

## 26/27 Standley Middle School (revised 4/26)

### Frequently Asked Questions

The first day of school is August 10<sup>th</sup> for students. First period starts at 8:05 and last period ends at 2:45 M, T, Th, & F with an early out every W at 1:30. Student drop off is on Governor and/or Radcliffe but not in the staff parking lots. Students may ride bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc., provided they meet the law by wearing a helmet. A bike rack and skateboard/scooter dock are available to lock these items near the locker room. Students may not ride through parking lots or on campus. Please enter and exit through the gate by the courts on the lower field to access the storage rack.

#### 1. When is the optional PTSA Welcome Back Prep Day?

It's scheduled for Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. You can pre-purchase PE items, get your picture taken for school ID, yearbook, and school photo, take a self-guided tour, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders can exchange their computers for an upgrade. Visit the [Standley PTSA](#) website for more info.

#### 2. Will there be an Orientation for new and/or returning students?

Yes, we will meet with all incoming families at the feeder schools (Spreckels, Curie, and Doyle) in May and provide the same information virtually on the website afterward for CHOICE families or returning families.

#### 3. Can we get a tour of campus before school starts?

Virtual tours are available on our website at your convenience. Self-guided tours are available during the PTSA Prep Day. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders may sign up for our Summer Bridging Event and spend a day on campus with staff, getting familiar with Standley prior to the first day of school. Counselors will send an invitation, and it will be posted on our website. We are looking at August 3<sup>rd</sup> as the most likely day for the Bridging Event.

#### 4. Do I need to come to school to make sure my child is registered?

If your child finished school at Spreckels, Curie, or Doyle last year, you are all set, provided you went through the [PowerSchool electronic re-registration process \(new this year\)](#). If you received a confirmed enrollment through CHOICE at the end of 25/26, you are all set as well. If you just moved into the neighborhood, you will need to visit our main office and register your child. Make sure the main office has the most current email, phone number, and physical address to ensure you receive all communications from the school.

#### 5. When will students receive their class schedules?

Printed schedules will be given on the first day of school, Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Tables will be set up on the lunch court at 7:30 a.m. to distribute to students before first period at 8:05. Parental supervision is not required, and we ask that families not come on campus unless you have volunteered to help pass out schedules.

#### 6. How do I change my student's schedule?

If there is a mistake on the schedule (repeat classes, missing a class, wrong grade level, etc.), we will correct it during the period of the mistake on day one. If requesting a schedule change for any other reason (wanted a different lunch, changed my mind about an elective, or a change in Academic Prep), students will complete a Schedule Change Request form. These forms will be in the main office during the first few weeks of school, and they will be returned to the counseling office. Counselors will review and make changes if appropriate.

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### **7. When will students receive their photo identification cards?**

Pictures will be taken on Prep Day, August 4th, and IDs will be created from them. Students will receive a temporary ID card on the first day of school. There will be a makeup day for those students who miss it in August during the school day. Student schedules can serve as an ID for any school-related needs until IDs are issued. Students who miss both picture days will have an ID created on-site in September. Students will also get a barcode to stick in their planner, which can be used as an alternate ID for lunch, library, and other needs.

### **8. What are the suggested school supplies?**

We recommend students attend the first day with something to write on and write with. Teachers will let them know of any specific suggestions for their class on the first few days. Typical supplies include 70 page spiral notebooks, lined loose-leaf paper, pencils, pens, and highlighters.

### **9. When will students receive textbooks?**

6th grade will get textbooks on August 11th, 7th grade on the 12th, and 8th grade on the 13th. You may want to arrange a ride home that day, as these books are generally meant to stay at home for the year. Students may not get a paper version for every class, as those that are online are not distributed in a hard copy.

### **10. Can students buy PE clothes other than the ones sold at school?**

Yes, any gray T-shirt and navy athletic shorts will be accepted. Students will be “dressing out” for PE this year and participating on the field. Coaches will provide more information in the first two weeks as lockers are assigned and procedures reviewed. Students will not need PE clothes in the first 2 weeks of school. You may order PE clothes through [Standley PTSA](#).

### **11. Can students buy PE clothes and yearbooks after Prep Day?**

Yes, you may order PE clothes through [Standley PTSA](#). Students do not “dress out” the first 2 weeks of PE, and yearbooks are available online through Jostens.com.

