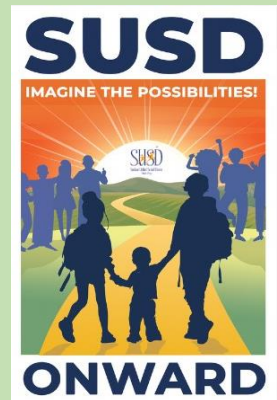




Ask Dr. Rodriguez



Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Edition #30 2024-25 School Year – Week of March 31, 2025
Questions are quoted as I received them directly from our community.

1. Why didn't we have Cesar Chavez Day off on March 31?

Since we are required to provide 180 instructional days each school year, taking a holiday during the school year would necessitate extending the academic calendar to make up for that lost day. As we plan future instructional calendars, we can certainly consider how we recognize and observe Cesar Chavez Day while balancing instructional requirements.

2. Where is the Migrant Parent Conference going to be held? Can I bring my child?

The Parent Educational Conference for Migrant Families will take place at Franklin High School this Saturday. While pre-registration is not required, you are welcome to register in advance using the QR code on the flyer below. We encourage families to attend together. There will be informational sessions for older students and childcare available for younger children, ensuring that all participants can engage fully in the conference.

SUSD
Stockton Unified School District
Since 1972

**REGISTRATION FOR THE
EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**EDUCATIONAL
CONFERENCE FOR
FAMILIES OF THE
MIGRANT PROGRAM**

**Saturday
04/05/2025**

Franklin High School
4600 E. Fremont St, Stockton
8am - 2pm

**WORKSHOPS FOR
PARENTS**
Parent Leadership Advocating for Your
Children Importance of Attending
School Topics of Importance in These
Times and Many More to Choose From

WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS
Financial Aid 101 College and Career
Exploration What to Expect in High
School

RESOURCE FAIR
Community Agencies District
Departments Parent
Committees

**ENTERTAINMENT
LUNCH/MEAL**

**USE REGISTRATION PAGE OR
QR CODE:**

bit.ly/42XCHxP

There will be a
raffle at the end of
the event!

There will be childcare, food and training!

209-933-7075 Ext. 2448

3. You sent out a survey for the cell phone policy. What were the results? Were they similar for both staff and parents?

We had 542 responses from staff and 456 responses from parents on the SUSD cell phone policy. Overwhelmingly, 86.7% wanted to implement the cell phone policy for the 2025-2026 school year. Therefore, we will be moving forward with the new policy for the upcoming school year. Below are some highlights on the diverse responses between the staff and parent responses:

- 64% of staff believe students should not be allowed to use cell phones during class (instructional time) and 34% believe students should only be able to use their cell phones with teacher approval for academic purposes
- 35% of parents believe students should not be allowed to use cell phones during class (instructional time) and 51% believe students should only be able to use their cell phones with teacher approval for academic purposes
- 53% of staff believe K-8 students should keep their cell phones in a designated locked storage provided by District
- 62% of parents believe K-8 students should keep their cell phones in their own individual backpacks
- 47% of staff believe high school students should keep their cell phones in a designated locked storage provided by District
- 69% of parents believe high school students should keep their cell phones in their own individual backpacks
- 71% of staff believed that the consequences outlined were appropriate
- 80% of parents believed that the consequences outlined were appropriate

4. I really want to be part of the Cell Phone Taskforce that you mentioned in the survey. Who will be part of the Cell Phone Policy Taskforce? Can I sign up?

We will have representatives from multiple stakeholder groups to ensure our policy is appropriate for our diverse educational community. We will have representatives from our parents/families, students, teachers, campus security, counselors, front office staff, site administration and district administration. We are working in collaboration with our union partners and site administration for members of the Taskforce. If you would like to participate, please connect with either your union representative or me directly by Friday, April 11, 2025.

5. Will you be sending out a cell phone survey to students as well?

We value the voices and input of our students. All SUSD students in grades 5–12 was invited to participate in the cell phone survey. On April 4, 2025, the survey was sent to their district-issued email accounts, and a text notification was also sent to those for whom we have a cell phone number on file. Students will have until Friday, April 11, 2025, to complete the survey and share their perspectives.

