

# Nawa Academy

2010–2011

parent guide

What to expect and who to ask

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## Welcome

Welcome to Nawa Academy. We're thrilled to have your student join us, and we hope that the transition into our school is a smooth one. For most of our students, coming to boarding school is an exciting adventure, and they jump in and begin to excel quickly. We recommend that you review this "survival guide" and keep it handy for future reference.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Note: Office Hours are: Monday - Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**1. When is registration for the 2010-2011 school year?**

NEW STUDENTS: Friday, August 27, 2010, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

RETURNING STUDENTS: Monday, August 30, 2010, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**2. When is registration for the 2011-2012 school year?**

NEW STUDENTS: Friday, August 26, 2011, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

RETURNING STUDENTS: Monday, August 29, 2011, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**3. What should I expect during the day of registration?**

During the registration process you will move through various stations. These stations are set up to allow the process to move more smoothly. However, you can still count on periods of waiting in line.

PLEASE NOTE: Nawa Academy accepts credit cards and checks. If paying by check, make payable to: Nawa Academy.

**4. What do I need to remember to bring on the day of registration?**

If you have not already done so, bring a copy of your child's vaccination records and current medical insurance card.

**5. What should I do if I have medication/s for my child?**

All medication (including non-prescription) must be given to a Nawa Academy Administrator (in the office) during the day of registration. Students maintain possession of their own vitamins or vitamin supplements. Medications are administered by our staff.

Please refer to a current Parent's Manual for additional policy information on medication.

**6. If my child flies into or out of the Redding Airport, how do the airport pickups and drop-offs work?**

The Redding Airport is a small, one terminal municipal airport with few flights going in and out. A Nawa Academy staff will be present with identification to pick up your child. Be sure to fax or email the flight itinerary to the Nawa Academy office at least one week prior to the scheduled day of arrival or departure. If you plan to have your child depart from Nawa Academy via an airline, be sure that we receive the airline ticket or e-ticket information. Photo identification is mandatory with airport security regulations. We will keep it on file. Do not give tickets to your son or daughter to keep.

**7. How do I contact my child if there is a family emergency?**

800- 358-6292 (NAWA)

Toll free in the U.S. - office number

530- 359-2215

Office number

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530- 359-2229

nawamain@hotmail.com

info@nawa-academy.com

Office fax

Email checked by Sandy Gilliam at the front desk

Email checked by the Department of Admissions

If you encounter a family emergency and need to reach your child, please contact the Nawa Academy office at (800) 358-6292. If you call during office hours, Sandy Gilliam will direct your call. If you call after office hours, leave a detailed message including the situation/crisis, who to call and a number to contact.

Messages are reviewed periodically after business hours and will be responded to as quickly as possible. If your child is on campus, the process will be quick. If your child is engaged in an off-campus activity or is enrolled in the International Academy program and is out of the country, the process can take much longer.

## 8. How can my child contact me?

We encourage, but don't require our students to communicate with family while here at Nawa Academy. There are phones available to students at certain times during the evenings and weekends. These phones require a pre-paid calling card. Students can also write letters, but must have postage stamps. It is a good idea to send pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelopes in care packages. This may encourage them to write.

If your son or daughter has the "no news is good news" attitude and you would like to make contact with him or her, contact our office and leave a message with a telephone number and a few times to call. Please consider that students only have access to phones during certain times. Our staff will be sure to deliver the message to the student and provide an opportunity to call.

## 9. How often will I hear from my child?

There may be several reasons why your child doesn't contact you. First, your child is embarking on a new journey and entering a new stage of life. This means that no news may indeed be good news as your child develops new friendships, experiences new and exciting things, and makes discoveries about oneself away from the "parental nest."

There are, however, certain situations where more frequent family contact is essential to the progress of a child during their stay at Nawa Academy. In these situations, a phone call may be scheduled with the assistance of the assigned Dean.

## 10. If I receive a call from someone at Nawa Academy, should I worry that something is wrong?

No. Often we may contact parents and family members with good news of how their child is doing. If there is something wrong, we will tell you up front. Also, if you don't hear from us, it is safe to assume that "no news is good news."

## 11. Can my son or daughter bring a vehicle?

No. Students enrolled in our boarding school are not allowed to bring vehicles.

## 12. Is it okay for friends of my son or daughter to visit while at Nawa Academy?

Only on rare occasions that are mutually approved by the parent/legal guardian and the assigned Nawa Academy Dean at least one week in advance are okay.

## 13. Will the nutritional needs of my child be met?

Yes. We strive to provide a well balanced, healthy diet for every student. The food is often made from scratch and tastes great! We also have alternatives available for students who are vegetarians.

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## 14. Does Nawa Academy allow smoking?

No. As we are a school, the use of tobacco is prohibited. This is especially important here in Northern California where wildland fires are a concern.

## 15. When can we expect to receive report cards/grade reports?

You will receive report cards via mail within two weeks after the end of each academic block. Transcripts will be sent to schools upon request. Questions regarding academic performance or report cards can be directed to the assigned Dean or the Principal.

## Questions?

There are bound to be other issues, questions, problems, and concerns as you and your student transition into life in a boarding school. Here are a few suggestions to help you through any rough patches you may experience.

What can you do?

1. Listen, don't argue. Many students are just checking to see if their parents "care."
2. If you feel it is needed, offer your student insight, suggestions, and support.
3. Check with our Parents Club on how to develop a network of parent support.
4. Communicate with your assigned Dean. They can often provide valuable insight regarding your child's academic and social experiences.
5. Have faith in your student, as well as Nawa Academy's many years of experience.

## Mail and Care Packages

Students love to get mail. Please use the following format when sending mail:

Student's Name  
c/o Nawa Academy  
17351 Trinity Mtn. Rd.  
French Gulch, CA 96033

Please identify all mail and packages being sent to the student by addressing the item with the student's first and last name.

Ideas for what to put into care packages:

Books, comics, magazines, journal, paper, pens, stamps, envelopes, newspaper clippings, notes from friends, playing cards, cookies, batteries, etc.

Go easy on the candy and please do **NOT** send any toxic, aerosol, or pressurized items, lighters, matches, carbonated drinks, small candy with wrappers, fireworks, knives, or large amounts of money. Please make sure the magazines and books that are sent are appropriate.

Thank you for choosing Nawa Academy. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.