



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 received a letter stating that we would see a rate increase for our health benefits. I then heard the district will be covering the health benefits increases that were set to start in the December checks. Is this true?**

Yes, to mitigate the possible negative impact that these increases will have on our employees, the district has decided to propose to immediately cover the increases for all employees until negotiations are completed. A proposal has been sent out to all bargaining units.

- 2. At the Board Meeting you mentioned that you recognized employees of the month. Where can I find them on the district website?**

We are proud to recognize three employees each month. We honor one classified, one certificated and one management staff member. You can find all of the recipients for this school year on my Superintendent's page located here: <https://www.stocktonusd.net/Page/17930>.

- 3. What is going to happen during the Winter Staff Appreciation Event?**

On Monday, December 18, 2023, the Board of Trustees and I will be in the Administrative Office's Board Room to welcome you to enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and/or hot apple cider. The event will be from 3-5pm and allow staff to come to get the treats. Staff can select to stay for a while, eat, talk with colleagues, and listen to music or they can just drop by quickly to pick up the treat and leave. There will be no formal presentation. It is just our way of saying "thank you" for the hard work done during the first part of the year.

- 4. I saw an air monitor on the outside of our school building. Is there something wrong at my site?**

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be installing a Purple Air Monitor at all school sites. A monitor is being installed on a building to collect air quality information. On our [Energy Education website](#), the community will be able to monitor air quality in their community by locating the air monitor for your school site. Our goal is to provide better air quality results. You can review the [Purple Air Real Time Map](#) currently and see that we do not have nearly as much coverage in Stockton, as we need to collect accurate data. We are partnering with UC Merced on this project who covered the cost of the air monitors. Air quality and frequent and intense extreme weather events can threaten the health of everyone in our Stockton unified community. Proper monitoring, assessment

and ventilation provide the opportunity to ensure that we take every measure to protect the wellbeing for all.

5. **I was wondering what kind of air filters we have at our DO building. Its seems that are air is very stagnant and not flowing properly. It gets really stuffy in the afternoon. There are a lot of us in tight spaces and with all the coughing and sickness perhaps wiping door knobs and common area surfaces more frequently could be in place during the winter season.**

As with all of our school sites and departments, the Administrative Building has the recommended MERV 13 pleated air filters. Our HVAC department uses a particular type of panels which are considered high performance with zero air gaps after pressure drop (due to having a metal frame around the filter media) and are 12-month filters. However, they are changed every 6 months. They were changed in the summer and just recently changed. This means we use a high-performance filter but change earlier than recommended and do not allow air passage around the edges. In addition, we will be utilizing ESSER funding to clean all air ducts within the District. In terms of surface cleaning, we are fortunate to have excellent custodial services who clean the building every night.

6. **Would it be possible to purchase or utilize the same platform across SUSD to facilitate two-way communication with families that enables staff to communicate with parents and parents with staff? It also must have translation capabilities i.e. Class Dojo, Parent Square. This needs to be uniform to ease communication with families that have students in multiple schools. This will help families and teachers because they will all only have to learn one program when continuing their child's education across multiple SUSD schools.**

We currently utilize the Blackboard/Finalsite system to allow mass communication to families through email, phone calls and texts. In addition, many sites and staff members utilize Class Dojo to assist with two-way communication. However, as we are looking at ways to improve communication, we are researching other systems such as Parent Square to identify what best meets our needs for the upcoming school year.

7. **When are you going to have the Specialty School Fair?**

The Specialty School Fair will be on January 18, 2024 from 5:30-7:00pm.

8. **When is the next LCAP Meeting?**

Our next LCAP Meeting is on January 19, 2024 on LCAP Mid-year Update and Funding. There will be a zoom meeting from 9:00-10:30am and in person at Henry Elementary from 5:30-7:00pm.

9. **Hi, I just wanted to know start/cost of your typing classes? I need a typing certificate.**

You can take the General Office/ Administrative Assistant courses through our Adult Education program. The course fee includes registration and the materials fee. Here are the costs for the following courses:

Keyboarding/Typing: \$40

Microsoft Word: \$40

Microsoft Excel: \$40

Microsoft PowerPoint: \$40

Microsoft Access: \$40
 Microsoft Publisher: \$40
 Business Calculation: \$40
 Google Drive®: \$10

You can register [HERE!](#)

10. I am a graduate of 2022 filling out applications for college, but I cannot figure out if we were a quarter system or full year system? I cannot get through to the Admissions office to get my transcripts either.

The grading system depends on the school in which your graduated from with SUSD. Below is a chart with the information.

School	Schedule	Grading System
Chavez High School	4x4 Block	Term System
Edison High School	4x4 Block	Term System
Health Careers Academy	4x4 Block	Term System
Stagg High School	4x4 Block	Term System
Franklin	4x4 AB Block	Quarter System
Merlo	4x4 AB Block	Quarter System
SECA	4x4 AB Block	Quarter System
Weber	4x4 AB Block	Quarter System
Jane Frederick	Traditional 6 Period Day	Quarter System
Pacific Law Academy	Traditional 6 Period Day	Quarter System
Stockton High School	Traditional 6 Period Day	Quarter System

Students can receive their transcripts from the Student Records Department at the District Office. Click below for the following: Transcripts, Elementary records and CAHSEE diploma requests (SB 172).

[Transcript/Records Request Form](#)

The Student Records Department is open to the public for walk-in request for records and transcripts. They 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 & 1pm - 3:30pm). Hours may change.

Cash or **Money orders** are the only form of payment accepted at this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to email them directly at: cwarequest@stocktonusd.net