### **12. Will my student need to buy or bring lunch to school?**

Ready-to-eat, hot lunch will be available for all students daily. Currently, we have been told that breakfast and lunch will continue to be free for all students. Student ID numbers are needed and will be on the student schedule. Do not share ID numbers with other students. Students only get one lunch and breakfast daily, so if they are always hungry, they are welcome to bring additional items or pack their own lunch. Middle school lunch is very good, and many entrees are quite popular. Microwaves are not available. Standley hosts two lunches every day to allow plenty of space and time for students to enjoy lunch. Sixth-grade students have a different lunch than 8th-grade students.

### **13. Can students purchase other items at lunch if they are still hungry?**

Students who would like a second meal or entrée item may purchase the items they would like using cash or by utilizing the [PayPams prepaid student account](#). A la carte snack and drink items may also be available for purchase after the first 6 weeks of school, if available to offer.

**14. Can I drop off lunch for my student or send a delivery service?**

You are welcome to personally drop off lunch for your student in the main office during the day. We will keep it in the office with their name on it until they pick it up. If they did not know you were coming, we will call them from class at a convenient time to not miss instruction. **We do not allow any delivery service to drop off items at school (Doordash, Grubhub, etc.).** If these delivery services attempt to deliver, they will be turned away. Delivery may not deliver directly to students through the fence. Thanks for your understanding.

**15. Will breakfast or additional meals be available?**

Breakfast items are available every day at the lunch area. Student ID numbers will be needed and will be on the student's schedule. Only one item per student.

**16. Where can students find a list of student clubs?**

Go to the Standley school website, under the "student" tab. Listen for new information during morning announcements through the first month, as clubs are determined by student/staff interest and are not always the same year to year. There will be a "Club Rush" during lunch in September to let students visit tables of clubs that are open.

**17. How can a parent sign up for Prime-Time, the before and after-school program?**

Go to the Standley school website, under the "[parents](#)" tab, or contact [Prime Time](#) directly.

**18. Will school buses pick up earlier on Aug 10th, so students who ride the bus can arrive with enough time to pick up their schedules?**

The transportation department determines bus pick-up times to ensure students arrive 15-20 minutes before the bell. If the bus is late for any reason, we will make sure to accommodate those students.

**19. Will I get a new Chromebook for the school year?**

Every student will need the school-issued device, charged and ready to go, daily. Personal computers may be used at home, but not at school. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students will keep the computer they already have. All 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students will exchange their current devices during the first week of school for a new model. 6<sup>th</sup> graders may exchange during PTSA Prep Day. Upgrades will happen again in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade for all students. Try these [basic tips](#) before contacting support. If you are not successful, please see the district's [Tech Support](#) prior to returning to the site. Families will be charged for damage/loss due to negligent or repeated issues. Hear more about the [1:1 Initiative here](#).

**20. What if my student is sick?**

If your child has symptoms of any illness, we ask that you keep your student home and contact the school nursing office. Students will be required to stay home until specific criteria are met. The school nurse can tell you when they may return based on symptoms.

**21. Will students have access to lockers?**

The only lockers on campus are for PE clothes in the locker rooms. Students bring required materials daily in backpacks (rolling is acceptable).

**22. Do students shower after PE?**

Students will change into and out of PE clothes in the locker rooms. There are several "privacy tents" in the locker rooms for those who are uncomfortable changing in front of others. We have several spaces in the PE area designated as gender neutral changing rooms. Students may also make arrangements to change in the nurse's office. Showers are available but not mandatory and rarely used. Students are

advised to bring hygiene products, such as deodorant, to leave in their PE locker. Coaches will review all of this in detail during the first week, and no students will “dress out” until after the review.

### **23. Where can I purchase Standley Middle School Spirit Gear?**

Hats, shirts, sweatshirts and more can be purchased directly through our [Spirit Shop](#) where proceeds benefit the Standley PTSA.

### **24. How will I know what is happening at Standley Middle School?**

Please visit our [website](#) regularly and expect a message from the principal, voicemail, and email, every Friday with all the latest news. **That means it is very important to keep your contact information up to date and complete. Contact our main office if you need to update any information from last year. The PTSA sends regular communications, so be sure to sign up for it here: [Standley PTSA](#)**

### **25. What does a day in middle school look like?**

Students will have six classes a day with six different teachers. All students will take Math, Science, English, History, PE, and an elective. If students have an IEP and are not impacted significantly by their disabilities, then they will be in general education classes all day long with their peers. Students with significant disabilities will spend part or all of their day in the special day classroom. The passing period between classes is 4 minutes. Mid-day will be a 30-minute lunch and 30 minutes advisory class.

