

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

This communication has quite a bit of information, so please take some time to read carefully.

We're excited about getting started on Monday! Did you know that many teachers stay awake the night before school starts thinking through all their planning as they hope it goes really well? We know parents and students often feel the same way, so thanks for encouraging your child as we begin the year on Monday.

There are 5 pieces of information included today: *attendance, meals, important upcoming dates, home-screening protocol, and PTA.*

I wish I could personally thank each one of you that have expressed your support for your teachers, our office and custodial staff, and for each other. We watched a long-time Steele family notice a brand new family to Steele introduce themselves and offer support and friendship the other day. I'm honored to serve parents and students in a wonderful community like Steele.



Steele Parent Online Instruction Attendance Policy

Steele Parents –

Please see the outline below for how attendance will be taken during our virtual instruction.

Students will be given credit for attendance through any of these **THREE avenues:**

1. Present during scheduled virtual classroom session.
2. Verification that they logged into Schoology during the day or evening.
 - i. If the student signs into Schoology and completes what is required for the day, anytime during the day, they are counted as present.
3. Assignments completed for the scheduled day and turned in.

Attendance can be changed for previous days if verified that the student participated.

Parents can still excuse their children from school.

- Parents must contact the attendance line to excuse student for the day.
- Attendance line: 328-4703

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 328-4700.



Steele Meal Plan Fall Quarter 2020

Steele Parents – there will be breakfast and lunch for students during the 1st quarter. Times and services may change based on student use.

Breakfast Cost: \$1.50/student Free & Reduced Cost: 0

Lunch Cost: \$2.65/student Free & Reduced Cost: 0

Breakfast

7:30-7:45 Grab n' Go

Lunch

12:00-12:30 pm

Hand-washing and social distancing will be observed

Food usually served buffet-style will be individually packaged

Outside eating will be preferred, if weather cooperates.

More information about breakfast and lunch menus will arrive soon.

Monday Aug. 24 is tamales!



Important Dates for August, September, & October

August 24-28	Online Instruction
August 31-September 4	Online Instruction
September 7	Labor Day, no school
September 8	Reading and Math Screening Day No online instruction, in-person appts. through classroom teacher.
September 9	Online Instruction resumes, in-person screening appts. continue in afternoon.
September 28	No School, Professional Dev. Day
Sept. 10 – Oct. 15	Online Instruction for Quarter 1



COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Can I go to school today?

At-home symptom screening for families

Parents and guardians may use this symptom checklist to determine when to keep their child at home. **Any student diagnosed with COVID-19, who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case or someone in the household, is symptomatic and awaiting a PCR-COVID-19 test result, should not go to school and should isolate or quarantine according to public health recommendations.**

The list below refers only to new symptoms or a change in usual symptoms. A student should not be kept home for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual. These guidelines are in addition to regular school guidance (for example, a student who is vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidance).

If your student is experiencing any potentially life-threatening symptoms, please call 911.

Sustained Community Transmission (Safer at Home or Stay at Home):

If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/ stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Runny nose or congestion



COVID-19 GUIDANCE

¿Puedo ir a la escuela hoy?

Examen de síntomas en el hogar para familias

Los padres y tutores pueden usar esta es una lista de verificación de síntomas para determinar cuándo mantener a su hijo en casa. **Cualquier**

estudiante diagnosticado con COVID-19, que es un contacto cercano de un caso COVID-19 o alguien en el hogar, es sintomático y a la espera de un resultado de la prueba PCR-COVID-19, no debe ir a la escuela y debe aislar o cuarentena de acuerdo con las recomendaciones de salud pública.

La siguiente lista se refiere sólo a nuevos síntomas o a un cambio en los síntomas habituales. Un estudiante no debe ser mantenido en casa para los síntomas habituales que experimentan debido a una condición crónica a menos que sean peores de lo habitual. Estas pautas se suman a la orientación escolar regular (por ejemplo, un estudiante que está vomitando tampoco debe asistir a la escuela según la guía escolar habitual).

Si su estudiante está experimentando algún síntoma potencialmente mortal, llame al 911.

Transmisión comunitaria sostenida (más segura en el hogar o estancia en casa):

Si alguno de los siguientes síntomas está presente, mantenga al niño en casa/quédese en casa, informe a la escuela de los síntomas y comuníquese con un proveedor de atención médica sobre las pruebas COVID-19 y los siguientes pasos para el tratamiento.

- Sensación de fiebre, escalofríos o temperatura de 100,4 oF o más
- Tos persistente nueva o inexplicable
- Dificultad para respirar
- Pérdida de sabor u olor
- Fatiga
- Dolores musculares
- jaqueca
- Dolor de garganta
- Náuseas o vómitos
- Diarrea
- Nariz con nequeo o congestión