

Spartan Handbook

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First Avenue Middle School



Dr. Semeen Issa
Principal

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Assistant Principal

This handbook belongs to:

Name: _____

Student ID: _____ Grade: _____

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:15 - 9:09 a.m. Class
9:13 - 10:01 a.m. Class
10:01 - 10:10 a.m. **Break**
10:14 - 11:02 a.m. Class
11:06 - 11:54 a.m. Class
11:54 - 12:34 p.m. Lunch
12:38 - 1:26 p.m. Class
1:30 - 2:18 p.m. Class
2:22 - 3:10 p.m. Class

Tuesday, Thursday

8:15 - 9:01 a.m. Class
9:05 - 9:45 a.m. Class
9:45 - 9:55 a.m. **Break**
9:59 - 10:39 a.m. Class
10:43 - 11:23 a.m. Class
11:27 - 12:07 p.m. Class
12:07 - 12:47 p.m. **Lunch**
12:51 - 1:31 p.m. Class
1:35 - 2:15 p.m. Class

Minimum Day Schedule

8:15 – 12:15 (Subject to Change)

Rotation and time period for each class may vary.

DAILY ROTATION SCHEDULE

	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Th</u>	<u>F</u>
P	1	7	4	2	6
E	2	6	5	1	7
R	3	3	3	3	3
I	4	2	6	5	1
O	5	1	7	4	2
D	6	5	1	7	4
	7	4	2	6	5

ZERO PERIOD 7:15-8:00AM

Selected classes will have early morning meeting times, Monday through Friday.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Students are responsible for attending school regularly, according to law (Ed. Code 48200). Attendance has a direct effect on school success and attendance records become part of a student's permanent file. Unless enrolled in Zero Period, students should not arrive at school before 7:30 a.m. **Once students arrive at school, they may not leave campus without administrative permission.** A student is considered truant if he/she does not follow this

rule. Attendance is taken and reported to the school office each class period.

ABSENCES

Upon return from an absence, the student must report to the Attendance Window prior to the beginning of school. Since each absence is accountable under state law, a phone call or note from a parent or guardian is required for each absence. **The dated note must contain the student's first and last name, dates of absence, reason for the absence and the parent or guardian's signature.** A doctor's note is required for absences of 5 or more days.

REMEMBER TO BRING A NOTE FOR EACH ABSENCE!

LEAVING CAMPUS/EARLY DISMISSAL

Students may not leave the school campus without administrative permission. This restriction covers the entire day - from the arrival at school until dismissal at the end of the school day. Students who need to leave school before the normal dismissal time **must bring a note** from their parent or guardian to the Attendance Window in the main office **before school begins.** A student who leaves the school campus during the day without proper permission is considered truant and subject to detention. If the offense is repeated, suspension from school may result.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AND TRUANCY:

An unexcused absence is a serious matter. An unexcused absence can be marked for a full day or any portion of a day. A student who is absent without a valid excuse for more than three days **OR** tardy to school in excess of 30 minutes on each of more than three days in one school year is truant (Ed. Code 48260).

Unexcused tardies and absences, other than truancies include: trips, personal appointments, job related appointments, oversleeping, parent request to have student do family errand or project, staying at home to study, inclement weather, "personal problems", transportation problems, not bringing a note after any absence from school. **A parent note does not necessarily excuse the absence or tardy as it must be a valid excuse according to Ed. Code 48260.**

CONSEQUENCES:

1. Students may be assigned after school detention or Saturday School to make up an unexcused absence or truancy.

2. After three unexcused absences a student is considered truant by law. That student can be referred to either the District Attendance Board or the School Attendance Review Board.
3. In case of excessive unexcused absences, grades can be affected.

TARDINESS

The first class period of each day starts at **8:15 a.m.** A student is tardy to school if he/she arrives to class after the 8:15 a.m. bell.

Students who arrive after 8:15 a.m. are to report directly to the Attendance Window at the school office. **Students are considered tardy to class if they are not in their assigned location with all materials when the tardy bell rings.**

Please see above regarding definition of unexcused tardies.

Students who are tardy to class may be assigned lunch or after school detention.

