



Student Handbook

2020-2021

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Mr. Howard Johnston, Principal



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are all looking forward to a wonderful new year. We know that in order for our children to be successful, we must all work together. As partners this year, we will have many opportunities for conversations centered around our STEAM Magnet school.

To that end, please consider doing your part in supporting not only your children, but the school community as a whole. Our students benefit greatly from our volunteer program. Your involvement and contributions are one of the ways Santiago is able to have a strong sense of community and allow our students to thrive. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities once we are able to be back at school and all restrictions have been removed:

Teacher-led Instructional Support, usually in the Classroom
Reading with Children Who Need Extra Help
School-wide Events
Student Outreach and Recruitment of Parent and Community Volunteers
Fundraising, Grant Writing and Labor for School Infrastructure Improvements
Career Day
Project-Based Learning/STEAM support
College Field Trips

If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe, productive, and fun school year.

If you have any questions or concerns related to SVUSD's Reopening Plan, please visit, www.svUSD.org.

Our wonderful Santiago staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting and working with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Johnston
Santiago STEAM Magnet School Principal

ABSENCES, ATTENDANCE, and TARDIES

This school year, we are making an assertive effort to improve our attendance percentage. We also will work to decrease tardies. Santiago students are expected to arrive on time daily. Should a student arrive late to school, he/she must get a tardy note from the office. Frequent tardiness without a valid excuse is considered truancy under the law.

To that end, we are asking for all students to arrive and be in line by 8:10am. Teachers will pick up students at 8:10am and have students in class and learning by 8:15am. Our instructional minutes begin at 8:15am and we want to make the best use of the minutes we are given to support all students.

Parents will be notified by our office staff if attendance or tardies become a concern. Students with several absences and/or many tardies may be referred to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). On this panel is District officials, law enforcement officers and Department of Social Service administrators who meet with parents regarding their responsibility for their children and regular school attendance. In California, schooling is mandatory and regular student attendance is of great importance to student success and achievement. Recent studies have verified that students with high test scores and high achievement also have excellent attendance.

Due to the State of California's new direction of actual attendance accounting the schools will only receive funding for students who are in attendance in class. Independent Study Contracts will still be available for long-term illness or travel/vacations. It is imperative that we utilize this option. It is critical that your child attends school regularly. **Independent Study Contracts (ISC)** may be obtained from the office for a **minimum of five days** (ISCs are suspended during Hybrid/DL Instruction).

Every absence from school will require a note from a parent or guardian when the child returns to school or a telephone call to the attendance office at (949) 916-9667. This line is available 24/7. Please, make every effort to call our office on the morning of the absence.

