

# Discovery High School

Natomas Unified School District



Dear Discovery High School Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back for the 23-24 school year. We are so proud to have you part of our Bulldog Family. We look forward to partnering with each student and family to ensure students graduate from Discovery High School college and career ready. As the new principal at Discovery High School, I am excited about the opportunity to share my experience with our staff and students for ultimate success. I have been in the Natomas Unified School District since 1995. I taught at Natomas HS for nine years and was the first head football coach hired in our district. After several years of leadership at Natomas, I transferred to Inderkum HS in 2004 where I was the Athletic Director for 17 years. I have been an Assistant Principal at Inderkum HS for four years and have gained a tremendous amount of insight in this role. Coaching and teaching have always been the connection to students for me. I look forward to meeting with you prior to the start of school. I will host a meet and greet on Tuesday, August 1st from 9:00-10:00 AM, and Wednesday, August 2nd from 5:30-6:30 PM at Discovery High School. I will also be hosting a virtual meeting via zoom at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 2nd. [Zoom link here.](#)

Discovery High School is committed to providing excellent service to our students and families. We are dedicated to the following goals:

- High School graduation for all students
- Every student college and career ready
- Build social, emotional, and academic skills for all students
- Foster meaningful relationships with students and families

Classes for this year begin on Thursday, August 10th, 2023. Our school day begins at 8:30 AM and will end at 2:24 PM. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, please take a look at some important information below.

- **Front office will be open on Monday, July, 31st at 1:00 PM**
  - If you need support prior to July 31st, please contact NUSD Constituent and Customer Service, or refer to the DHS Digital Backpack located on our Discovery High School [website](#).
- **Thursday, August 3rd, and Friday, August 4th**
  - Schedule Pick Up Days
  - Complete/Update emergency cards (parent/guardian)
  - Student ID card pictures taken
- **First day of school: Thursday, August 10th (check your schedule for start time)**
- **Back to School Night: Thursday, September 14th, 6:30-8:00 PM**

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**Parent Square:** We are excited to share that beginning Fall 2023, all Natomas Unified schools will begin using Parent Square as the single communication platform to communicate with families. Parent Square will help to streamline communication as all messages will appear in a single place within the Parent Square platform, regardless of the school or teacher. To learn more about ParentSquare, check out this [video](#).

**Attendance:** Attendance at school plays an important role in a student's academic journey and can benefit them in many ways both inside and outside the classroom. The most important reason why attendance is important is that it provides students with regular opportunities to actively engage in the learning process. By being present, students maximize their learning potential. Attending school regularly also establishes a positive habit that lays the foundation for a successful future. It helps build a mindset of dedication, perseverance, and responsibility. Please talk to your student regularly about the importance of maintaining good attendance at school.

**Immunizations:** Please remember that regular childhood immunizations are required by the State of California unless your child has a medical exemption. If your child does not have current immunizations, NUSD offers free immunizations. Please click on the [link](#) to view appointment times.

If you have any questions about our school, our programs, or our expectations, please don't hesitate to contact us or visit our website at [www.natomasunified.org/dhs](http://www.natomasunified.org/dhs). Again, welcome to the 2023-2024 school year.

Sincerely,

***Matt Hinton***

Matt Hinton  
Principal  
Discovery HS Bulldogs