3 tardies = 1 detention

6 tardies = 2 additional detentions after school

9 tardies = 2 additional detentions after school and lunch clean up.

More serious disciplinary consequences will be given for more than 9 tardies including Saturday School and a School Attendance Review Team (SART) contract.

EXCUSE FROM PE ACTIVITY

Students requiring an excuse from PE activity are to bring a note from their parent explaining the reason for the excuse from daily activity. Notes must be delivered to the student's PE teacher at the beginning of the class. **PLEASE NOTE:** A parent's note cannot excuse a student from PE for more than three days. A doctor's note is required if a student is to be excused from PE for more than three days. **SPECIAL NOTE:** if a student will be out of PE for more than two weeks, the school must receive a doctor's note before a program change is made to assign the student to the library for study.

P.E. LOCKER, LOCKS, & LOCKER ROOM

Each student is provided with a lock and assigned a locker at the beginning of the school year. It is the student's responsibility to utilize the locker every day that they dress-out, and to make sure the lock is securely locked at all times (before, during, and after class.) Locker checks will be conducted throughout the school year (for points) and detention will be assigned for any instances of the lock and locker not being used appropriately (keeping the locker

locked, utilizing a school designated lock, etc.) A student's Work Habit grade will also be affected for not using the locker, not having a lock, and not keeping clothes in the locker. All clothes and valuables (such as mobile phones, Chromebooks, and wallets) must be safeguarded in the locker during the P.E. period. This will help build responsibility in students to keep valuables safe. Only a school issued lock may be used on the locker, and a replacement lock may be purchased in the case a lock is lost or misplaced. Neither the P.E. Department nor the school is responsible for any items (clothing, locks, school supplies, school and personal technology, etc.) that get stolen or are lost.

STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP TRAFFIC PLAN

To provide a safer school environment during peak traffic hours, drivers are asked to use the following guidelines.

The traffic flow plan for dropping off students before school and for picking up students after school is as follows:

- Our **primary** drop-off areas are at the sidewalks that are next to the school on both California Street and Diamond Street. Students are then able to walk right on to campus as they exit their cars.
- If you are driving on First Avenue, turn on to Diamond Street and drop off student at the green curb.
- **NO U-TURNS.**
- When the school day is over, drivers are to pick up students in the same areas as the morning drop-off.
- Please follow the directions given by the **posted signs** for student loading. Remember to drive to the most forward space available in the student loading area.
- **No Pick-up or Drop-off** in driveways.
- Students are **NOT to jaywalk** across the street to meet their rides on the other side of California or Diamond Streets. Drivers who allow their students to do so endanger the lives of our students and may be cited by the Arcadia Police Department.
- Students should not be dropped off or picked up in front of the school on First Avenue or at the rear of the school on Santa Anita Avenue.
- Students walking to and from school are to use the crosswalks. Each school day, there is a crossing guard present for at least 40 minutes before and after school at the

corners of First Avenue and California and Diamond Streets.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Any student absent for more than five days should contact the school office and discuss the use of an Independent Study contract. A request for Independent Study may be made by a parent or guardian and must be done well in advance of the absence (>2 weeks), except in the case of illness. **Work must be completed by the time the student returns to school.**

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Parents are always welcome at school. Parents should arrange a time with teachers before planning a visit (email is preferred) and call the office to inform the school of an upcoming visit. All visitors must check in at the school office upon arrival to the campus. Parents are especially welcome for any assistance they can offer to the school and school activities.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is essential that students or parents notify the school office of any change in address or contact phone numbers immediately. Any change of address will require new proofs of residency. It is required that all students have a complete and updated emergency card on file in the school office.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GRADING: Teachers will explain their grading policies. The student should review the grading policies and share this information with parents. Students and parents can check Powerschool online regularly for updated grades.

REPORT CARDS: Report cards are prepared and mailed home at the end of each grading period. Most classes receive three marks, Academic, Citizenship, and Work Habits. Academic marks indicate student progress toward meeting subject area standards for learning. Citizenship grades indicate appropriate class behavior and participation. Work Habits indicate student effort and persistence toward quality work.

