your schedules at the following times. Seniors can receive their schedules on Wednesday, August 3rd, from 9 am through 12 pm. Juniors can receive their schedules from 1 pm through 3 pm. Sophomores can receive their schedules on Thursday, August 4th, from 1 pm through 3 pm.

Estimadas familias de Independence (SIXERS),

¡Bienvenidos al año escolar 2022-2023! Les doy la bienvenida a un año lleno de nuevas experiencias emocionantes para nuestros estudiantes mientras les ayudamos a descubrir su pasión, propósito y camino desde la preparatoria hasta la universidad y sus carreras.

Invito a todos los estudiantes nuevos y sus familias a una orientación el jueves 4 de agosto de 9 am a 12 pm. Por favor llegue a las 8:45 am para registrarse. En este evento, los estudiantes recibirán su horario de clases y Chromebooks emitidos por la escuela. Además, a los estudiantes se les asignará un guía que les dará un recorrido por la escuela y aprenderán sobre las diferentes oportunidades de participación a través de clubes, atletismo y grupos de artes. Por último, los estudiantes pueden comprar ropa de educación física, recibir formularios para pedidos de retratos escolares y reservar un libro del año escolar por \$65. Es importante que si es un estudiante nuevo, traiga esta carta al evento con usted.

Para nuestros estudiantes que regresen, los invitamos a la escuela para recibir sus horarios, los siguientes días. Estudiantes de último año (grado 12), pueden recibir sus horarios el miércoles 3 de agosto de 9 am a 12 pm. Estudiantes del grado 11 pueden recibir sus horarios de 1 pm a 3 pm el mismo día. Estudiantes del grado 10 pueden recibir sus horarios el jueves 4 de agosto de 1 pm a 3 pm.

Kính gửi gia đình SIXER,

Chào mừng đến với năm học 2022-2023! Tôi chào mừng quý vị đến với một năm đầy ắp những bài học mới và trải nghiệm thú vị cho học sinh của chúng tôi khi chúng tôi giúp các em khám phá niềm đam mê, mục đích và con đường từ trung học vào đại học và sự nghiệp.

Tôi kính mời tất cả học sinh và gia đình các em mới đến với buổi Orientation vào Thứ Năm, ngày 4 tháng 8, từ 9 giờ sáng đến 12 giờ trưa. Vui lòng đến trước 8:45 sáng để ghi danh. Tại sự kiện này, học sinh sẽ nhận được thời khoá biểu và Chromebook do trường cấp. Ngoài ra, học sinh sẽ được chào đón, chỉ định một người cố vấn cho học sinh, được tham quan khuôn viên trường, và tìm hiểu về các cơ hội tham gia khác nhau thông qua các câu lạc bộ, thể thao và các nhóm biểu diễn nghệ thuật. Cuối cùng, học sinh có thể mua quần áo thể dục, điền đơn cho ảnh chân dung của trường, và đặt trước một cuốn Year Book với giá \$65 tại sự kiện. Nếu các em là học sinh mới, vui lòng mang theo lá thư này đến buổi Orientation để nhận Chromebook của học sinh.

Đối với những học sinh trở lại của chúng tôi, chúng tôi hoan nghênh các em đến trường để nhận thời khoá biểu của mình vào những giờ như sau. Các em lớp 12 có thể nhận thời khoá biểu của các em vào Thứ Tư, ngày 3 tháng Tám, từ 9 giờ sáng đến 12 giờ trưa. Học sinh lớp 11 có thể nhận thời khoá biểu của các em từ 1 giờ chiều đến 3 giờ chiều. Học sinh lớp 10 có thể nhận thời khoá biểu của mình vào Thứ Năm, ngày 4 tháng 8, từ 1 giờ chiều đến 3 giờ chiều.

## Update your Contact Information

Please check the following information and submit an updated copy of the Student Contact Information Form if there are any changes that need to be made. For Address changes, please provide a copy of the any utility bill showing the parent/guardian's name and new address.

## Registration Hours for the first two weeks of school

In an effort to help expedite the registration and withdrawal process for the first two weeks of school we will be registering new students from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Monday through Friday and processing Withdrawals, Transcript Requests, Work Permits, & Diploma pickups from 1:00 PM to 3:00 pm.

## CANVAS

Starting in the 2022-2023 school year Independence will be moving to use the Canvas Learning Management System. This will replace Schoolloop as a grade book visible for parents. Instructions for parents to see student information are included later in this mailer.

