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Home of the Wildcats and Traditions in Excellence!

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Dear Windemere Ranch and Gale Ranch Parents/Guardians and Students,

Dougherty Valley High School has a rich football tradition that includes the experience of a Friday Night Lights-type of feel for our high school students and community. We encourage spectators of all ages to come root for the Wildcats and enjoy a wholesome and positive experience for everyone. To help ensure a positive experience, safety will always be a top priority for all students and spectators.

Unfortunately, we have found that most middle school-aged students and younger rarely sit in the stands and watch the game. Student behavior incidents for this age have increased in number and severity, as well. Many of the middle school students congregate around the snack bar, or in unsupervised areas and are running or exhibiting unsafe behaviors. Dougherty Valley School does not have the capacity to supervise and monitor middle school student behavior in addition to supervising more than 2,000 high school students and spectators. Therefore, to improve safety and promote our community spirit, we are reinstating the middle school student attendance policy at football games for all students.

Beginning Friday, September 24, 2021, middle school and elementary age students may only attend a home Dougherty Valley High School football game when a parent/guardian is present for supervision at all times. Parents/guardians may not simply pay admission, enter through the gate with students, and then leave the stadium. To ensure the safety of all spectators, we expect proper supervision by the parent/guardian at all times when middle school students are present at Dougherty Valley High events.

Unsupervised middle school students will not be allowed to enter the stadium without a parent/guardian. If a middle school student arrives at the gate without a parent/guardian, the student will be asked to contact their parent/guardian to inform them of the policy. If a student is found in the stadium without supervision, we will ask the student to contact his/her parent/guardian and the student will be asked to leave the game. This infraction will be reported to the student's middle school and documented in the student behavior file.

We recognize this policy may be frustrating to some parents and middle school students and appreciate your working with the Dougherty Valley community to promote school spirit in a positive atmosphere. With a reduction of behavior problems on the evenings of the football games, we hope to make the event safe and enjoyable for all of our fans and spectators. Thank you for your attention to and cooperation with this policy.

Sincerely,

Evan Powell

Principal

San Ramon Valley Unified School District