



Ask Dr. Rodriguez



Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Questions are quoted as I received them directly from our community.

1. What programming is available for students during the winter break?

We understand the importance of keeping our families informed about the programming available for students during the winter break. While our ELOP programs for TK-8th grade will not be operating during this time, participating High Schools will be offering Credit Recovery sessions to support students in staying on track academically.

2. What is being done for our English Learners over the winter break?

We are excited to share important information regarding the first distribution of ELPAC support bundles for our K-11th grade multilingual learners. As part of our ongoing support for students taking the ELPAC, we are continuing our collaboration with TCM to provide ELPAC Book Bundles designed to support at-home preparation. The first distribution will focus on the ELPAC essentials for Reading and Writing, and will include the following items:

- 1 Informational Reader with Audio
- 1 Literary Reader with Audio
- 2 Task Cards
- 4 ELPAC Task Type Opportunities

3. My site does not have a plan for instituting the 2:1 Chromebook policy, nor does my admin assist me, a part-time Library Media Specialist, in managing our technology.

The Technology and Innovation staff will be reviewing the 2-to-1 Chromebook roll-out with the principals in greater detail this week, along with guidance in preparation and planning. As this is part of our SUSD district priority of 24/7 learning, the expectation is that all sites implement our 2-to-1 Chromebook initiative. Your principal should be bringing back additional information to share with your site soon. Please feel free to reach out to Technology and Innovation services by calling (209) 933-7090 or submitting a Help Desk request for assistance with implementation. Our Help Desk ticketing system allows our team to more efficiently and effectively track, monitor, and support sites than email.

4. **We heard in a presentation that the vape sensor pilot was successful, when can we expect for them to be installed at the sites and how will the district pay for them?**

The vape sensor pilot was a success and we are moving forward with the installation at our four comprehensive and two alternative education high schools. Installation is set to begin December 6, 2024 with the expected completion date of March 3, 2025. The sensors will be purchased with funds the district received from the JUUL class action lawsuit settlement agreement. The JUUL company was selling and marketing addictive vaping items to minors. The settlement agreement awarded funds to school districts to be used for vaping prevention and education. We will consider additional locations including specialty schools and K-8 schools in the future.

5. **What are you going to do with the toys that you collect at the toy drive on Saturday?**

Each SUSD school site will be selecting ten students to receive gifts at the 2nd Annual Holiday Express Event which will happen on Saturday, December 14th. We were able to collect over 200 toys last weekend at Walmart on Trinity Parkway and hope to collect even more toys this weekend at the same location so we can provide a great toy for each selected child.

6. **Hello - I reserved a facility in SUSD last year but have an unpaid balance. If I try to reserve something again, would my balance due simply increase or would I be prevented from reserving facilities? Am I able to make small payments through Facilitron in order to bring my account up to date? This is in reference to Edison's football stadium.**

Facilitron evaluates new reservation requests against any unpaid balances, considering both the amount owed and the duration the balance has been past due. While outstanding balances could potentially prevent new reservations, we prioritize working with individuals and groups, especially local ones, to find a resolution.

If you would like to bring your account up to date, Facilitron does allow for partial payments. This can be a great way to manage your balance while continuing to use district facilities. I encourage you to log in to your Facilitron account to make a payment or reach out to the Facilities Department for assistance in setting up a payment plan.

7. **Are ALL SUSD schools required to scan parents' IDs in order to be onsite? This would include parent conferences and award ceremonies.**

All schools in SUSD are required to check in parents using the Hall Pass system during class time when students are present. This procedure helps ensure the safety and security of our campuses while students are in session. However, this requirement does not apply to after-school events such as Open House or Back-to-School Night. For those events, ID scanning is not necessary, as students are not actively in class during those times.

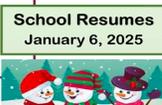
8. **Where can I find the menus for what is being offered each day for breakfast and lunch?**
 You can find the menus for pre-schools, elementary schools, high schools and after school program (ELOP) at the following [link](#). The menus look similar to the sample noted below:

Two choices of milk is offered
 All meals include a Seasonal Fruit

BREAKFAST TIME

Child Nutrition /Food Service
 December 2024
 K-8th Breakfast

December

2 Breakfast Sandwich* w/ Sausage & Cheese Assorted Pop Tarts* Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast	3 Cinnamon Roll* w/ Raisel Chicken Biscuit*Mini Sandwich Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast	4 Pancakes w/ Eggs, Links Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast	5 Burrito*, Breakfast Chorizo Choice of Mini Donuts* Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast	6 Breakfast Pizza w/ Sausage Concha Variety* Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast
9 Breakfast Sandwich* w/ Sausage & Cheese Assorted Pop Tarts* Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast	10 Cinnamon Roll* w/ Raisel Chicken Biscuit*Mini Sandwich Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast	11 Pancakes w/ Eggs, Links Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast	12 Burrito*, Breakfast Chorizo Choice of Mini Donuts* Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast	13 Breakfast Pizza w/ Sausage Concha Variety* Assorted Cereal* (V) Assorted Juice - Breakfast
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23  No School 12/23/24 – 1/3/25	24  Have a great Winter Break!	25  Happy Holidays!	26  School Resumes January 6, 2025	27  School Resumes January 6, 2025

*=Whole Grain (v) = Vegetarian
 Meals Contain the following: Meat/Meat Alternate, Grains*, Fruit, Vegetables & Milk
 This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change without notice.

9. **I am a CSM and was told that I need to wear a new uniform. Why are you requiring us to wear them?**

SUSD is providing uniforms for all of our campus safety staff to maintain a secure and professional environment for our schools. Uniforms allow students, staff, and visitors to easily identify campus safety personnel, fostering a sense of security and ensuring that the appropriate individuals are approached during incidents or emergencies. A visible, uniformed presence on campus acts as a deterrent to potential safety concerns, reinforcing a proactive approach to maintaining order and a positive school climate. In addition, uniforms promote a unified, professional image of our campus safety team, reflecting the high standards and dedication of our staff to ensuring the safety and well-being of our school communities.

10. **When will Stockton Unified use a student information system such as Aeries? My children attends Lincoln Unified and their district uses Aeries. The Aeries Parent Portal is so easy to use. I am able to quickly access my children’s information, report absences, update information for my child, check their grades, etc. Having a platform like this for students, parents and staff will be beneficial for all.**

SUSD currently uses ParentVue, a feature within the Synergy platform, to provide parents access to their child's information. Through ParentVue, parents can view attendance, report absences, and update their child's information. If the district opens online registration, this platform also allows families to register new and returning students conveniently.

For grading, we utilize Illuminate for grades TK-6 and Synergy for grades 7-12. We understand that a unified, user-friendly system like Aeries offers many benefits for families, students, and staff. While we currently do not use Aeries, we are committed to continuously evaluating our use of Synergy and ParentVue to ensure they meet the needs of our community.