



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 teach at Nightingale Elementary and you mentioned that SUSD would be holding a Specialty School Fair again so we could increase the number of students coming to our school. When and where is that happening?**

Our 2024 Specialty School Fair will be on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at Edison High School's Boys and Girls Gym from 5:30-7:00pm. Families and staff can stop by and engage with any of our specialty schools. We will have a new Specialty School brochure with information on all of the educational options available at the event. The brochure will also be placed on our website after the event for easy access.

- 2. Have you restarted the LCAP Meetings? If so, when is the next one?**

Our next LCAP Meeting will be on Friday, January 19, 2024. We will have a virtual session from 9:00-10:30am and an in-person session at Henry Elementary from 5:30-7:00pm. You can access the recordings of previous LCAP sessions, the LCAP survey link and other important information at the following [SUSD LCAP website](#).

- 3. In the previous questions asked you spoke about a \$5,000 retention bonus going to all employees. Do you have a date of when that will be paid out?**

The district has proposed a \$5,000 retention bonus to all employee groups. We are currently negotiating with all bargaining units in the hopes of reaching Tentative Agreements soon. Once a Tentative Agreement is reached, it goes to the union members to ratify. If the union members ratify the Tentative Agreement, then it goes to the School Board for ratification as well. Upon ratification, payroll will pay the first installment of the \$5,000 (\$2,500) on the next possible payroll and the next installment in August 2024. Please go to our new Labor Relations [website](#) for the latest updates.

- 4. Since many of us switched away from Kaiser because of the cost increase, will we have a short period of open enrollment time, so that we can switch back, if we want. If not, everyone who switched to one of the free choices is left out of the unexpected benefit of increased coverage.**

SUSD cannot open another enrollment period prior to the next school year. Open Enrollment, which is governed by CalPERS, is the first two weeks in October and the last day to enroll or make changes to your current plan was October 13, 2023 for this year. Information is available on the Stockton Unified School District website under the Benefit page: [Benefits / 2024 Health Plans & Rates \(stocktonusd.net\)](#). If changes to your coverage are due to a life-changing event, please contact the Benefit Department at Benefits@stocktonusd.net and they will be able to assist.

Since no government agency, including SUSD, can open another enrollment period outside of the regular open enrollment period, we ensured that staff was held harmless for Kaiser cost increases during the 2023-2024 school year. Any additional changes can be made in October 2024.

5. Hey Dr. Rodriguez, Is there any place on the staff resource page that we can look up how to read our pay stubs. Trying to decipher it is nearly impossible.

Due to a previous request, our Payroll Department has been developing cheat sheets on how to read our pay stubs by bargaining unit. They will be posting them by the beginning of next week. The Payroll Department has been providing the cheat sheet on an individual basis as requested. In the meantime, staff can call the help desk at 209 -933-7001 ext. 1 or come to the payroll window, and they can provide the cheat sheet prior to it being posted on the Payroll website.

6. I heard that we could see the Read to Read movie again. Can you please provide the information on how to attend?

The Right to Read documentary shares the stories of an NAACP activist, a teacher, and two American families who fight to provide our youngest generation with the most foundational indicator of life-long success: the ability to read. We are proud to present two free screenings of *The Right to Read* on Wednesday January 24th at Franklin High School (5:00pm) as well as Thursday January 25th at Chavez high school (5:00pm). We invite all SUSD educators and community members to join this event. If you would like to attend, please register on Kickup.

[Register for January 24th here \(Franklin\)](#)

[Register for January 25th here \(Chavez\)](#)

7. Hello, I am looking to see if I can get a copy of my HS transcripts. I went to AA Stagg High and graduated in 98.

You can obtain your transcript through the link provided: [Transcript/Records Request Form](#) In addition, we are open to the public for walk-in requests for records and transcripts. We are located at 1144 East Channel Street, Room 105, Stockton, CA 95205. Please bring a State ID or Driver's License. Processing Transcript Hours: Monday through Friday - 7:30am - 11:30am and 1pm - 3:30pm.

