

Middle School Special Education

Belmont-Redwood Shores School District

Information Night
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Nesbit Administrative Team

- Robin Pang-Maganaris, Principal
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- Stanton Louie, School Counselor (2-½ days a week)
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Sandpiper Administrative Team

- Tami Moore, Principal
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- Stanton Louie, School Counselor (2-½ days a week)
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Ralston Special Education Team

- Arnie Saucedo, School Psychologist
- Brian Kersey, Math RSP
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- Erica Rein, English Language Arts RSP
- Aaron Blanding, Intensive Support Programs (SDC)
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- Other related service providers per IEP

Nesbit Special Education Team

- Paula Mancillas, School Psychologist
- Teena Farrell, Education Specialist
- Christine Jones, Education Specialist
- Paula Crosatto, Speech and Language Specialist
- Other related service providers per IEP

Sandpiper Special Education Team

- Shauna Small, School Psychologist
- Jessica Dong, Education Specialist
- Jody Hamon, Speech and Language Specialist
- Other related service providers per IEP

BRSSD Special Programs Department

- Preschool - 8th Grade Special Education Program
- Education Specialist/Resource Program
- Speech/Language Department
- Intensive Intervention Programs: Preschool, K-5 and 6-8
- Moderate Special Day Class: K-2
- Therapeutic Support Systems (TSS) Class at Ralston
- Behavior Educational Support Team (BEST)
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Section 504 Implementation and Compliance

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Transition Activities

IEP Transition Meetings will take place from **April 16 -24, 2020**

Placement decisions guided by IEP Team recommendations

Continuum of Placements

- General Education with related services
- Co-Taught Classes (7th/8th ELA and Math)
- Resource Specialist Program/ Learning Center
- Intensive Intervention- more than 50% out of General Education – separate classroom with mainstream opportunities
- Non-public school
- Residential
- Home/Hospital

GNET Support at Ralston: Read 180, math support, study skills, after school homework club twice per week weekly math club before school

Learning Center and Resource Specialist Program

	Learning Center	Resource Specialist Program
Structure	<p>Push-in and pull-out service in close collaboration with the General Education Teachers. Class and group size varies as students are served both in the General Education setting and in small groups in the Learning Center. Grade levels may be mixed in the Learning Center.</p> <p>Students may look like they are going to a different setting. Similar to K-5.</p>	<p>One full class period devoted to direct instruction on small groups of students. One education specialist and one paraeducator. Classes are typically around 10-15 students. Students look like they are going to a class like any other class. Grade levels are not mixed.</p> <p>Similar to High School.</p>
Content	<p>Core curriculum modified or with accommodations. Supplemental curriculum where indicated.</p>	<p>Core curriculum modified or with accommodations. Supplemental curriculum where indicated.</p>

Other Programs

Intensive Support Program:

6-8 (Special Day Class, SDC)

For students who require an *Alternative Curriculum*

Academic/Functional curricula

Teacher, paraeducator, behavior assistant and behavior analyst

Therapeutic Support Systems Program:

6-8 (Special Day Class, SDC)

For students who require a *therapeutic supports* throughout the day

Students are performing generally on grade level

School avoidance is often an issue

Teacher, paraeducator, behavior assistant, behavior analyst and mental health therapist

504 Plans

- School Counselors are the 504 Case Managers at Ralston
- Assistant Principals are the 504 Case Managers at Sandpiper and Nesbit
- 504 Eligibility includes review of quantitative/qualitative data
ie: academic records, observation, health record, etc.
- Eligibility: identified disability that “substantially limits one or more major life activities”
- Parents, Student, Teacher, Counselor & Administrator attend 504 meetings
- Review: annually
- Triannual: Looks at eligibility every 3 years
- Accommodations must be directly linked to the disability
- Teachers are given copy of 504 Plan at beginning of year and when updated

School Counseling Department Mission and Structure

The mission of the Ralston Middle School Counseling Department is to provide a comprehensive, developmental program that addresses the academic, career, and personal/social development of every student. With the collaborative efforts of school staff, families, and community, the Ralston School Counseling Department will empower every student to become lifelong learners in a global society. We are committed to honoring the unique individuality of our students and maximizing the development of their potential.