## Mental Health and Wellness Center

Students who are interested in accessing mental health support on campus and in the community can visit the Mental Health and Wellness Center located in room D-05. We are open every school day from 8:15 to 4:00 pm. At the Wellness Center, students can access the calming Space, talk to a social worker or an intern about ongoing mental health needs, receive crisis support, attend a support group, or request information about services available in the community. In Fall 2022, we plan to host the following groups: Art Therapy, Ujima, and a general support group. Students and families with questions about the Wellness Center can contact Ilse Ruiz, School Social Worker, at 408-928-9937, 669-250-1428, or email [ruizilse@esuhd.org](mailto:ruizilse@esuhd.org).

If you would like to refer a student please visit the following website: <https://forms.doc-tracking.com/48252/48252/2416>

## SaySomething

The health and safety of our students are vital to a positive community. Independence participates in the SaySomething program through Sandy Hook Promise. We encourage students to share concerns with a trusted adult on campus. If a student, or community member, has information they need to submit they can call 1-844-5-SayNow, through the app, or through the following website.

<https://www.p3campus.com/tipform.aspx?ID=3000&HF=1&Logo=0&X=1&H=0>

## Closed Campus Policy

Students are **NOT ALLOWED** to leave campus during their school day. Students who are caught leaving or returning will have their items confiscated and be assigned a Saturday School. Students are not allowed to order outside food and have it delivered to them during school hours. The parking lots are off-limits during breaks and lunch. Don't use a car as a locker. DO NOT park in staff parking near the Theater. In addition, all visitors need to check-in at the main office in N-01.

## Covid Testing

Independence still offers free weekly COVID screening for our students through the PrimaryHealth website. To access this testing students can come to N-01 during a break to submit their test samples. Students must register with the Primary Health website prior to taking these tests. You can sign up using the QR code to the Right or through the following website. [https://my.primary.health/t/esu\\_hs/r](https://my.primary.health/t/esu_hs/r)



## PE Clothes

PE clothes will be available for purchase during our new student orientation. They will be \$20 for the uniform set or \$10 for each item. We will sell one set per student for the beginning of the year. Sales will be open during the first week of school for all students and following that uniform items can be purchased from the staff in the girl's locker room office.

**Independence High School  
East Side Union High School District  
Student Contact Information Update Form**

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Updated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Previous School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT INFORMATION – PLEASE FILL EVERYTHING OUT LEGIBLY**

**Legal Last Name**                      **Legal First Name**                      **Middle Name/Initial**

Male: \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace (*country*) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Immigration (*if outside US*): \_\_\_\_\_

N-1/F-1 Visa Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ I-1 Visa Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Household/Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**(First Guardian)** Last Name                      First Name                      Relationship

Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Second Guardian)** Last Name                      First Name                      Relationship

Address (*fill out if different from above*): \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (with whom student lives) – check all that apply**

Father \_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_ Step-Father \_\_\_\_ Step-Mother \_\_\_\_ Aunt \_\_\_\_ Uncle \_\_\_\_

Grandfather \_\_\_\_ Grandmother \_\_\_\_ Foster parent \_\_\_\_ Group Home \_\_\_\_ Ed Rights \_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN EDUCATION – Check highest education level for parent/guardian**

Didn't graduate high school \_\_\_\_ High school graduate \_\_\_\_ Some college or AA degree \_\_\_\_

College graduate \_\_\_\_ Post-graduate degree \_\_\_\_

## Graduation Requirements

In order to earn a diploma from the East Side Union High School District, students must pass 220 credits in the areas shown below.

- Graduation credits are earned by achieving a grade of a D or higher at the Semester marking periods. Each Semester includes two marking period grades which are mailed home. Grades can be seen through an online gradebook maintained by the teacher.
- A-G Credits are earned through achieving a grade of a C or higher in college preparatory courses within the specific subject areas. A college prep course is indicated with "P-" at the beginning of the course title in our student information system. Earning A-G eligibility are the minimum admission requirements to apply to the CSU/UC systems. Additional admission requirements may apply, for further guidance please consult your school counselor.

<i><b>Subject</b></i>	<i><b>Graduation Credits</b></i>	<i><b>ESUHSD Graduation Requirements</b></i>	<i><b>A-G Credits</b></i>	<i><b>A-G Requirements</b></i>
English	40	4 years of English	40	4 years of English
Social Science	30	1 year of World History 1 year of US History 1 semester of Economics 1 semester of American Government	20	1 year of World History 1 year of US History, or 1 semester of US History and 1 semester of American Government
Mathematics	20	1 year of CCSS Math 1 or Algebra 1 1 year of CCSS Math 2 or Geometry (or higher level courses)	30	3 years of college prep mathematics
Science	20	1 year of a life science 1 year of a physical science	20	2 years including two of the three topics including Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
Fine Art or World Language	10	1 year of a Fine Art or 1 year of a World Language	30	2 years of a Language other than English 1 year of a Visual or Performing Art
Physical Education	20	2 years of Physical Education		
Electives	80		10	1 year of electives within an A-G course beyond the requirement
TOTAL	220		150	

## Spartan East Side Promise

As students at Independence, our students are eligible to apply to the Spartan East Side Promise for admission to San Jose State University.

