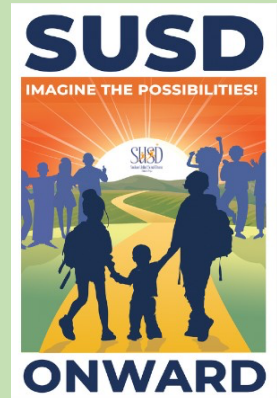




Ask Dr. Rodriguez



Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

- 1. I know the school district sent messages about the fake social media posts. I did not receive a phone call. I blocked the phone calls last year and now I want to receive them again. How do I do that?**

We do our best to communicate in a clear, timely manner. We did send emails and all calls to let families know that the hoax social media posts were fully investigated and not credible. Please make sure your email and number is updated. If you initially blocked your number, you can contact SUSD Technology Help Desk at 209-933-7090 and they will unblock it for you. To ensure that families do not receive too many notifications, we have adjusted to only use the all call phone system if it is an important message, safety message or a district event. For other notifications, we will only send emails and texts.

- 2. I want to get to the get into the Ports event early so we can get good seating. When is the earliest we can get in?**

We will be opening the gates to Banner Island at 6:00pm on Saturday, September 28, 2024. The event will start at 6:45pm.

- 3. Since the event on Saturday is during dinner time, can we bring food into the Ports venue?**

You will not be able to bring in food from the outside into the venue. You can tailgate in the parking lot or eat before you arrive. At the event, we will be providing free water and popcorn. The concession stands will be open to purchase additional food if families wish to eat dinner at the event.

- 4. I missed the deadline for the Fall Break Program. Can my child still attend?**

Registration for our TK-8 Fall Break Program opened on August 1, 2024, and officially closed on September 13, 2024. However, we are excited to share that each site has a waiting list available for those still interested. If you would like your child to participate, we encourage you to visit your school and connect with the ELOP program facilitator to secure a spot on the waiting list. Please note, enrollment is determined by the availability of staffing, and spots are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. We appreciate your understanding and hope to welcome your child into the program soon!

5. My daughter is three years old. Can she attend preschool? At what age can I send her to preschool?

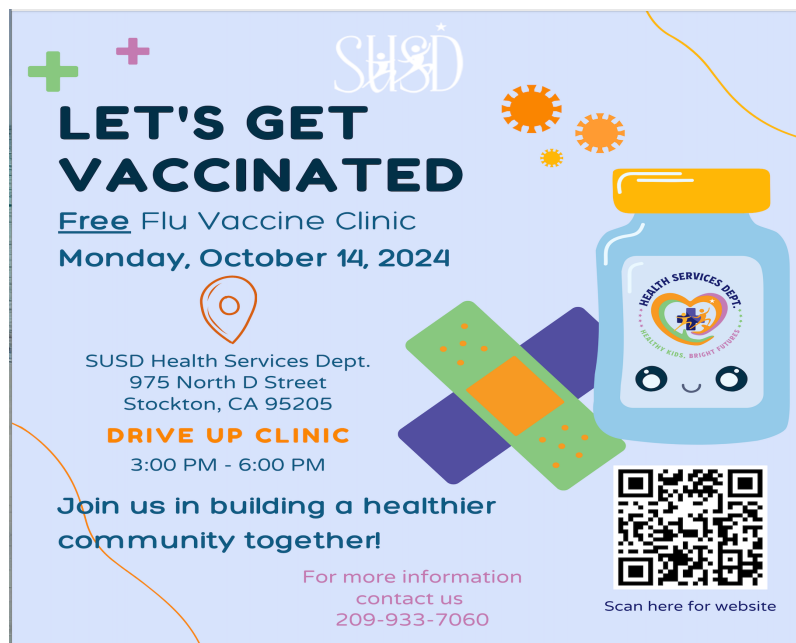
Stockton Unified offers preschool services for children ages three to five. The Early Childhood Education Department can assist families to determine which program will best meet their needs. Please visit the Early Childhood Education Department at 1144 E. Channel St. or call (209) 933-7380 and enroll your child today! You can also visit the district website at <https://www.stocktonusd.net/Domain/147>

6. How are you celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month?

We are excited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month across our district! Each of our school sites is displaying a banner with various QR codes that link to home activities families can engage in throughout the month. Additionally, our Family Resource Center will be hosting a special event to commemorate this important time. Please join us for the Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Celebration on Friday, October 4th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Family Resource Center (1661 Pacific Ave.). This free family event will feature food, music, storytelling, giveaways, raffle prizes, resource tables, and live performances. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to honor the rich cultural contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. We would love to see you there!

7. A lot of people are getting sick recently. When is the next Flu Clinic? We need to encourage people to attend.

Our Health Services Department is holding the next Flu Clinic on Monday, October 14, 2024 from 3-6pm at 975 North D Street, Stockton. It is a convenient drive up clinic which is free for our students, staff and families.



8. How do you pick the topics for the town halls?

We select the topics for our town halls based on concerns and feedback we receive through various forums, including our LCAP meetings, District subcommittee meetings, and responses submitted through the Let's Talk application. From those sources, we identify the areas that are most important to our community. For the first semester, we have chosen to focus on four key topics: African American/Black student achievement, safety, English Learner achievement, and Students with Special Needs achievement. These reflect the priorities and concerns raised by our stakeholders and help guide meaningful discussions at the town halls.

9. I did not order an SUSD Onward shirt and now I want one. Is it too late?

We are delivering the ordered SUSD Onward shirts today and at the beginning of next week. As the production of the shirts is complete, we are not able to order more at this time. If we can acquire another sponsorship, we will do another request for long sleeve shirts in January.

10. My child is in need of glasses. Where can I get them for her?

The Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club will provide free eyeglasses to anyone in need on a first come, first serve basis during their free Health & Vision Fair. The next fair will be Saturday, October 5, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Dorothy L. Jones Family Resource Center at 2044 Fair St., Stockton, CA 95206. The Lions Clubs' free vision services are available as one part of Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin's Multicultural Health & Community Fair going on that same day and time. There will be more services, resources, entertainment, and raffles, right across Fair St. at the same address at Williams Brotherhood Park.