Academic Domain	Personal/Social Domain	College/Career Domain
<p><u>School-Wide Tier 1 Interventions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Articulation: (6th grade feeder schools and into 9th grade) -Letters of Recommendation and Transcript Submission (9th grade) <p><u>Tier 2/Tier 3 Interventions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Weekly progress reports, Check in/Check out, Placement in support classes and resources -Transition Meetings for Students of Opportunity & 504/SST Students (6th grade and 9th grade) 	<p><u>School-Wide Tier 1 Interventions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Minute Meetings with All Students -Social/Emotional Lessons in All Classes: Second Step curriculum, which focuses on Respect, Emotional Regulation and Management, Calm-Down Skills, Problem-Solving Skills and Bullying Prevention. -Parent Education Nights with PTA: Various documentaries on mental health concerns <p><u>Tier 2/Tier 3 Interventions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Small Groups: Various topics including Anxiety/Stress, Grief, Divorce, Anger Management, Social Skills -Individual Short-Term Counseling: 3-6 sessions focusing on coping skills and problem-solving (not in place of therapy). 	<p><u>School-Wide Tier 1 Interventions:</u></p> <p>College and Career Counseling Lesson in Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -6th Grade Character Counseling Lesson -7th Grade Career Interest Counseling Lesson -8th Grade Values and Career Survey Counseling Lesson -8th Grade Career Fair

Counseling Department Roles and Responsibilities

- Risk/Threat Assessment & Crisis Response
- Teacher/staff support & training
- PTA Announcements/Parent Engagement
- Restorative Conflict Resolutions
- Safe Space Advisors
- Hangout Room Supervisors during Lunch (Ralston)
- BRSSD Mental Health Task Force
- Refer to outside supports/services
- 504 Case Managers (Ralston only- at Nesbit & Sandpiper, Assist. Principal)
- SST Team Members
- BatRam Online Incident Report support (anonymous reporting mechanism, Ralston only at this time)
- Academic advising
- New student Orientation and Support
- Grade Level Meetings & Students of Opportunity Support
- Organizers of school-wide events such as Red Ribbon Week, etc.
- Anxiety and Stress Group

Sample Schedules

	Ralston	Nesbit	Sandpiper
Sixth Grade	Literature Composition Math Science Social Studies PE Elective: wheel or music	Reading Workshop Writing Workshop Math Science Social Studies PE Elective	Reading Workshop Writing Workshop Math (advanced) Science Social Studies PE Elective <i>Wednesdays: Genius Hour/Passion Project</i> <i>ALL (Advisory Learning Lab)</i>
Seventh and Eighth Grade	English Language Arts Math Science Social Studies PE Elective Elective	Reading Workshop Writing Workshop Math Science Social Studies PE Elective	Reading Workshop Writing Workshop Math (Advanced) Science Social Studies PE Elective <i>Wednesdays: Genius Hour/Passion Project</i> <i>ALL</i>

Ralston Bell Schedule:

- Each class meets 4 times per week
- Floating 7th period schedule



Ralston Middle School BELL SCHEDULE



	MONDAY <i>Classes 54 minutes</i>	TUESDAY <i>Classes 54 minutes</i>		WEDNESDAY <i>Classes 50 minutes</i>	THURSDAY <i>Classes 54 minutes</i>	FRIDAY <i>Classes 54 minutes</i>
8:20-8:28	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	8:20-8:29	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM
8:28-9:22	1	1	8:34-9:24	7	1	1
9:27-10:21	2	2	9:29-10:19	2	7	2
10:21-10:26	SNACK	SNACK	10:19-10:39	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
10:31-11:25	3	3	10:44-11:34	3	3	7
11:25-12:05	Lunch A Grade 6	Lunch A Grade 6	11:39-12:29	5	Lunch A Grade 6	Lunch A Grade 6
12:10-1:04	4	4	NO 1*, 4*, 6*		4	4
11:30-12:24	4	4			4	4
12:24-1:04	Lunch B Grades 7-8	Lunch B Grades 7-8			Lunch B Grades 7-8	Lunch B Grades 7-8
1:09-2:03	5	7		5	5	
2:08-3:03	6	6		6	6	
	NO 7*	NO 5*			NO 2*	NO 3*

Ralston Electives

- The 6th graders who are not in band, orchestra, or chorus are placed in an elective wheel where classes rotate each quarter
- Current elective offerings:
 - Drama
 - Art
 - Animation
 - Intro to Coding
 - Fun with French
 - Multi-Cultural Studies
 - Digital Literacy (Chromebook Jedi)
- Electives can change every year due to teacher staffing and credentialing. The above electives might not be available next school year.