GUIDE TO MARKS ON REPORT CARDS:

A = Consistently produces high quality work; evaluates, analyzes, and applies a wide variety of information; shows enthusiasm, initiative, and originality, in both group and self-directed

learning; demonstrates extensive communication skills.

B = Frequently produces work of high quality; evaluates, analyzes and applies information from a variety of sources. Shows enthusiasm and initiative in both group and self-directed learning; demonstrates good communication skills.

C = Produces required work of acceptable quality; applies information with some assistance; participates in both group and individual learning activities with guidance; demonstrates adequate communication skills.

D = Additional time and practice is required to produce acceptable quality work; uses information with direct assistance; participates, with assistance, in group and individual learning activities; needs regular assistance with communication skills.

F = Lack of effort, despite direct assistance, interferes with acceptable quality work and reaching minimum standards.

O = Outstanding

I = Incomplete

S = Satisfactory

NM = No Mark Given

N = Needs Improvement

P = Passing

U = Unsatisfactory

W = Withdrew

HONOR ROLL: Students who meet certain academic criteria are eligible for placement on the school Honor Roll at the end of each semester. The criteria for Honor Roll are:

At least a 3.5 Grade Point Average

No "N's" or "U's"

No "D's" or "F's"

All grades count, including P.E. and Differential Standard Grades.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Progress reports are available at mid-quarter and mid semester. Students who are receiving a grade of "D" or below will receive notification in time to improve. Additionally, progress reports may reflect improvement in performance in class. Progress reports may also be sent if student citizenship is not satisfactory. Parents may monitor ongoing progress by logging-in to PowerSchool at powerschool.ausd.net.

STUDENT DAILY PLANNERS

All students are expected to bring their daily planner/agenda to record homework assignments for each class. Parents are asked to check daily for recording of assignments in the planner. First Avenue Daily Planners are given to each student upon registration. Students are required to use the

daily planner as a way to organize their scheduled work. If the need arises, the daily planner may be used as a daily or weekly means of communication between parents and teachers.

CHEATING POLICY

Definition of Cheating: *When a student chooses to use unacceptable sources or materials on assignments/tests as defined by the teacher.*

Unacceptable sources include classmates sharing information from tests. Cheating on tests and copying or sharing individually assigned homework or projects is not acceptable at First Avenue Middle School. The following consequences will be imposed: Students caught cheating on tests/class work/homework will be informed and:

1. Shall receive a "0" or no credit grade on the assignment.
2. Given no opportunity for make-up.
3. A written notice of improvement sent home to parents by the teacher.

In addition to the above, subsequent violations of this rule may result in:

1. Lowering of the citizenship grade.
2. Parent conference with the teacher.
3. Assignment of a detention.
4. Loss of school activity privilege.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is defined as school-related assignments that will enhance or reinforce concepts taught in the classroom and which will require time and effort outside the regular school day for successful completion.

Student will be expected to spend the following total times per grade level each night on homework, Monday through Thursday. Sixth grade: sixty (60) minutes; Seventh grade: seventy (70) minutes; and Eighth grade: eighty (80) minutes.

MAKE-UP WORK (A.R. /B.P. 6154)

Excused Absences: Students will be allowed one day per each day absent to make up assignments.

Unexcused Absences: Students may be required to make up missed work and turn it in for credit as a late assignment.

STUDENT SERVICES COUNSELING

A school counselor is available to students and parents of First Avenue Middle School throughout the week.

LIBRARY

The school library hours are Mon.-Fri. **9:45am-12:45pm**. The library offers a wide range of books and other study materials for middle school students. Most books may be checked out for a two-week period.

PEER TUTORING

Students may find tutoring help provided by trained Peer Tutor students. This tutoring assistance is held for one hour after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

HEALTH OFFICE

The health office is located across the hall from the school office and is open during regular school hours. The health office staff will administer preliminary first aid for an injury or sudden illnesses sustained at school, and contact the parents when necessary. No medication (including aspirin) will be given except on written order from a physician. All medication (or herbal remedies) must be held in the health office. Please notify the health office if a student has any special health needs required by students.