### **26. What do special education services look like in middle school?**

Special education services are driven by what is documented in each child’s IEP. At Standley, we have specific classes that have support (see #28) but also have other service providers on campus to provide services documented in the IEP, such as: Speech Pathologist, Occupational Health, Mental Health, Music Therapy, and adaptive PE.

### **27. What about a study skills class for students with IEPs?**

The one class that may be an exception to the standard six-class general education day is the study skills class meant to help students who are far behind peers in Math or ELA. This class takes the place of an elective, and the IEP team would need to agree to place the student in this class. The class may be something the IEP team agrees is needed for all three years of middle school, or only in one grade, depending on the student’s academic progress and independence. It is a flexible component of the IEP program that some students will never need, while others benefit greatly from it during their middle school years.

### **28. How often will my child meet with his or her case manager if they have an IEP?**

This depends on the student’s schedule. Their assigned case manager (Educational Specialist) may be in one of the student’s general education classes as a collaborative teacher. If the student has a study skills class in his or her schedule, their case manager may be the teacher for that small class. If neither of these situations exists, then the case manager will be scheduling check-ins with the student and observing him or her throughout the year in the general education classes.

### **29. What does a class with special education support look like?**

The core classes of English, math, science, and social studies will receive support according to student IEP needs. English and Math tend to be the classes that are assigned special education “collab” support, so

there is an additional adult in the class with the general education teacher. Science and social studies may also be collab for a few students. Both Education Specialists and PIFs may support these collab classes. PIFs are individuals who are certified by the district to work with students with disabilities, but are not credentialed the way a case manager or general education teacher may be. So, they support individual students in the class, ensuring IEP accommodations are followed, but don't teach any classes or manage IEPs.

### **30. Who is my point of contact regarding my child's IEP when they transition to Middle School?**

Like elementary school, each child has a case manager who both provides services and coordinates multiple providers on behalf of children on their caseload. Your child's case manager will contact you at the beginning of the school year once they are assigned. If you do not hear from your case manager in the first week of school, please contact the school so they can provide you with the information.

### **31. Who will be at the middle school IEP meetings?**

Your IEP meetings will be very similar to what you experienced in elementary school. The biggest difference will be teachers' attendance. Your case manager will guarantee there will be at least one general education teacher at the meeting, but due to master scheduling constraints, it is almost impossible to get multiple teachers to be present. Meetings may take place during school hours, and as teachers are obviously teaching, whoever is on prep will be the one to show and share their observations. Many IEP meetings are scheduled in advance on Wednesdays, our minimum day, to allow the maximum number of teachers to attend. However, the input from the other general education teachers will still be solicited and provided to parents at the meeting.

### **32. Can my student have a phone at school?**

Your student may bring a phone to school, but can only use it before school and after school. This includes smart watches or any other personal communication device besides the school-issued computer. Phones must be turned off and put away during all school hours or they will be confiscated. Smart watches must only be used as a watch and not connected to communication tools. Students are not allowed to record anything at school without explicit permission from staff using any device, including Smart Glasses.

### **33. Student Planner and basic information for all Standley families.**

Every student will receive a planner at the beginning of the school year. The first section is dedicated to basic school information and rules. We will review this page by page with students during the first couple of weeks of school, so students are clear on the expectations. You are welcome to review early.

[Student Planner Expectations](#)

#### **CURRENT CONTACTS (7/23/25)**

- Attendance / absences / independent contracts – Sean Kinoshita [skinoshita@sandi.net](mailto:skinoshita@sandi.net)
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- Requests for records, Academic history –Martha Buitron [mbuitron@sandi.net](mailto:mbuitron@sandi.net)
- CHOICE enrollment - Martha Buitron [mbuitron@sandi.net](mailto:mbuitron@sandi.net)
- Health / medical –Jen Lundy, [jlundy@sandi.net](mailto:jlundy@sandi.net)
- Homework / tests / projects / grades – Your child’s classroom teacher (see website)
- Library books / textbooks / lost books -Bay Fennessy, [bfennessy@sandi.net](mailto:bfennessy@sandi.net)
- Special Education / IEP / Support Services –Your child’s case manager
- Transportation – Sonia Preciado. [spreciado@sandi.net](mailto:spreciado@sandi.net)
- Parent Portal/Powerschool - Bay Fennessy, [bfennessy@sandi.net](mailto:bfennessy@sandi.net)

#### Additional Resources

- [Parent Learning Menu](#)
- [Standley Website](#)
- [Standley PTSA](#)
- [UC EdUCate Foundation](#)