Nesbit Electives

- Electives can change every year due to teacher staffing and credentialing. All electives might not be available next school year.
- Math Club
- Sustainability
- Design Challenge
- Fine Arts
- Executive Functioning (only 6th grade)
- Spanish 1 -(8th)
- Buddies (reverse mainstreaming)

Sandpiper Electives

- Two choices per grade level
- 6th: Technology with Purpose and Digital Media and Arts
- 7th: Computer Science Discovery, Speak Up and Speak Out
- 8th: Environment Science/Local Ecology and Graphic Design
- Electives can change every year due to teacher staffing and credentialing. The above electives might not be available next school year.

Lunch

- Ralston:
 - 6th graders all eat lunch 11:25-12:04, then go to 4th period class 12:08-1:04
 - 7th/8th graders are in 4th period class during 6th grade lunch, then eat from 12:25-1:04
 - Intramural Sports run by credentialed staff
- Nesbit:
 - 6th graders eat with 7 & 8 graders 12:45am to 1:30pm
 - 12:45 to 1:15 overlap with elementary
- Sandpiper:
 - The 6th graders eat from 12:15-1:00 together with 7th & 8th

Homework Clubs at All Three Sites

- Ralston:
 - In the library every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15- 4:45
 - Staffed by 2 Ralston teachers with counselor support
 - Participation is voluntary
 - Late bus is available
- Nesbit:
 - In various middle school classrooms Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3:10- 4:10pm
 - Staffed by 1 Nesbit teacher
- Sandpiper:
 - Not offered

Ralston Clubs

- SAGA- Sexuality and Gender Alliance
- Upstanders- student lead club to promote positive behaviors at Ralston
- Word Masters- nation-wide club to learn vocabulary
- Skateboard Club
- Animation Club
- French Club
- #Rise Up, Get Free- stress management
- Math Olympiad
- Safe Space
- Robotics
- Club offerings may change

Sandpiper Clubs

- Robotics after school
- Spanish for 7th & 8th after school
- Theater Group after school
- Star Leadership Kids (3rd - 8th)
- Middle School Leadership (6th-8th)
- Volunteer Hours required of all middle school students
 - Clean Machines
 - Library Helpers
 - Garden Guardians
 - Safety Patrol
 - Conflict Managers
 - Helping Hands
 - Lunch Monitors
 - Recess Buddies
 - Lunch Master Helpers

Nesbit Clubs

- Robotics (once a week)
- Instrumental Music (enrichment held 1 day a week)

After-School Sports

	Ralston	Nesbit	Sandpiper
Fall	Volleyball Cross Country Golf	Flag Football (Co-ed) Girls Volleyball	Flag Football (Co-ed) Girls Volleyball
Winter	Girls & Boys Basketball	Girls & Boys Basketball	Girls & Boys Basketball
Spring	Track and Field Tennis	Track and Field Golf (at Ralston)	Tennis

Spirit Days/ Activities

	Ralston	Nesbit	Sandpiper
Assemblies	Two per year, may include outside speakers		Wednesday Wake-Up Diwali
Spirit	Ralston Wear on Fridays		Monthly Spirit Days Mileage Running Club Multicultural March
Other	Homeroom Competitions Lunchtime Socials After School Socials Lunchtime Activities	Book Fair	Movie Nights Book Fair

Beginning of the Year and Ongoing Social Activities

	Ralston	Nesbit	Sandpiper
Student/ Parent Social	BBQ for all new families Includes parent orientation	BBQ Principal inservices parents	New Family Orientation BBQ
Student Orientation	Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) WEB leaders host, give tours and run icebreaker activities	BBQ AP works with the students	
Ongoing social activities	WEB: student-run clubs After school socials Dances Lunchtime activities		

Homeroom

Ralston	Nesbit	Sandpiper
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● First 8 minutes of the day● Dedicated to positive behavior interventions and Supports (PBIS) twice per week● Also includes disability awareness and social emotional learning● Announcements● Student government● Competitions (door decorating, etc.)● Community circles twice per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 30 minutes of SEL/PBIS (Wednesday once a week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The first 15 minutes of every day

Some Key Points

- Determine with other team members what is ***the Least Restrictive Environment;***
- Find out who is your child's ***Case Manager;***
- Know when your child's ***Annual /Triennial*** reviews are due;
- ***Check in*** with your child regarding his/her services (class schedule) at the start of the school year;
- Look for ***Progress Updates*** at every progress reporting period.

Middle School Information Nights

Sandpiper

Wed, January 8, 2020, 6:30-7:30 pm

Nesbit

Thu, January 16, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm

Ralston

Wed, January 22, 2020, 6:30-7:30 pm

Thank you!

Any additional questions?