CAFETERIA

The school offers food service daily at Break and at Lunch period. A wide range of foods is available that students may purchase using the punch key pad. Students can purchase food from the cafeteria or the "snack shack" located near the lunch patio. Students are expected to keep their pin code secret and each student is responsible for purchases made on their account. Students are also expected to bus their own food wrappers and dispose of their own litter in trash cans that are available throughout the lunch area and in the cafeteria. Students are not to take food or drink into any of the school play areas or the school building during lunch. Violation of school rules may result in disciplinary consequences.

Free or reduced lunch applications are available on the district website at www.ausd.net (see left menu). To set up an online account to check balances and make payments go to <https://eps.mvpbanking.com/cgi-bin/efs/login.pl?access=55224>. Please call the AUSD Nutrition Services office at (626) 821-8322 with any questions about the lunch program.

TEXTBOOKS & INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Textbooks and instructional materials are loaned to the student for the duration of a course. Students are expected to acquire and place a protective cover on each book. All textbooks are identified by a serial number and students are held accountable for the textbooks assigned to them. Reimbursement is required for any lost, damaged or defaced books/instructional materials. Textbooks that are to be kept at home are to be held under the same requirements as the classroom texts.

PE UNIFORMS

In order to avoid damage to clothes worn to school, students should participate in PE in T-shirts and shorts. All students also need athletic socks and tennis shoes. PE uniforms can be purchased during Spartan Days or during the school year from the school office. The cost for a PE uniform (shirt and shorts) set is \$25.00. If paying by check, please make check payable to **FIRST AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL**.

LOST AND FOUND

Books, clothing, money and other property found in and around the school should be turned in to the school office immediately. Students losing property should make a thorough search in all likely areas, check the lost and found cart in the hallway, and/or inquire at the office for lost items.

ACTIVITIES - STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The First Avenue Student Council is the governing body of the Associated Student Body (ASB) of First Avenue Middle School. It is organized to provide opportunities and practical training in leadership, accepting responsibility, planning school activities, and developing school spirit. Ten representatives are elected twice a year from each grade level. They are elected by majority vote following an election assembly. The thirty elected representatives form the Student Council. From the eighth grade elected representatives, the student receiving the highest number of votes is designated President. The student receiving the second highest number of votes becomes Vice-President. At the first meeting of the new Executive Council, the Council elects a Secretary and a Treasurer from their membership.

To run for office, a candidate must have a grade point average of 2.5 or better, no "F" grades, no "N's" or "U's" in citizenship, and complete a grade check sheet signed by their parent and teachers. Students will be required to submit a written copy of their speech preview and present it orally to a committee before the election assembly. Only those students who pass all of the qualifications will be allowed to run for office.

LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES

These can be in the form of tournaments (basketball, soccer, volleyball, etc.), contests, special spirit days and special school-wide activity day events.

LUNCH TIME COURT USE

In order that there be equal opportunity for use of basketball courts during lunch time, students wishing to use courts must reserve them at the beginning of the lunch period.

LUNCH TIME EQUIPMENT CHECK-OUT

Students may check out balls from the equipment bin by signing out for a ball or court for use during lunchtime. Students must leave their backpack in exchange for the ball; at the end of the lunch period, students may retrieve their backpacks when the ball is returned.

SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS

First Avenue has boys football, girls softball; boys and girls volleyball, basketball and soccer teams. Tryouts for the teams will be announced at school before each season. Teams play against other middle schools in Arcadia and surrounding cities.

RECREATION SPORTS TEAMS

The City of Arcadia Recreation Department offers an intramural sports program that includes flag football, volleyball, basketball and track & field. Sign-ups for these events take place at school at the beginning of each semester. A fee is required to participate in these activities.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs form throughout the school year and usually run for the duration of the semester. Announcements are made in the daily school bulletin and sign-ups are either through the office or the teacher sponsoring the club.

CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements may be applied to specific school activities. They are set forth in order to instill in students that participation in

such activities is a privilege and requires accountability to certain standards. Eligibility can include meeting specified academic and behavioral standards. **Students who fall below expected standards may be restricted from activities.** A student is placed on the Ineligible List if the student receives an Unsatisfactory (U) in more than one course on a progress report or a semester report card.