6. What is the district doing to make sure every classroom has a teacher next year?

Human Resources has been actively working to ensure all teacher vacancies are filled for the upcoming school year. Our goal is for every student to have a qualified teacher in place by the first day of school. Over the past two months, we have hosted and participated in several job fairs, resulting in the hiring of 43 classroom teachers. This number does not include candidates hired through our regular application process or those joining us through our cultural exchange recruitment programs, which brings us to a total of 70 teachers hired.

Our next job fair will be held on May 17 at Edison High School from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. During the event, HR staff will be available to evaluate transcripts and credentials, help candidates set up EdJoin accounts and complete applications, and provide access to computers on-site. We will also have teams conducting on-the-spot interviews and offering contracts right then and there. Help us spread the word, this is an all-position job fair.

7. You How do I sign my child up for preschool for next year?

In the 2025-26 school year, Stockton Unified will offer a variety of early education programs for children ages 3-5 to address different needs, including:

California State Preschool Program (CSPP) is a part-day, three-hour program for children ages 3-5 which is offered at Adams, August, Bush, El Dorado, Fillmore, Grunsky, Henry, Hoover, Kennedy, Madison, McKinley, Merlo, Montezuma, Nightingale, PAAC, Peyton, Pittman, Taylor, Victory, Washington, and Wilson.

Head Start is a six-hour program for children ages 3-5 offered at Adams, Chavez, Edison, El Dorado, Elmwood, Franklin, Fremont, Grunsky, Harrison, Hazelton, Hong Kingston, Kennedy, King, Monroe, Montezuma, Nightingale, Pulliam, Roosevelt, Taft, Taylor, Van Buren, Victory, Weber.

Off-site Locations include Community of All Nations, Diamond Cove, Gleason Park, Grant Village, Santa Fe Townhomes, Villa Montecito, Westgate Townhomes, and Wysteria.

Open enrollment for preschool began on Thursday, April 3, 2025. You can apply through the following links:

Online Interest/Waitlist Application [APPLY NOW](#)

Head Start Preschool Program [CLICK HERE](#)

8. As a mandated reporter, who should I contact? I was told it was not our Police Department.

If you reasonably suspect that a child is a victim of abuse occurring in their home by a family member, or someone at the home you are legally required to take the following three immediate actions:

- Report to Child Protective Services (CPS)
 - San Joaquin County CPS
 - Phone: (209) 468-1333
- Report to the Local Law Enforcement Agency
 - For students attending the following SUSD schools: August, Elmwood, Franklin High, Hamilton, Henry, Hoover, Monroe, PYA, and Taft:
 - San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department
 - Phone: (209) 468-4400
 - For students attending all other SUSD schools:
 - Stockton Police Department
 - Phone: (209) 937-8377
- Submit the Written Report to both agencies
 - Complete and submit the BCIA 8572 (Suspected Child Abuse Report) form within 36 hours of first becoming aware of the suspected abuse.

9. I hear that we are going to receive messages from a different platform. Is it true that it will translate into your chosen language?

Starting July 1, 2025, SUSD will transition from Blackboard to ParentSquare as our new communication platform. One of the great features of ParentSquare is its built-in translation capability. Families will be able to select from over 100 preferred languages. Messages can be sent and received in your chosen language, and ParentSquare will automatically translate them, so the recipient receives the message in *their* preferred language—no extra steps or manual translation needed. It is a seamless way to ensure clear and inclusive communication for everyone in our community.

10. You responded to a question about Stagg's pool. How about Cesar Chavez' pool and baseball field?

After a long 20-year wait, the campus will finally have its own pool and baseball field. The pool is set to be filled with water by mid-May and ready for use by June 2, 2025. Similarly, the baseball field will be open by the end of April, just in time for their Senior Night game scheduled on May 1, 2025. It is exciting to see these long-awaited facilities coming to fruition for the students and community at Cesar Chavez High School.