



# Conejo Valley Unified School District

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Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents:

As another great school year comes to a close, it is with excitement that we are planning activities to recognize Redwood students for completing the middle school level of their education. We hope to keep these promotional activities in the proper perspective. We want to ensure that neither parents nor students incur unnecessary or inappropriate expenses in preparation for promotion.

We believe it is important that parents and students are clearly informed regarding the CVUSD and Redwood policies for these activities. To be eligible to participate in the promotion ceremony and the promotional activities (8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and Magic Mountain trip), students must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Students must have passed English and math each trimester.
2. Students must have passed five of six classes each trimester.
3. Students must satisfy school requirements for behavior/citizenship and library/textbooks.

Students that have already lost promotion activity privileges for any of the reasons listed above have been or will be notified.

Since many students begin planning early for promotion, we would like to remind you of Redwood's policy regarding dress standards for the promotion ceremony. These are included in the student handbook each student received at the beginning of the school year. Redwood dress code applies for the promotion dance. Students not adhering to these standards may not be permitted to participate.

#### Boys (promotion only)

1. Boys should wear a dress shirt and slacks (shorts are not permitted).
2. Ties are required.
3. A jacket or sport coat is optional, but not recommended.
4. Tuxedos will not be allowed.

#### Girls (dance and promotion)

1. If girls choose to wear a dress, they should pick one that is appropriate for the affair and have at least one-inch straps, and reach fingertip length.
2. Flats or low heels are recommended.

3. No spaghetti straps, strapless dresses, tube or halter-tops and midriff-style dresses where the midsection of the body is exposed will be allowed.
4. Undergarments must be covered.

For several reasons including expense, lack of appropriate supervision, availability of alcoholic beverages, and excessive formality, we believe limousines/chauffeur-driven cars are inappropriate for our students attending school activities. Students arriving at the dance or the promotion ceremony in a limousine/chauffeur-driven car will not be allowed to attend.

Please understand that if a student has been denied the privilege of attending the promotion dance, the student will not be allowed on the campus during this activity.

Our intention is to celebrate the many accomplishments of this eighth grade class while remembering to keep this celebration in proper perspective. Parents, please discuss this information with your daughter or son.

The dates leading to promotion are:

Detention Free Knott's Berry Farm fieldtrip .....	May 24, 9:15 a.m. until 8:15 p.m.
Magic Mountain ticket sale (admission and transportation \$50.00) .....	May 9 - 23
Payments must be cash only (no checks) or through our on-line Redwood Store using debit or credit card at <a href="http://www.conejousd.org/redwood">www.conejousd.org/redwood</a> .	
Promotion Dance .....	June 1, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
(Eighth grade yearbook distribution at 3:15 pm in the gym.)	
Final exams periods A, 1, 3, and 5.....	June 4
Final exams periods A, 2, 4, and 6.....	June 5
Eighth grade trip to Magic Mountain (no A period) .....	June 6, 9:15 a.m. until 7:15p.m.
Promotion practice .....	June 7, 9:15 a.m.
Promotion Ceremony (students must arrive to school by 12:15 p.m.) .....	June 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Students must ride the bus to and from Magic Mountain unless written permission regarding alternative transportation is received from a parent at least one week prior to the activity.

Regarding the promotion ceremony, your student's name will be printed as it appears on the school records. If you would like the name printed differently, please submit your request in writing by Monday, April 30, 2018 to Mrs. Kennedy in the main office.

Additionally, please notify Mrs. Kennedy in writing if your student will not participate in the promotion ceremony due to a prior engagement or travel plans.

Gates will open at 12:30 p.m. for the promotion ceremony on our field area and the event will last approximately 1hour and 15 minutes. Refreshments will be provided on the basketball courts in front of the main office following the ceremony.

Sincerely,

Greg Coull  
Assistant Principal