



Ask Dr. Rodriguez



Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

1. We continue to have issues with our copiers. Will we get new ones for the next school year?

We have taken action to address the ongoing issues with our copiers. Last week, we initiated the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, outlining the scope of work which includes evaluating purchasing or leasing solutions, considering a hybrid approach given our existing fairly new copiers, arranging for the removal of old machines, and ensuring maintenance services are covered. We aim to present a recommended vendor at the April 8, 2025 board meeting. This approach ensures that we are prepared to start the next school year with upgraded copiers that meet our needs effectively.

2. I am new to the district and just learned that I am a mandated reporter. If I have to make a report on child abuse what is the district's process?

As a district employee, you are a mandated reporter under California Penal Code 11166.05, which requires you to report any suspected child abuse or neglect to local law enforcement. Law enforcement must accept the report and cannot refuse it based on jurisdiction.

If you suspect abuse or neglect occurring at home, you must report it immediately to San Joaquin County Child Protective Services (CPS) and the appropriate local law enforcement agency, such as the Stockton Police Department for incidents within city limits or the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office for incidents outside city limits.

If you suspect abuse or neglect occurring outside the home, including at school, you must report directly to the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction.

If you are unsure how to proceed, you may contact your Director or the SUSD Police Department for guidance. While the SUSD Police Department cannot take mandated reports under state law, they can guide you through the proper reporting steps to ensure compliance.

Your role as a mandated reporter is essential in protecting students. Prompt and proper reporting ensures that children receive the support and intervention they may need.

3. I heard some campus security are getting jackets, will we all get one?

The District has authorized and is in the process of providing all Campus Security Monitors and Campus Security Assistants with a uniform polo shirt and jacket. These uniforms play a vital role in enhancing school safety by making security staff easily identifiable to students and staff. They also promote a professional appearance, reinforce authority, and serve as a strong deterrent to outsiders, signaling that our campuses are actively monitored.

If you have not yet received or ordered your uniform shirt or jacket, please contact Sgt. Andrews at ARAndrews@stocktonusd.net or Teri McKnight at TMcKnight@stocktonusd.net for assistance. The District is also exploring uniform options for noon duty staff and campus security substitutes, with more information coming soon. Below are pictures of our staff, excited to receive their uniforms.



4. Is the March 13th event on the 5th Anniversary of the Stay at Home Order open to everyone even community members?

We welcome the entire community to join us for this restorative gathering on March 13, 2025, at American Legion Park from 4:30–5:30 PM. This special event honors the 5th anniversary of the Stay-at-Home Order, bringing together current students, families, and our 2020 and 2021 graduates, who were deeply impacted by the pandemic. The event will feature a special poem written for the occasion by Stockton's Poet Laureate, instrumental music performed by Stagg High School, and a community painting activity. We hope our community will join us for this meaningful moment of reflection and connection.

5. Will you be sending out the survey to the parents on the cell phone policy?

Families should have received a text today, Friday, March 7, 2025 with the [link](#) to the cell phone policy survey. We encourage all parents and family members to respond to the survey by Friday, March 21, 2025.

6. I heard that the mural created by our art teachers was up in the District Office. When can we come see it?

The mural, which began during our 2024 Staff Kickoff, has undergone many additional hours of work to bring it to completion. We're excited to reveal it on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 3:00 PM during a public dedication ceremony. We're incredibly grateful for the dedication of our art teachers Luz Lua, Temo Moreno, and Ligia M.S. Ciotau, as well as former student Kaleena Quintero. We look forward to honoring their outstanding work at the event.

7. I did not go to the VIP Recruitment Fair because I was busy that day. When is the next one?

If you missed the VIP Recruitment Fair, we invite you to join us at our first SUSDC Career Fair, open to everyone, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Franklin High School library. This event will feature representatives from schools with classroom vacancies as well as departments with current openings or areas of significant need.

8. My daughter is being told to fill out the student aid form. When is the deadline? If she may not go to college, why does she need to do it?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline has been extended to April 2, 2025. While your daughter may be uncertain about attending college, completing the FAFSA is still highly recommended for all students.

Filling out the FAFSA provides access to federal grants, work-study opportunities, and low-interest loans, which can make higher education more affordable if she decides to enroll. Many states, colleges, and scholarship programs also use FAFSA information to determine eligibility for additional financial aid. Even if she does not end up attending college, having the FAFSA completed ensures she will not miss out on potential funding should she change her mind. We encourage all students to complete the application before the deadline to keep their options open.

9. Is there a local option if I want to start a school administration program?

CSU Stanislaus is now accepting applications for its Master's in School Administration/Credential Program. Each year, they enroll approximately 60 students

seeking to earn their Preliminary Administrative Services Credential and/or Master's degree.

This program is ideal for educators currently in teaching, counseling, or administrative roles within K-12 institutions who are looking to advance into school or district leadership. To learn more and apply, visit: [Program Interest Form](#). They are also hosting virtual information sessions this spring on select Mondays at 4:00 PM via Zoom: [Join Here](#).

10. I am available during the spring break to attend a CPI training. Are there still spaces available?

Our CPI Team will be holding CPI training sessions on the first two days of Spring Break, March 17 and 18. These sessions are open to both staff members who need to recertify and those seeking certification for the first time. Staff can sign up via KickUp. Please see the flyer below for additional details, including session times and locations.

UPCOMING EVENTS
CPI TRAININGS
SPRING BREAK 2025

03/17 & 03/18
MON or TUES
VERBAL INTERVENTIONS (SINGLE DAY TRAINING)
● EDISON HS
Instills the confidence and skills to verbally de-escalate disruptive behaviors.

03/17 & 03/18
MON or TUES
NONVIOLENT CRISIS INTERVENTIONS (SINGLE DAY TRAINING)
● STAGG HS
Provides the skills to safely disengage and intervene in crisis situations.

03/17 & 03/18
MON & TUES
NCI/ADVANCED PHYSICAL SKILLS (TWO-DAY TRAINING)
● SUSO POLICE DEPT.
Teaches safe and advanced disengagement skills for higher-risk roles.

MORE INFORMATION
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