

Chico Junior High

BLAST

Best Life After School Team

Parent/Student Handbook

2017 - 2018



21st Century After School Program



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the BLAST (Best Life After School Team) – a 21st Century Community Learning Center after school program! We are pleased to offer this program and take pride in the quality program we provide for the youth of Chico. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun atmosphere for your student and to help your student succeed in school. We constantly review our program and make every effort to provide a wide variety of stimulating activities for participants.

Everyone involved in the BLAST is excited about the new school year! If you have any questions, please speak to your site coordinator or contact me directly.

Have a great school year!

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BLAST Morning program

The BLAST morning program operates from 6:30am – 8:00am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 6:30am – 9am on late start Wednesdays. The program takes place in the Chico Junior library, and students are free to arrive anytime during the hours of operation. All Chico Junior students are welcome. Students do NOT need to fill out BLAST paperwork to attend, as this is a drop-in program.

The morning program provides students with:

- Textbooks
- Computers
- School Supplies
- Library book check in/out
- Homework assistance
- A safe and fun place to be!

BLAST After School Program Schedule

BLAST operates on all school days and is closed on all school holidays. BLAST operates from the end of the school day until 6:00pm Monday through Friday.

Attendance Procedures

**** Students initially are admitted into the BLAST program through a lottery system, and spots are limited. If a student does not receive a spot, they will be placed on a waiting list. Failure to meet attendance requirements may result in dismissal from the BLAST program.** Attendance is taken daily. You child is expected to attend the program at least **4 days per week and stay until at least 5:00pm**. Students are required to sign in and out of the program every day that they are in attendance. They will do this in room 207. Students who are authorized to walk or ride a bike home must have a signed statement on file. Authorized individuals will pick-up students in room 207. For your convenience, students can be reached through the BLAST cell phone at any time.

Chico Junior BLAST Cell Phone: 624-2699

School Clubs/ Sports

All students participating in school clubs or sports during after school program hours must report to BLAST first to check in. This ensures the safety and whereabouts of all students on the Chico Junior campus.

Late Pick Up Policy

The after school program closes promptly at 6:00pm each evening. All parents and/or guardians are expected to pick up their children on time. If you are unable to do so, it is your responsibility to notify the BLAST Coordinator (Amy De Luna or Kalyn Quok) – **624-2699**

****A Late Pick-up Fee of \$1 per minute will be charged to students picked up after 6:00pm.**

****If your child is not picked-up by 6:15pm and no contact has been made with person on the emergency form, Child Protective Services will be called.**

Daily Schedule/Activities

Upon dismissal from school, all students report to room 207 to sign in. Students are then assigned an academic room that they will report to daily from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. At 3:55, students are dismissed from academic hour and will report to the Multi-Purpose Room where they will receive a healthy snack. At this time, daily announcements will be made and students will pick an enrichment or recreational activity to participate in.

Academic Hour - (3:00 – 4:00)

- Tutoring
- Homework Help

Enrichment and Recreation (4:00 – 6:00)

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| * Intramural Sports against Bidwell | * Arts and Crafts |
| * Soccer | * Basketball |
| * Softball | * Volleyball |
| * Computers | * Flag Football |
| * Guitar | * I Tech |
| * Yearbook | * Hip Hop |
| * Theater Club | * Game room |
| * Dodgeball | * Swimming |

Personnel

BLAST maintains a staff to student ratio of 1 staff member for every 20 students. All staff are certificated employees and are either CUSD certificated teachers or student teachers. Each staff member must be fingerprinted and background screened.

Dress Code

All students are required to be in compliance with the Chico Junior Dress Code.

Weekly Schedule/Announcements

A weekly schedule and important announcements will be available in room 207. This is our primary method of communication for parents.

Healthy Snack

A healthy snack program will be provided based on the California School Nutrition Standards guidelines. Snack is portion controlled and the same snack will be offered for each child on a daily basis.

Discipline

The Chico Junior BLAST staff are committed to providing a safe, enjoyable place for all participants to achieve success. After school staff are dedicated to using positive reinforcement and conflict resolution. The following consequences will be applied to students in defiance of the BLAST rules and expectations

Consequences

Warning

Strike 1: Conference with BLAST Coordinator and parent notification

Strike 2: Suspension from BLAST

Strike 3: Expulsion from BLAST

Expulsion Policy

Extreme cases of behavior such as fighting, extreme disruption, stealing, threats of violence, or possession of drugs/alcohol/weapons may result in immediate suspension or removal from the program. If your child is expelled for any reason, he or she may not attend after school programming with BLAST for at least one year following the date of expulsion. The “three strikes and you’re out” rule applies to ALL students.

Academic Hour Expectations

- Sit down and quietly take out your planner
- Be productive with your time
- Come prepared with a book. If you don’t have homework you may read quietly.
- Do not distract others.

BLAST Expectations

- Be respectful to all staff and students
- Cell phones must be kept on vibrate and may only be used to communicate with parents. No social media, texting friends, taking pictures, etc.
- Must be in a supervised location at all times.
- All Chico Junior rules apply after school
- Have fun!

To View the CJHS Parent Handbook On-line, please click on the link for the BLAST Page and scroll down to "What's New" - Click on the CJHS Parent Handbook link.

<http://www.chicousd.org>

Go to "Our Schools" and Click on "Before and After School Programs"

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I, _____, have received the Parent Handbook and understand the Late Pick-up Fee policy, absence reporting procedure, sign-out procedure, and other policies and procedures as described.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

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