



Steger School District 194

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Greetings Steger Primary 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 in the Student Choice Portal). Since this will be the first school day experience for some of our learners and to help provide a more individualized review of safety procedures, the Steger Primary Center will have two staggered Orientation days. On **Monday, January 25th**, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten In-Person students will be attending school while all first graders will be learning remotely. On **Tuesday, January 26th**, Pre-Kindergarten and First Grade In-Person students will be attending school while all kindergarten students will be learning remotely. A more detailed schedule is reflected on the second page to help with planning. Please note that the Pre-Kindergarten instructional times are different, and a separate schedule will be sent out to all families of Pre-Kindergarten students. 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 (**adjusted start time of 8:45 am for remote learners during the first week of In-Person learning**). If your child will be absent, please make sure to call the attendance line at (708) 753-4100.
- Dismissal will begin at 11:45 am with Walkers/Car Riders (this time will change to 12:00 once a routine is established). It is expected that buses will leave the school property by no later than 12:15 pm.
- Arrival: Walkers/Car Riders: Drop off will be off of 30th Street. **No parking before 8:00 am on 30th Street, the front lot, or the staff parking lot.** 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 vestibules. 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. If your child has not received a school issued device yet, one will be provided for them to use while they are in the building. It will not be sent home each day.
- Students are expected to participate in their Fine Arts activities from 1:15 - 2:30 (except on Wednesdays). The Fine Arts' schedule will be the same as with the First Trimester. 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.

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- 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 (with the exception of the first week of In-Person learning. During this week the start time for Remote learning will be 8:45 am). There will be additional activities in the afternoon from 1:15-2:30. Some of these activities will be live specials classes, intervention groups, and independent activities. If your child will be absent, please make sure to call the attendance line at (708) 753-4100.

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

Important Dates and Times:

By Grade Level	Monday, January 25th - Orientation for K and CC	Tuesday, January 26th - Orientation for 1st	Wednesday, January 27th - Friday, January 29th	Monday, February 1st
Pre-Kindergarten - Separate Schedule will be sent out to Pre-Kindergarten Families.	In-Person Learners will attend school - separate start time; Remote Learners will be at home-separate start time.	In-Person Learners will attend school - separate start time; Remote Learners will be at home-separate start time.	In-Person Learners will attend school - separate start time; Remote Learners will be at home-separate start time.	In-Person Learners will attend school - separate start time; Remote Learners will be at home-separate start time.
Kindergarten & Cross Cat (CC)	Kindergarten & CC In-Person Learners will attend school at 8:00 am; Kindergarten & CC Remote Learners will be at home and will log in at 8:45 am.	All Kindergarten & CC students will be learning from home and will log in at 8:45 am.	Kindergarten & CC In-Person Learners will attend school at 8:00 am; Kindergarten & CC Remote Learners will be at home and will log in at 8:45 am.	Kindergarten & CC In-Person Learners will attend school at 8:00 am; Kindergarten & CC Remote Learners will be at home and will log in at 8:00 am.
First Grade & Cross Cat (CC)	All First Grade & CC students will be learning from home and will log in at 8:45 am.	First Grade & CC In-Person Learners will attend school at 8:00 am; First Grade & CC Remote Learners will be at home and will log in at 8:45 am.	First Grade & CC In-Person Learners will attend school at 8:00 am; First Grade & CC Remote Learners will be at home and will log in at 8:45 am.	First Grade & CC Learners will attend school at 8:00 am; First Grade & CC Remote Learners will be at home and will log in at 8:00 am.

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 stay in constant appreciation of 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) 753-4100.

Sincerely,

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