



Steger School District 194

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Greetings Steger Intermediate Center Parents:

Happy New Year! As we start this new calendar year, we'll continue to focus on safety as our top priority while we work to meet your child's academic and social/emotional needs. We are set to begin our in-person learning for students (based on families that have selected this option on the Student Choice Portal back in October) on **January 25, 2021**. To help with this transition, we'd like to review some very important safety reminders.

If your student is returning to school for in-person learning:

- If your student is experiencing ANY Covid-19 symptoms, PLEASE keep them at home. If they can, they should join their class remotely until they are symptom free. Please inform the teacher and office if this occurs.
- All students must wear face masks at all times while in school and on school property.
- Social distancing will be adhered to when possible in classrooms and in hallways.
- Bus riders will be assigned seats. All bus riders must wear face masks at all times.
- No breakfast, snack or lunch will be eaten at school. Please make sure your child eats breakfast before coming to school. Students that pre-order breakfast/lunch, will be sent home with these meals at the end of the day. Students may bring their own water bottles to school - water fountains will only be available to fill water bottles, not to drink from.
- Doors will open at 7:30 am - school will start promptly at 8:00 am. **(there is an adjusted start time of 8:45 am for Remote Learners during the first week back)** If your child will be absent, please make sure to call the attendance line at (708) 753-4200.
- Dismissal will begin at 12:00 with Walkers/Car Riders. It is expected that buses will leave the school property by 12:15 pm. Please be patient as we establish a routine with students during the first week or two of school.
- Arrival: Walkers/Car Riders: Drop off is on Hopkins - One way going north - No parking before 8:00 am on Hopkins. Please do not let your student exit the vehicle until the 7:30 am bell rings. Due to social distancing guidelines, we will not allow students to wait in the front vestibule. Supervisors will be outside to assist - please follow the directions of the supervisors.
- Students are expected to bring their fully charged school issued devices back and forth to school each day. Except for Math and Vocab. workbooks, all other materials given to students at the beginning of the year should remain at home.
- Students are expected to participate in Classroom activities from 1:30 - 2:30 (except on Wednesdays when we have a 1:30 dismissal). These activities will be a combination of both Live specials classes and independent activities. Classroom teachers may need to meet virtually with individual students at this time as well; this will be arranged with parents.

If your student is continuing to stay remote and learn at home:

- Make sure to check emails from your child's teacher regularly; schedules are sure to change.
- Check your child's Google Classroom each day - important information will be shared via this format as well as email.
- Remote students are expected to be logged into their Google Classroom Meet everyday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. There will be additional activities, in the afternoon, from 1:30-2:30. Some of these activities will be live specials classes, and others will be independent activities. If your child will be absent, please make sure to call the attendance line at (708) 753-4200.

Please watch our Welcome Back Video on the district webpage at www.sd194.org.

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Important Dates and Times:

***Monday, January 25th - Friday, January 29th:** All Remote Learners will start school at 8:45 by logging into their Google Classrooms - This will allow for classroom teachers to go over safety procedures with the In-person students.

***Starting Monday, February 1st** - All students will start school at 8:00 am.

*Check emails from classroom teachers by January 22, 2021, regarding changes in individual classroom schedules.

*Please note that the Intermediate Center's Schedule may look different during the first week of school than the Primary Center.

Please keep your child at home to e-learn if your child experiences any of the following signs and symptoms:

*Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

*Congestion or Runny Nose

*New loss of taste or smell

*Fever or chills

*Sore Throat

*Nausea/Vomiting or Diarrhea

*Muscle fatigue, body aches, or headache

We continue to appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times. Together, we can make this transition a positive experience for all our students. Should you have any questions, please contact the school office at (708) 753-4200.

Sincerely,

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