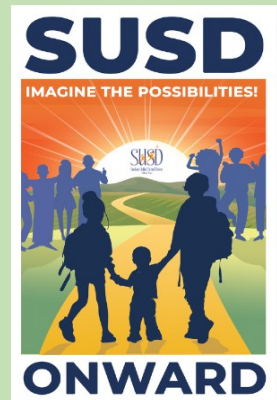




# Ask Dr. Rodriguez



## Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

- 1. It is confusing because not all of the school districts have the same schedule. SUSD had no school this Monday. Are you off again this next week?**

We will be observing Presidents' Day on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, we will have no school on Monday. We look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

- 2. I missed the first Health and Wellness Resource Fair. When is the next one?**

Our next SUSD Health and Wellness Resource Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2025, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the School for Adults Auditorium.

We are excited to welcome an expanding group of community partners who are coming together to support our students, families, and the broader community.

Please see the flyer below for more details, including the list of participating organizations and available resources.



**3. We heard about the student protest over immigration issues. Is the school allowing this?**

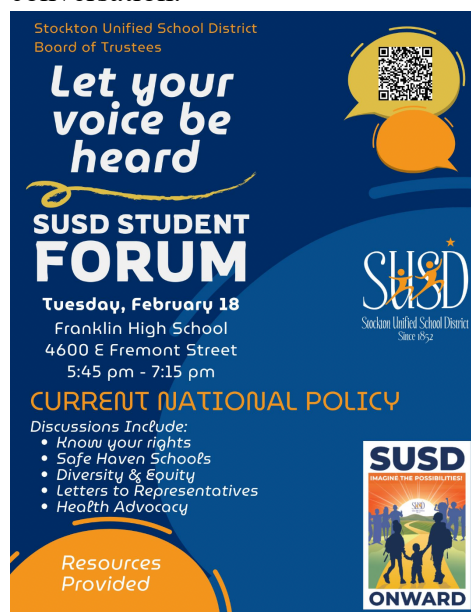
SUSD does not organize or sponsor demonstrations or protests. However, we are aware that students from two schools in the district participated in demonstrations related to immigration this week. These were not district-sanctioned events.

While we support student voice and civic engagement, our priority is ensuring the safety and well-being of all students. We encourage students who choose to participate in such activities to do so peacefully and responsibly. Throughout the demonstrations, classes continued as scheduled, and attendance was recorded as usual.

**4. We heard about the Student Forum for students to discuss current national policy. What is going to take place at the forum?**

SUSD is committed to empowering students with a voice and providing resources to discuss current national policies. The SUSD Student Forum will take place on Tuesday, February 25, from 5:45 PM to 7:15 PM at the Franklin High School Theater.

During the forum, students will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with peers, staff, and community organizations. The event will cover topics such as students' rights, Safe Haven Schools, and available resources. Additionally, students will have the chance to write letters to their Representatives, fostering civic engagement and advocacy. We encourage all interested students to attend and participate in this important conversation.



**5. I saw the Board Meeting with your video on the Equity Audit. Can you give me more information? Are teachers and students involved?**

We have over 250 students, parents, certificated and classified staff, and administrators actively participating in our Equity Audit. This comprehensive review helps us identify areas that may require further attention by examining policies, programs, and practices that impact students and staff—particularly in relation to race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, color, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, and other socio-culturally significant factors.

The findings from the Equity Audit will guide us in co-developing a three-year action plan that prioritizes key initiatives and ensures resources are allocated effectively. Our goal is to enhance our understanding of equity challenges within SUSd, refine policies and practices to create more equitable educational outcomes, and reinforce our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all students and staff.

Here is a link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdVKKgl8Sil>



**6. I submitted an interdistrict transfer request. When will I know if my child has been accepted into that school for the next school year?**

For the 2025-2026 school year, renewals for interdistrict transfer applications are currently being processed, with priority given this month. Parents will be notified via email once their renewal has been processed. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to email [IDA@stocktonusd.net](mailto:IDA@stocktonusd.net) for assistance.

For new interdistrict transfer applications, processing will begin on March 3, 2025, and applications will be prioritized in the order they are received. Once an application has been reviewed and processed, parents will be notified via email. This communication channel will remain open until the process is completed.

The timeline for notification depends on when the application is submitted, so please allow 1-3 weeks for processing after submission. For more details, please visit the [Stockton Unified Interdistrict Transfers page](#).

**7. My son will be 4 years old in July. Can he attend school next year? How do I sign him up?**

Stockton Unified School District is currently accepting registrations for transitional kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year! Children who turn four years old on or before September 1, 2025, are eligible to attend. If you're interested, you can visit the Admissions and Family Services Department in person at 1800 S. Sutter St. or register online through the district [website](#).

**8. Do you have intramural sports at all of the K-8 schools? Will you expand to sixth grade in the upcoming years?**

The ELOP department is excited to share that for the first time this school year, our Intramural Sports Program has expanded to include 3rd through 8th grade students.

- 6th-8th grade students will continue to travel weekly for competitions at other SUSD school sites.
- 3rd-5th grade students will now have the opportunity to compete in their sport teams at their own school site.

This expansion allows more students to participate in structured traditional and non-traditional sports, promoting teamwork, skill-building, and school engagement. As we look ahead, we are hopeful to explore opportunities for our younger grades as well.

**9. How do families get food resources apart from what we give away at the Family Resource Center?**

Families in need of food assistance can use the Second Harvest of the Greater Valley interactive map to locate food pantries throughout San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. Simply enter your address, and the map will generate a list of nearby food distribution sites.

In Stockton, three key locations offering food assistance include:

- Eastside Church of Christ – 3206 Marsh Street
- Greater Faith Missionary Baptist – 345 W. Worth Street
- Valley Community SDA – 2929 B Street

For more information or assistance, please contact Second Harvest of the Greater Valley at (209) 239-2091.

**10. We gave our students a new Chromebook for their home use. Will we receive new Chromebooks for them to use at school? Some of them are falling apart.**

At the beginning of the school year, our warehouse team delivered Chromebooks to all 9th graders as part of the 2-to-1 initiative. Between November and December, we distributed 12,780 Chromebooks based on the original inventory numbers reported in September 2024. Each school received between 60 and 650 Chromebooks, depending on their needs and available inventory.

If a school requires a significant number of additional Chromebooks, the site administrator should submit a request. For individual Chromebooks that are damaged or missing parts, repairs may be possible. In those cases, please submit a tech ticket, and a site technician will assess the device.

If a Chromebook needs to be replaced, the site library media staff or program specialist should check inventory in Destiny and reach out to Technology and Innovation to request additional devices.