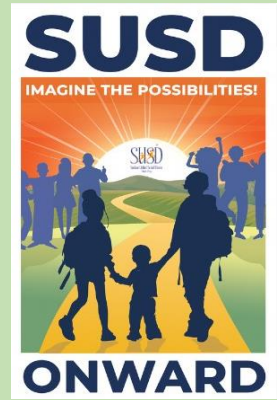




Ask Dr. Rodriguez



Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

- 1. Hello, I wanted to find out who and how teachers would be able to get permission to submit more than 15 units for the school year to move over to the next pay scale. I have already earned 30 units that I wanted to apply but heard there was a limit. Thank you.**

For teachers to receive credit for more than 15 units in a single school year, prior approval is required. You can obtain this approval by emailing your assigned Certificated HR Analyst with a detailed explanation of your request.

If you have completed the 30 units over the past two years, you may submit them by November 1st to receive credit for the 25-26 school year. If prior approval was not obtained you are limited to submitting 15 units per school year.

- 2. Does the district offer incentives or tuition reimbursements for teachers who become qualified to teach dual enrollment courses for Delta College?**
Currently, our District does not offer specific incentives or reimbursements for this purpose. However, as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance educational opportunities for our high school students, we are actively considering the expansion of concurrent and dual enrollment offerings.
- 3. Hello Dr. Rodriguez, Currently, the teaching induction program is primarily funded by SUSD. Is there a possibility that the administrative induction program will also receive financial support from SUSD? Thanks**

The Beginning Teaching Induction Program is currently funded by SUSD. Regarding the Administrative Induction Program, our Professional Development team is in the early stages of pursuing state approval. Developing and securing approval for an administrative induction program is a detailed process that typically takes approximately two years. This includes designing a comprehensive plan, aligning with state requirements, and undergoing a formal review and approval process. We are committed to moving forward with this work, and once approval is granted, we will be in a better position to explore funding options at the district level.

- 4. As I am sure you are aware there was a new executive order made by the current white house admin regarding discipline in the classrooms. And unfortunately, there has been a lot of misinformation being spread on social media and many are taking this as teachers will be able to use physical discipline on their children. Will there be any kind of information provided to parents that explains what "Discipline" means in the classroom setting and that we teachers will not be using physical means of discipline on students?**

SUSD does not permit the use of physical discipline on students under any circumstances. Our district remains committed to maintaining safe, respectful, and supportive learning environments for all students. At SUSD, we adhere to our established Student Intervention and Discipline Matrix, which outlines our protocols emphasizing restorative practices, positive behavior supports, and appropriate interventions. This matrix is readily accessible to all families and staff, underscoring our dedication to fair and consistent discipline practices. For more detailed information, please refer to our Student Intervention and Discipline Matrix, accessible through the following link: [SUSD Student Intervention and Discipline Matrix](#).

Additionally, we acknowledge the significant issue of disproportionate discipline affecting students based on race within our education system. SUSD is proud of the progress we have made in enhancing school safety, reducing out-of-school suspensions, and addressing discriminatory disparities in suspension rates. Every child deserves an equitable opportunity to learn in a supportive environment.

We will continue to address threats to students' physical and emotional well-being at school, including cyberbullying, hate speech, and threats of violence. Our commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive educational environment for all students remains unwavering.

- 5. Is the EV charger located at PYA available for use? If so, how do I sign up to utilize it?**

The current charger is still undergoing testing to ensure the employee dashboard associated with it has worked out all technical issues. The dashboard will allow approved users to see the rate, price, usage, average charging duration, and other various information about their charging vehicle. The goal is to have the charger up and ready for use for the 25/26 school year. Once the charger is available employees will be able to apply to utilize the EV Charger services, more information will be given on how to apply once its available.

6. **Hello, I heard that there will be 33 students in Kindergarten classrooms. When will we find out if this will be taking place for sure? If so, I need to pull my student out immediately.**

SUSD is not planning to increase Kindergarten class sizes to 33 students. Currently, Kindergarten through 3rd grade classes have an average of 24 students per school site. This K-3 average is essential, not just educationally, but financially, because it is required for the District to receive critical state funding through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Grade Span Adjustment (GSA).

You may have heard about “32” or “33” in the context of current contract negotiations with the Stockton Teachers Association (STA). It is true that the existing collective bargaining agreement allows a maximum class size of 32. However, that contractual maximum is not the same as the actual, day-to-day class sizes we staff and operate under. The practical K-3 class size average limit remains 24, for primarily educational reasons and recognizing the value of smaller class sizes.

7. **ParentVue is complicated to understand and activate. Your flyer going out doesn't say we must download the app and also you are not providing Activation Codes easily. So some parents don't even try. Activation Code online is hard too, takes too many steps and the name has to be exactly and some parents have 2 first names and or 2 last names they try and it doesn't work. How do you guys want them to download and activate accounts when its not easy and not communicated with all the information needed to do so.**

We appreciate feedback from our stakeholders. Based on feedback, we have made updates to the flyer to clarify the steps for accessing the ParentVUE app. The revised flyer noted below now clearly states that parents must first create an account before downloading the app.



If parents are experiencing issues with account creation, they should contact their school site directly. School staff can assist with locating the Activation Key, checking for an existing account, or helping with a password reset. In many cases, parents may have already created an account in the past and may simply need to reset their password. This can be done through the ParentVUE webpage. For additional support, a short video tutorial is also available that walks through the ParentVUE setup process.

[Parentvue Webpage](#)

[Parentvue Video](#)

8. Are there any school within the SUSD offering a summer enrichment course in introduction to welding for high school students e.g; Franklin, etc? or surrounding school districts?

While there are currently no summer enrichment offerings for welding, the Career Technical Education (CTE) department is proud to be expanding learning opportunities in this high demand career area. In fall of 2022 the Franklin High Welding Lab was completed, opening the opportunity for students to safely learn on state-of-the-art equipment. In addition, student who participate in Franklin High's Auto Body Repair program routinely weld as part of their craft. The district's capacity to provide students with access to welding will greatly increase when Stagg High's Ag Mechanics shop is completed this summer. Welding and fabrication is a key component of the Ag Mechanics program, in addition to general construction, irrigation, and electrical.

SUSD offers over 50 CTE pathways representing 12 industry sectors across its various high schools, allowing students to develop skills and explore careers that match their passions, interests, and talents. To learn more, visit the [Career Technical Education website](#). High school students may reach out to their counselors to learn how to enroll in the programs at their school site.

9. Can I still sign up my child for summer school?

The K-8 Summer Learning Academy registration closes May 9th 2025. To ensure that we have sufficient staff to support all students, there will be no extensions will be given after this date. This summer is going to be amazing for our students, with opportunities such as intramural competitive sports across sites, Kaygee Gaming Trucks visiting all sites, Esports gaming and tournaments led by professional gaming organizations, and field trips to the Oakland Zoo, and Stockton's Weber Point to watch our very own Summer Arts Music Program perform live.

10. What will be available at the Health Fair?

The SUSD Health Services Department is offering the First Annual Free Health and Resource Fair on May 8, 2025 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Edison High School. The event is open to the entire community. There will be over 45 resource booths with valuable resources, including:

- Medical and dental information resources
- Food and nutrition education programs
- Community resources
- Prize giveaways (Including donations from the Stockton Kings and Stockton Ports!)
- Free boxed lunches and goodie bags
- Free 30-minute Yoga Classes
- Emergency Food Bank
- Free health screenings (vision, BMI, blood pressure)