

Stonegate Elementary School Grades 6-8

Student/Parent Handbook and Planner

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Welcome to Stonegate Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year. As the principal of Stonegate, I feel extremely fortunate and proud to be working with such a dedicated and professional staff, students and community.

Our goal will be to sustain high expectations for students, maintain a quality educational program and provide a positive and caring school environment that will foster individual excellence and lifelong learning for our students.

Stonegate is a community school. It is a school where the children come first. Stonegate is the sum of all the pieces to the puzzle. In other words, school + student + parent(s) = success. If any piece of this puzzle is missing, then the level of success for students and school falters.

This year we will continue to implement the 10 pillars of Lion Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness/Justice, Caring, Citizenship, Honesty, Courage, Diligence, and Integrity. Along with, continuing to implement an anti-bullying policy, and we will be educating our students on the appropriate way to handle a conflict. Continuing to focus on the 3B's: Be safe, Be responsible and Be respectful. Not to mention a number of positive incentives that we will be implementing to encourage good grades, behavior and attendance.

Every Wednesday, school will be released early (see the Minimum Day Schedule) to allow our teachers the opportunity to collaborate, lesson plan and plan team activities.

As a parent, you are always welcome in our school. We encourage your participation and support of our school and invite you to play an active role in your child's education. This is the best guarantee for a successful school year. Regular communication with your child's teacher is essential. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to a wonderful year. Together we can make a difference for the children at Stonegate.

Respectfully,
Jay Berns, Principal
Marisela Romero, Assistant Principal

Attendance

Every student is expected to come to school every day ON TIME. The sixth to eighth grade staff is looking at positive incentives for great attendance. If a student is late to school, they are required to sign in at the main office.

Important Attendance reminders

- Truancy will result in a referral to school administration.
- When absent, students are expected to make up any school work they may have missed.

Independent Study

The parents or guardians must complete an Independent Study Contract with the school secretary at least 2 weeks in advance of their student leaving school, for the contract to be approved. This provides appropriate time to process the request and get student work submitted from teachers to the front office. (Independent study is available for students who will be away from school for a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 10 days.) All work must be completed on time and returned to the office upon returning to school.

Before School

The sixth through eighth graders may be out on the playground in the morning before school with everyone else, and may also eat breakfast with everyone else beginning at 7:30 AM. They will be expected to be in class by the time the final bell rings at 8 AM.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

Cell phones must be turned off/powered down and out of sight at all times during the school day. Electronic devices, including, but not limited to, headphones/ear buds, video games, iPods, laser pointers, cameras, or like devices, are not permitted on the school campus. The school is not responsible for loss/theft of any electronic device on campus. We strongly recommend electronic devices NOT be brought to school. First offense is a warning. Second offense, phone will be confiscated and turned into the office and returned to student at end of the day. Third offense, phone will be confiscated and turned into the office and MUST be picked up by a parent. Any subsequent offenses will result in a referral.

Class Schedules

Sixth through Eighth grade classes are departmentalized. This means that the student day will be divided up into periods of 54 minutes each. The students will move from one class to another every period.

Bell Schedule

Regular Day

1st 8-8:54 (54 min)

Break 8:54-9:04 (10 min)

2nd 9:04-9:58 (54 min)

3rd 10:01-10:55 (54 min)

4th 10:58-11:52 (54 min)

Lunch 11:52-12:37 (45 min)

5th 12:39-1:33 (54 min)

6th 1:36-2:30 (54 min)

Minimum Day

1st 8-8:43 (43 min)

Break 8:43-8:53 (10 min)

2nd 8:53-9:36 (43 min)

3rd 9:39-10:22 (43 min)

4th 10:25-11:08 (43 min)

5th 11:11-11:54 (43 min)

Lunch 11:54-12:29 (35)

6th 12:30-1:10 (40 min)

Elective Classes

The elective classes will be mixed with sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Students signed up for their top five elective choices in the spring. Students new to Stonegate will have an opportunity to sign up for their top five elective choices when they register. Examples of Elective classes that may be offered throughout the school year: Robotics, AVID, Band, Project Based Learning, Computer Skills, Film Appreciation, Study Skills, Art, Comics and Drawing, Teacher's Aide, Leadership, Mock Trial, Spanish (spring only), Drama, etc.

Homeroom

All fourth period classes will act as the homeroom classes for students. Students will receive important information such as flyers from the office from their fourth period teacher.

Lunch

Sixth, seventh and eighth graders will eat lunch together. Lunch is after fourth period on regular days and after fifth period on minimum days. The cost of lunch is \$2.50 for paid students and \$.40 for reduced students. The cafeteria lunch will include salad bar. Please see the Food Services website for further information

<http://www.wusd.k12.ca.us/Departments/Business-Services/Food-Services/Food-Service-Forms/index.html>

Students are not permitted in the C Quad during lunch without a pass.

Passing Periods

During passing periods, students are to walk to their next classroom and may use the bathrooms in C Quad. The bathrooms near the cafeteria may be used by the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders before school and during lunch.

C Quad Website

For up to date information about grades sixth through eighth and the C Quad, please go to

<http://cquad.weebly.com/>

End of the Year Activities

In order to be eligible to participate in end of the year activities and the promotion exercises, 6th-8th grade students will be required to meet certain criteria during the second semester which may include, but is not limited to: agreement contract submitted in second semester.

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony Requirements

- All passing grades (D- or higher) in the spring semester.
- Students must not have any severe or excessive disciplinary incidents during the spring semester as determined by site administration.
- All debts must be cleared.

Items not to be brought to School

- Athletics Equipment

- Blankets
- Pillows
- Toys

Parent Concerns/Complaints

We encourage the resolution of concerns and complaints early and informally whenever possible. Parents should direct any concerns to their child’s teacher(s). If a problem remains unresolved, the parents should direct any concerns to the principal. If at this point a problem remains unresolved, parents should submit a formal written complaint as early as possible in accordance with the appropriate district procedures. District procedures are readily accessible by contacting the school office or district office.

Plagiarism

Copying other’s classwork or trying to submit any work that is not your own without proper citation will result in a grade of ‘0’ for the assignment and may result in discipline.

Semester Rewards

At the end of each quarter there will be special incentive activities for all of the students in the sixth through eighth grades who have achieved criteria determined by the sixth through eighth grade teachers. These criteria may include, but is not limited to, the number of tardies, discipline record, number of detentions, grades, homework, and uniform infractions.

Uniforms/Dress Code

Uniform Standards

- Tops: solid white or navy with collar, no logos or writing except unobtrusive stitched polo shirt logos; official school logo shirts
- Dresses, skirts, skorts, and scooters; solid khaki or navy (appropriate length)
- Pants and shorts: solid khaki or navy (no jeans)

For safety reasons shoes should be worn at all time and shoes/sandals should not be open toed and should have a back strap.

First Offense – Warning, change clothes

Second Offense – Warning, change clothes

Third Offense – Detention, change clothes

Any subsequent offenses – Referral, change clothes

Questions about uniforms?

Please contact school administration about the uniform policy for answers to specific school questions. For district level questions, call the Office of Student and Family Support Services.

Vandalism (Graffiti and defacement of property)

Vandalism will result in a referral to school administration.

WUSD Parent Handbook

For further information about WUSD policies and procedures please go the WUSD Parent Handbook at <http://www.wusd.k12.ca.us/Parents/Parent-Handbook/index.html>