SCHOOL DANCE PARTIES

These functions are held at Baldwin Stocker Elementary School. The scheduled time for these functions is 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They are normally held on Friday evenings. **Tickets to these events are sold during the school day; no tickets will be sold at the door.** **Student ID cards are required for admittance to the party.** Because these events are sponsored by the school and intended only for First Avenue students, there are **NO GUEST PASSES** to any school parties. Students should arrive as close to 6:00 p.m. as possible. **Dance parties end promptly at 8:00 p.m., thus, parents should be at Baldwin Stocker at 8:00 p.m. to pick up their students.**

HANDBOOKS

Spartan Handbooks are available online at the First Avenue website: <http://fa.ausd.net/>. It is the students' and parents' responsibility to become familiar with all information found in the Spartan Handbook.

RULES AND REGULATIONS BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLER BLADES

Students who ride bicycles to school must park and lock their bikes in the racks provided near the school library. All riders are expected to comply with applicable traffic laws. This includes bicycle safety helmets as required by California law. **Students are not to bring skateboards, scooters or hoverboards to school.** District policy states that these items may not be ridden on school campus.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Cameras, electronic games, collectible baseball or magic cards, large sums of money and other valuable items are **NOT** to be brought to school. The school cannot be responsible for loss of student property. If necessary, large sums of money can be kept for a student in the school

office for safe keeping until the end of the school day. The staff will confiscate electronic devices and students will see an administrator at the end of the day to retrieve their item.

SMART PHONES, CELL PHONES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND LASER POINTERS

Students may possess electronic signaling devices at school per California state law and AUSD Board policy. This includes items such as cell phones, smart phones, and other signaling devices. If a cell phone or an electronic device creates a disturbance, or causes a disruption anytime during the school day, it may be confiscated by school personnel. While the device will be returned to the student by school personnel, repeated violations of the policy may result in further disciplinary action.[B.P. 5131.2] Students are not allowed to use the camera function or any audio/video recording function of the smart phone on campus without the explicit permission of the Principal or his/her designee, and without the consent of the subject being photographed or filmed, including before, during, or after school, and at school **sponsored events.** No recorded images from a student's electronic signaling device may be shared with the greater public including, but not limited to, social networking sites, printed materials, email, instant messaging, video chat, picture mail, or any other present or future public forum. **Any attempt to use an electronic signaling device to bully, harass or intimidate a student or staff member will result in immediate school disciplinary action(s) including detention, suspension, or expulsion.**

Electronic devices brought to school are the sole responsibility of the owner and are brought to school at the student's own risk. The school does not assume responsibility for lost or stolen electronic devices. School resources will not be used to investigate lost or stolen electronic devices. Students are encouraged to leave electronic devices at home. Possession or use of laser pointers, unless used for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose is prohibited unless the student first obtains permission from the principal or designee. (BP 5131.2)

OFFICE PHONES

Office phones are available for student use in the case of a true emergency.

NO CLASS DELIVERIES

The office will not deliver student items brought in during the school day. These items include Homework/class projects; P.E. clothes; lunches/lunch money; any celebration gift.

Student and parent should make advance arrangements for the student to check the office for any items forgotten at home or items to be delivered to school.

DETENTION

Detentions may be assigned by any staff member for violation of any rules listed below:

- Habitual tardiness to class
- Being disrespectful
- Using profanity
- Disruption/Defiance
- Littering on the campus
- Running/cycling/skateboarding/ skating on campus
- Not keeping hands/feet/objects to oneself
- Misusing school property or property of others
- Inappropriate or unsafe dress
- Not having the P.E. Locker locked (at all times) and/or having lost/misplaced the lock

Normally, at least twenty-four hours' notice is given to the students. **Upon receiving a detention notice, the student 1) Signs the notice, 2) Takes the notice home to be signed by parent/guardian, 3) Returns the notice the next day to the school office, and 4) Serves the detention on the date and time indicated.** Detentions are usually served on Wednesday and Friday, but lunch detentions may take place on every day of the week. Failure to come to assigned detentions will result in further disciplinary consequences.

DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY OR DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Student defiance toward any staff member is a serious matter and will be dealt with immediately. Disorderly conduct in class infringes on the rights of others to learn. These acts will result in detention, possible class suspensions, or suspension from school. Parents will be notified of this type of infraction.

HALL PASSES

Students are not permitted in the halls or outside the classroom during class periods unless they have proper permission from their teacher.

Before leaving a classroom, students should ask their teacher for a Hall Pass.

SCHOOL DRESS

Students are to come to school neat and clean. A student's appearance should not detract from, nor interfere with the learning atmosphere or process. Any item of clothing that has a disruptive influence or might be considered as too revealing cannot be worn at school. A parent may have to be contacted to bring a change of clothing before a student's day may continue.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

1. Clothing must be in good repair.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times.
3. Shorts and skirt length must be of appropriate length as judged by the school administration.
4. Pants or shorts cannot be more than two inches larger than waist size and should stay up at the waist without aid of belt.
5. PE clothes are not to be worn during the school day except during PE class.
6. No backless, halter-tops, tube tops or spaghetti straps are to be worn at school. Sheer, off the shoulder, or any revealing clothing should not be worn at school.
7. Tops should be long enough so that no skin is exposed at any time. **NO bare midriffs.**
8. Headgear, including bandanas, beanies, and hats, **are not** to be worn on campus or school activities, unless such headgear is medically/religiously required or is school affiliated and approved by the school administration.
9. No gang related clothing. No screen painted shirts with drug, alcohol, profanity, and sexual or defiant statements or pictures.
10. Students will be asked to remove any item of jewelry that could create a hazard to the student including spike backed earrings.

Consequences for violation of this dress code include:

First Offense - Warning/possible change of clothing.

Second Offense – Immediate change of clothing.

Subsequent Offense – Parent contact by phone or letter/temporary confiscation.

Discipline action might include detention and student contract with administration. Students will be given ample information if there are special event dress days.

HAT/HEADWEAR POLICY

Hats are prohibited at school except for headwear that is for medical or religious purposes or during outdoor physical education activities. **(California Education Code 35183.5)**

FAMILIARITY AND PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Students must refrain from overly familiar contact beyond simple hugs. Students may be warned as a first step, with progressive discipline to follow. Parents will be notified in cases of repeated violations of this school rule.

HARRASSMENT/SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY

First Avenue Middle School has a commitment to its students to provide a safe and non-threatening school environment. In order to meet this responsibility, the school will not tolerate any act that constitutes a threat, intimidation, harassment or violence directed at any student, and will interpret these acts as interfering with a student's personal rights and of being in violation of District and school rules and regulations. **[E.C. 48900 (o), (r)]**.

A student who believes they are a victim of acts mentioned above are encouraged to speak to an adult at school as soon as possible as a means of stopping the recurrence of such incidents.

The following procedures are offered as a means of seeking assistance if any student thinks they are a victim of threats, intimidation, harassment or acts of violence:

- Tell a teacher, counselor or administrator.
- Write out a statement documenting the incident and any details related to the incident, including date and time, perpetrators and witnesses, if any.

Students who have been found in violation of the acts described above will receive consequences according to the district and school rules and regulations.

RULES FOR BUS RIDERS

The following are standard rules for any school bus rider:

- Stay in your seat.
- No eating or drinking.
- Arms and bodies are to be kept inside the bus at all times.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- No yelling while on the bus.
- No disrespectful language.

Failure to comply with the regulations may result in disciplinary consequences.

SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN & EMERGENCY RELEASE PROCEDURE

First Avenue has a School Safety Plan that outlines procedures in the case of an emergency or disaster. The plan includes procedures for emergency release of students. In case of a school-wide emergency, students will be released from the school office or, in the case of building evacuation, from a designated point on the campus near the playing field. A large sign will designate the release point area on California Street near the playing field. More detailed information is available on the First Avenue Middle School website at:

<http://fa.ausd.net/>

