



COPE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A California Gold Ribbon School

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Dear Incoming 6th Grade Families:

Welcome to Cope Middle School! I am sure you have many questions and concerns as we finish off the current school year and prepare to begin middle school in August. I want to assure you that we will be communicating with you regularly from now until the start of the school year on August 11, 2021.

We are preparing a welcome video to introduce you to our teachers, programs, and campus. This should be ready and the next couple of weeks. I will send out a link to the video through Aeries Communication, and will also send it to your elementary school principals.

For now, I want you to have the information necessary to select your exploratory classes for 6th grade. In 6th grade, all students will take English, math, science, social studies, PE, and exploratory classes of their choosing. The exploratory classes rotate each quarter to allow for students to experience a wide range of interests and teachers, unless a student enrolls in a year-long elective such as band, choir, AVID, or CSTEM.

Here is the 6th grade registration information:

(I know there are a lot of links but if you follow the directions on the form, this should make sense. Go slowly and read carefully.) Please **use your child's RUSD account** to access all links below.

★ **Registration Form:** The 6th Grade Registration Form can be accessed at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/6thRegisForm21-22>

- As the form indicates, students will need to select four options of interest from the elective/exploratory list. This can be done on the form or electronically at the following link: <https://bit.ly/Cope6thExplore21-22>
- If you would like to read a **description** of each of the 6th grade elective/exploratory classes, those can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/6thExploreDescriptions>
- Students who want to enroll in two exploratory classes, such as AVID and Band, may elect to take a 0-Period PE class which meets before school. The 0-Period PE request form can be completed here: <https://bit.ly/0PeriodPE6th21-22>
- Students who have not submitted their GATE class request, but desire to be considered for a GATE class, should submit their information at the following link: <http://bit.ly/RequestGATE21-22>
- **Please complete exploratory selections no later than May 28, 2021.**

★ **Immunizations** – It is not too early to get prepared for 7th grade, as proof of a whooping cough booster (also known as TDap) and two doses of the chickenpox vaccine are required in order to attend 7th grade on any campus in the RUSD. Plan ahead and make an appointment with your physician to get the vaccines this year. Copies of the vaccinations can be submitted to cynthia_learn@redlands.k12.ca.us or michele_fowler-kolbeck@redlands.k12.ca.us, or brought directly to the Cope main office.

- ★ **Cope Summer Program** – July 12-23 Cope will be holding a summer school program for Cope Middle School Students. This includes our incoming 6th graders! If you want to have an introduction to Cope’s campus, get a jump on math and English, and have some fun, please consider enrolling. Here is the flyer for more information: <https://bit.ly/CopeSummerFlier>
 - To register, visit this link: <https://bit.ly/CopeSummerRegistration>
 - For more information on the Summer Band Camp, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/RedlandsSummerBand2021>

- ★ **RUSD After School Education and Safety Programs (ASES):** This program provides a FREE On-Site After School Program for the 2021-2022 school year. The program offers homework assistance; academic and literacy support; sports and physical fitness opportunities; art, socio-emotional learning, STEM, Coding, and more; opportunities for leadership; and a safe place to be after school. Please visit this link for more information on program registration: <http://bit.ly/ASES21-22>

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

★ **Open Question and Answer Sessions with Cope Counselors**

- **June 1, 2021, 6:00 PM – Last name A-M**
- **June 3, 2021, 6:00 PM – Last name N-Z**
- Zoom Meeting Information:
<https://redlands-k12.zoom.us/j/87696888420?pwd=T2p6K0Z6Zk9JeGoyRmM0dk5DY3lIZz09>
 Meeting ID: 876 9688 8420
 Passcode: 6thWelcome

- ★ **July 12-23** – Cope’s Summer Program – held on campus; no virtual option available
- ★ **August 5th** – **WEB Orientation for Incoming 6th Graders**
- ★ **August 5th** – Cope’s Open House – purchase PE clothes, ASB, yearbooks, spirit wear; take school pictures and get IDs, get schedules, agendas, and textbooks, etc.
- ★ **August 11th** – First Day of the 2021-2022 school year

We very much look forward to welcoming you and having all our students return to our campus for the 2021-2022 school year, to resume our “normal” classes, activities, and engagement as a family of Cope Eagles.

Best wishes in the coming weeks as we finish off the school year!

Thank you!

Sincerely,



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