Established in 2016, the Spartan East Side Promise (SESP) began as a collaboration between San José State University and East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD) with the goal of offering guaranteed admission to qualified students who graduate from a qualifying school. Through a variety of interactive programming, the SESP provides a pathway to admission at SJSU by clearly specifying the admission requirements and sharing information about resources for academic success with students and families in the district.

In 2019, the Promise began to expand into a program within SOAR that focuses on helping incoming ESUHSD students transition to SJSU, build connections, and navigate the University.

Our Vision is to collaborate with the campus community on interactive, intentional programming to foster academic, personal, and professional development, and a college-going mindset, in ESUHSD students.

To do this, we have three objectives:

1. Help students become part of a larger campus community
2. Serve as a support system for ESUHSD students and their families
3. Decrease the percentage of academic probation and disqualification in a cohort

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## IHS BELL SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR



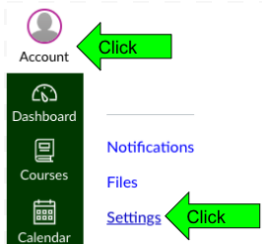
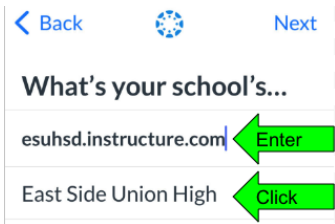
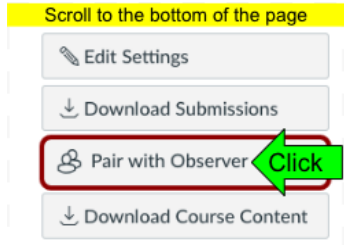
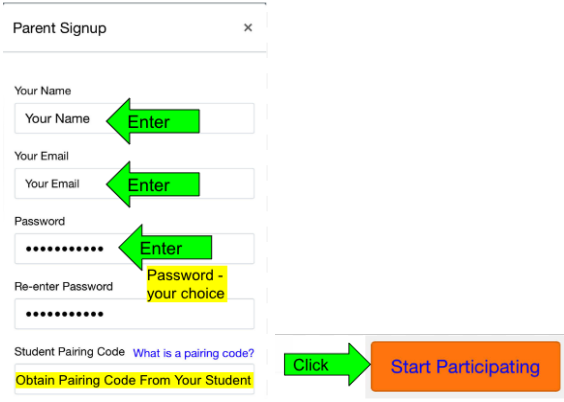

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Student/Teacher Calendar	
Teacher Inservice	Aug 8, 2022
First Day of School	Aug 9, 2022
Labor Day	Sep 5, 2022
Fall Break	Sep 26-30, 2022
Veterans Day	Nov 11, 2022
Thanksgiving	Nov 23-25, 2022
Holiday Break	Dec 26, 2022-Jan 6, 2023
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Jan 16, 2023
Winter Break	Feb 20-24, 2023
César Chávez	Mar 31, 2023
Spring Break	Apr 10-14, 2023
Memorial Day	May 29, 2023
Last Day of School	June 1, 2023
Teacher Inservice	June 2, 2023

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# Parent Instructions for Accessing Course Information & Instructor Contact On Your Phone

Get the Canvas App	Creating a Pairing Code (Students)
<p>1. Go to your app store and search for:</p> <p><b>CANVAS PARENT</b></p>	<p>1. Login at <a href="https://ecarms.esuhsd.org/">https://ecarms.esuhsd.org/</a></p>  <p>Click</p> <p>From Your Apps or Dashboard List</p>
<p>2. Download this app</p> 	 <p>2.</p>
<p>3. Click <b>FIND SCHOOL</b></p> 	<p>Scroll to the bottom of the page</p>  <p>3.</p>
 <p>4.</p>	<p>Pair with Observer</p> <p>Share the following pairing code with an observer to allow them to connect with you. This code will expire in seven days, or after one use.</p> <p>JTPW88</p> <p>Copy/Share</p> <p>4.</p> <p><b>WANT TO LEARN MORE?</b></p>
 <p>5.</p>	 <p>Click on the image above for more details.</p>