8. I am new to the District. We moved here from Manteca Unified. How do I enroll my daughter?

You can enroll your daughter through our Admissions and Family Services Department at 1800 S. Sutter Street, Stockton, or you can enroll through the online process which requires uploading scans of select documents. [Online school enrollment click here](#)

For either process, please be sure to have the following required documents ready:

- Parent photo ID
- PG&E bill current (within 30 days). Please open the bill and send the full page
- Child's full shot record (if uploading a yellow card, both sides are required)
- Child's birth certificate.

For a complete list of other acceptable documents, see below:

Parent or Legal Guardian Verification

- Photo Identification is required: State Issue ID or Driver's License, Passport/Card, Employee ID

Address Verification - Bring one of the following documents:

- Current Rental property contract, lease, or payment receipts
- Current Mortgage Statement, Closed Escrow Papers, Property Tax Bill
- Current Utility service statement (PG&E, City of Stockton, Water) or payment receipt
- Current Correspondence from a Governmental Agency
- Current Voter Registration
- Current Pay Stub (With Name and Address)
- Current Declaration of residency executed by the parent or legal guardian

Proof of Child's age - Bring one of the following documents

- Certified copy of Birth Certificate, Passport, Birth Record (other), Baptism Certificate
- Statement by the local registrar or a county recorder certifying the date of birth
- Affidavit of Parent, Guardian, or Custodian of a Minor

Immunization Record: CA schools are required to check original records for all students new to the district

- [Required for school entry](#)
- A T-Dap Booster is required to enter 7th – 12th grade

Prior school records

- A current report card, transcript, or grades at withdrawal (9th – 12th grades)
- IEP if the student is receiving special education services (if applicable)

9. Hello, I just moved to Stockton, CA and wanted to get information on how to enroll my daughter in preschool she was attending a state preschool in Oakley, CA she is 4 years old.

To enroll your child into preschool for the **2023-24** school year, please visit the Early Childhood Education Department located at 1144 E. Channel Street to register your child or call 209 933-7380 ext. 1383. Parents and guardians will need to bring the following documents:

- Child's Immunization Record and TB test (Cartilla de vacunación y examen de TB del niño)
- Birth Certificate for child enrolling (Certificado de nacimiento para la inscripción del niño)
- Proof of sibling's documentation (Prueba de la documentación del hermano)
- Physical exam for the child (or appointment date) (Examen físico del niño [o fecha de cita])

- Proof of California residency (Prueba de residencia en California)
- Income Verification for one month (Prueba de ingresos de un mes)

Parents or guardians who are interested in enrolling for the **2024-25** school year may complete an interest form by visiting the Early Childhood Education website <https://www.stocktonusd.net/Domain/147>. Upon completion of the interest form, a staff member will follow up with parents in the order received and set up a registration appointment.

10. Good afternoon. I am so excited about all the PD offerings at the January 19th staff development day. I had a hard time just choosing two courses. Will these be offered again later in the year? Also thank you for making it so easy to sign up and pick classes. This year has been the easiest to browse and register for courses. Thank you to those for their hard work that made this smooth and easy. It is appreciated!

Our Curriculum and Professional Development team in collaboration with other departments is extremely proud of the variety and depth of offerings for this Professional Development event. The Curriculum and Professional Development team has worked hard with our own in-house talent from our district office as well as school sites, along with vendor partnerships to provide relevant, timely, and needed professional learning. This year, we have listened to feedback from our teachers and support staff and from a district wide's needs perspective. Implementing Kick-Up, our PD sign-up platform, has made the professional development sign-up process much easier for staff.

Throughout the remainder of the year, we will continue to offer SIPPS training, as well as opportunities in Ready Math, NGSS Science Standards, upper-level mathematics pedagogy, social science and EL instructional strategies, SEL, and instructional technology. Additional learning experiences are advertised directly to the population of teachers for which it is relevant, through outlook, and through monthly curriculum newsletters. All of these venues will continue to provide easy sign-up through Kick-Up. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Curriculum and Professional Development Department if you have any questions.