

MAVERICK CORNER

Mesa Verde High School Newsletter

Final Grades

To be on track to graduate, you must have a *passing grade* in your classes by:

Term 1: October 9th

Term 2: December 18th

Ride The Bus For Free

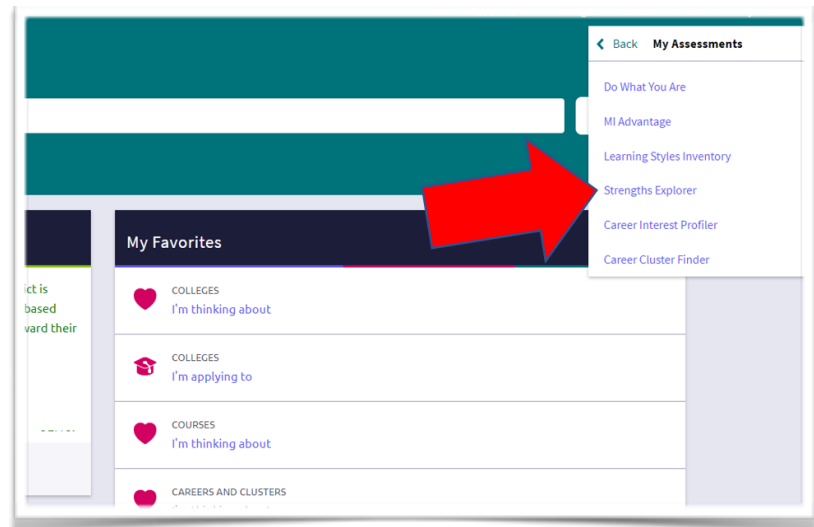
Students are able to ride the all SacRT busses, light rail, & Ride On-Demand for **free**. All that is needed is a student ID or RydeFreeRT card.

Google Classroom for Senior Info

There are a lot of important opportunities for Seniors coming up. To make sure you are kept aware of everything, all 12th graders are encouraged to add Counseling: Seniors 2021 to their classroom.

Mid-Term Grads

Students graduating in December, **Folsom Lake College** is holding a registration presentation on October 12th / 3-4pm. Contact your counselor to register.



Help!

My Kid Is Failing All Their Classes!

As a parent, sometimes it feels like you care more about your child's life than they do (though if they had invested as much time and money into their life as you have - they might).

Unfortunately, for some students, school *feels* pointless. This is especially true for those who do not have an idea of life after high school.

Often, the students that find academic success are working towards something (admittance in to a dream college, parent approval, proving they are better than their sibling, etc.)

Without this intrinsic drive, a student may feel their time is better spent in the now (developing friendships, finding out if that crush feels the same way, listening to music that is the perfect soundtrack for their life). These are all important - for most parents these are memories of their youth that they treasure.

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Playing College Sports

Many of our talented Mavericks have aspirations of being recruited by a college to play their favorite sport.

Being talented in your sport is not enough. The NCAA has firm requirements for student athletes. To play in Division I, students must:

- Earn a minimum 2.3 GPA
- Complete 16 core courses
- Take the SAT or ACT

If you are interested in participating in college sports, there are several things for you to start doing as a 10th grader. For specific information, reach out to your counselor.

Help! (cont.)

If your child is struggling in school, talk with them to see what their current life plan might be. They definitely do not need everything planned out by 15, but if there is no goal on the horizon, then school may feel like a bunch of busy work (which is not necessarily wrong).

Tip: Do not just focus on jobs/careers. Inquire about your student's desired *life*. How much time do they want to spend with their friends & family? Where do they want to live? Do they want to travel? How do they plan on giving back to their community?

For your student to determine their goals/plan - they need to **first start with discovering their strengths**. Naviance (in their student portal) can help with this. The StrengthsExplorer can help identify innate talents. From these talents, Naviance can then suggest careers that depend on the identified talents.

But, my kids says they want to be a YouTuber, and says they don't need school...

This is awesome! The most popular YouTubers are able to impact the lives of millions of people everyday - what a fantastic career. (It can also pay pretty well - Dude Perfect made \$20 million in 2019).

True, an "A+" in Earth Science is not directly related to success on YouTube. However, to have a successful channel on YouTube, Twitch, Crackle, etc. they will need:

- Communication
- Planning / Time Management
- Vision / Design
- Networking / Interpersonal Relationships
- Data Analysis
- Business Skills

Mesa Verde provides countless opportunities in classes, like Earth Science (and especially in our pathways) for students to practice these skills. The first step is to choose to get involved in the school community.