



Mary Lou Mahone Middle School

Stampeding towards Excellence...

Mission

Provide excellent, challenging learning opportunities and experiences that prepare each student for success.

Vision

Stampeding towards Excellence by building collaborative relationships and encouraging independent learners who model and Achieve Success in Academics, Community and Character.

Website:	mahone.kusd.edu
Meal Payments:	myschoolbucks.com
School Hours MTWR:	8:35am – 3:55pm/Fridays: 2:55pm
Breakfast:	8:00am – 8:25am
School Office Hours:	7:45 am – 4:15 pm
Attendance Number:	262-359-8101
Main Office Number:	262-359-8100
Mr. Peterson (6 th grade counselor):	262-359-8122
Mrs. Thorson (6 th grade dean):	262-359-8195

Open House: Tuesday, August 29th 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Professional Learning Days (no school for students): October 13th (PM), November 10th, February 23rd (PM), April 20th

Half Days for Students (noon dismissal): November 22nd, May 25th, June 13th

Parent Teacher Conferences: October 10th & 12th (evening only), 14th (AM) February 20th & 22nd (evening only), 24th (AM)

Teacher Workday (no school for students): November 3rd, January 19th, March 23rd

PTSA Meeting: September 11th (other dates will be announced) at 5:30pm

Everything you were wondering about Mahone Middle School and more!

Four Things your child should know before school starts!

1. Student ID number.
2. Locker Number and Combination - combinations are right-left-right.
3. First and Second electives on their schedule.
4. Parent/guardian phone number – just in case they miss their ride.

Middle School

At Mahone, we have three grade levels. Each grade level has individual wing with 3 academic houses, grade level's lockers, and rest rooms. Each house has four core academic teachers and a special education teacher.

We run three separate time schedules so there is only one grade level in the halls at a time. Each grade level has individual passing times.

The only time that you all students are together will be right before school starts (weather permitting) and at dismissal.

***Make sure your child knows their yellow bus number for both their AM and PM routes (it may be different). Numbers are located on left-side of bus door.**

Home/School Partnership: Moving onto Middle School can be a big change. It means moving to a new school building, meeting new friends/teachers, as well as worrying about not having some of your friends from elementary school in all of your classes. Middle School grades and activities won't appear on your child's college application, but are a determining factor for future success. As parents, here are some ways to help the middle school experience be successful:

Academics: You can check you're your child's progress through Infinite Campus. Make sure you have the proper settings check in the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus. There is even an app that will give you grade/attendance alerts.

Assignment Notebook: This is a great way to assist your child with time management and communicate with the teachers.

School Counselor: Your child will have the same counselor for the next three years. He is a great resource to connect with regarding academics and behavior.

Teachers: Your child will have the same academic teachers the entire year. Elective teachers will change every quarter and/or semester.

Digital Assignment Notebook: Each teacher will keep a **Digital Assignment Notebook (the DAN)** online under the **Parent tab**. Here you will be able to see what was the topic and assignments for the day.

Communicating with School Staff: You can contact teachers by phone or through email. In the houses, one teacher is designated as your key contact. It is this teacher's responsibility to be the messenger for you and the other teachers in the house. Elective teachers are not a part of this. Every teacher's email address is on our website under staff. If you wish to leave a phone message, call the office and we will transfer you to their voice mail.

Who to Call/Contact:

Assistant Principal Mr. Germain: schedule changes, program placement
Counselor Grade 6 Mrs. Peterson: attendance, family issues, personal/social issues
Dean of Students Grade 6 Mrs. Thorson: discipline, bullying, student behavior
Grade 6 Teachers: academic or behavior performance, grades, assignments
Safety: Your child's emotional and academic well-being is our top priority. If you provide your child with a cell phone, please set perimeters and monitor how it is being used. Inappropriate use of cell phones, both in and out of school, impacts everyone's safety. Please contact us (teacher, counselor, dean or administrator) if you have any questions or concerns.

Absences

If your child is home sick, please **call the attendance number before 10:30 AM** if possible. State you child's name, reason for his/her absence. If your child has a doctor/dentist appointment, please bring in a slip from the doctor/dentist so the absence can be excused.

Attendance is taken in every class. If your child is not present in class when attendance is taken, he/she may be marked **TRUANT** and you will receive a call. Please encourage your child to be in class on time and in his/her seat.

Personal Phone Calls

It is extremely difficult for us to deliver personal messages to individual students on a daily basis. **Please make transportation/arrangements prior to the start of the day with your child.** Due to the high office traffic in the afternoon, no personal phone messages will be delivered after 3:15pm.

Sometimes students forget things and are allowed to use the classroom phone to call you. We ask students to leave the classroom's extension in their message since all out-going calls will display the main office number (262-359-8100)

Getting the Correct Information about "What's going on at School"

We do not have a FACEBOOK page, nor have we 'friend' such page.

KUSD's or Mahone's website will provide you with the most accurate information about what is happening at the school. On our website you can find teacher email addresses, a link to the daily announcements, a calendar of events that are occurring in the school, athletic schedules and other educational resources for you to access. All houses also provide a 'Digital Assignment Notebook' where they post daily lessons, assignments, link resources or examples for students to reference, or announcements specifically for their students. We also use our automated phone system to notify you of important timely information.

Announcements are read daily and posted on our website:

<http://mahone.kusd.edu/Messages>.

Our website also has a Calendar of school events scheduled. Each House will post their announcements on the **DAN**. Occasionally, ROBO calls or emails will go out to households.

Make sure to bookmark our site: mahone.kusd.edu

Electronic Devices at School

Students are allowed to have electronic devices at school; however, we are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Any electronic devices that are out, in view and were not given teacher permission to be used for educational purposes will be turned into the office for parent pick-up.

Dropping Off/Picking Up/Taking your child out of School

In an effort to reduce traffic congestion, we have created a "Parent Parking Lot" (South Parking Lot) for parents to pull in and park to either pick up/drop off your child. Parents will head south out of the parking lot and make a **'right turn only'** to exit Mahone grounds. If the lot is full, parking is available at ITHS. We do assist students across the street, if they cross at the STOP sign.

There is **NO Pick-Up** or parking in the circle drive. You are required to come into the office to sign your child in/out during the school day.

We can only release your child to an adult that is listed as an emergency priority.