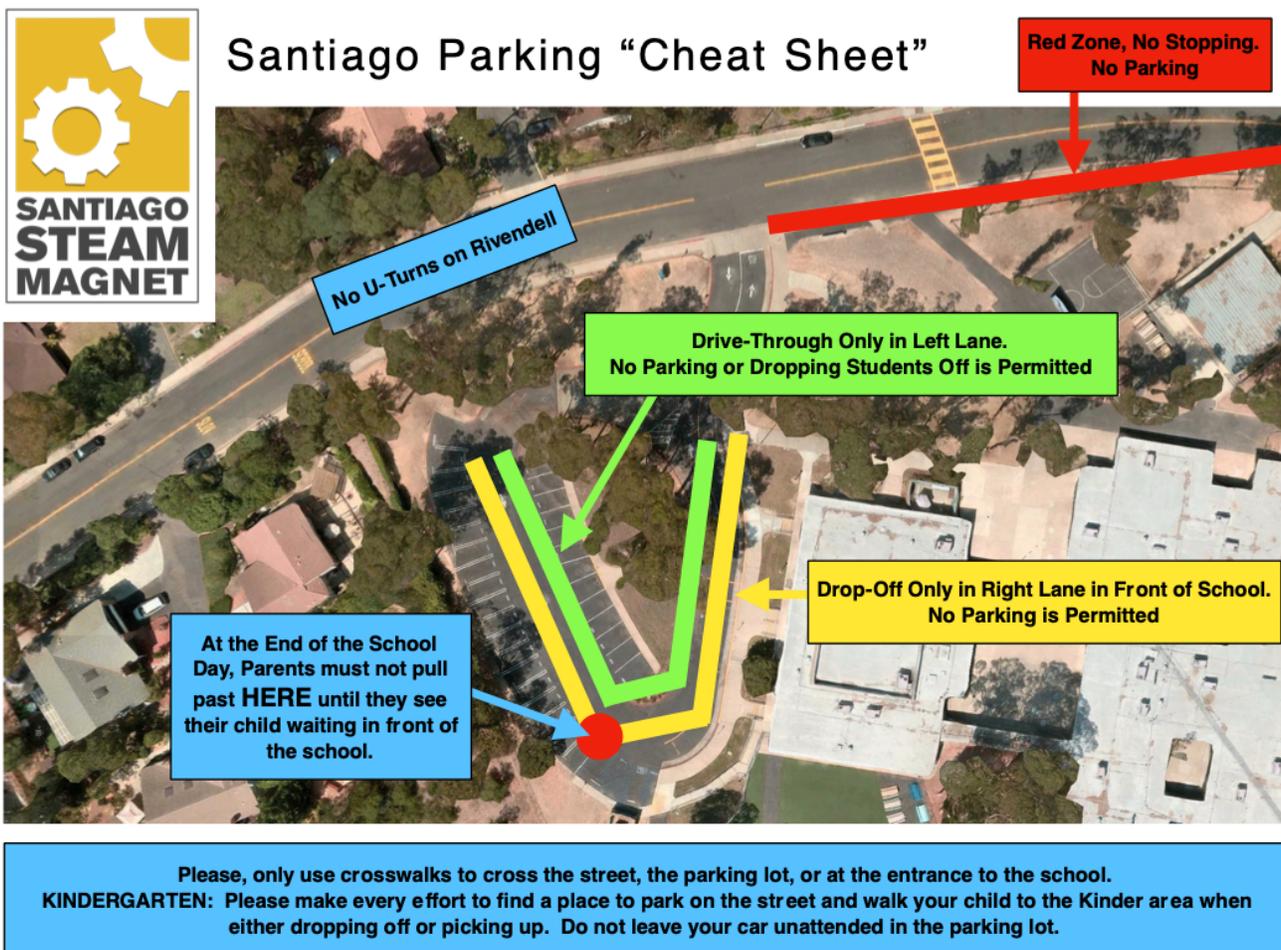
ALLERGIES

Parents of students with a history of life-threatening allergies should notify the office staff and complete our "Serious Health Problem" form. If Epinephrine (EpiPen) is required, please make every effort to supply Santiago with the needed medication. We have EpiPens on site for emergency situations. We address each student's needs on a case by case basis to ensure their safety. We have a separate allergy table for lunch on a permanent basis. If there is a student in your class or grade level with a severe allergy, we will make every effort to provide a nut free environment in the classrooms following district policy. We may need to limit or eliminate food items from the classroom depending on the severity of the allergy. If this pertains to your child's classroom, you will receive a letter from Santiago framing the guidelines we would like all class members to follow. If classroom celebrations are approved by the teacher and

administrator, strict guidelines may be required regarding food requirements. **Please do not bring food to the classroom without prior approval from the teacher and/or administrator.** Our goal is to provide a safe learning environment to all student. If you have any questions or specifics you feel our staff needs to be aware of, please contact our office at your earliest convenience at (949) 586-2820.

ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE

Staff members are on duty to supervise students on the playground beginning at 8:05 a.m. Students **may not** be on the grounds prior to that time, nor may they be unsupervised on the periphery of the school. Parents with students needing childcare before or after school may contact The Learning Connection (TLC) at 768-0981.



When dropping off your child, please do not stop in the red zones or double park. We also ask that you do not make any U-turns in the middle of the street. To exit the neighborhood, please proceed along Rivendell Drive heading south. Turn right onto Steinway, turn left onto Rumble, turn right onto Miles and then exit to Jeronimo. Students can also be dropped off in the parking lot in front of the MPR. ***Please do not leave cars unattended in the drop off loop.***

All students in grades K-6 (Hybrid Model) are dismissed from their line-up areas at 10:45am (for AM) and 2:15pm (for PM or Distance Learning) Monday through Friday and at 10:15am (for AM) and 1:15 pm (for PM or Distance Learning) on minimum days. Students in Kindergarten through Second Grade will not be allowed to leave the campus on their own. Please park on the street in a non-red zone area and meet your child on the sidewalk, or pull through our valet lane to pick up your child. There is also a crossing guard directly in front of the school to assist your child in crossing the street. ***Phone calls will be made to all emergency phone numbers of any student on campus 15 minutes after dismissal who are not participating in an after school program.***

BIKES

Students in grades 2-6 may ride bicycles to school. Before coming to school, please discuss and map out a safe route to school and observe your child while riding his/her bike. Bike racks are provided, but all students must provide their own bicycle locks. Remember that **California law mandates that all children must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.**

Students may ride their bikes to school if the following rules are obeyed.

1. A bicycle helmet is worn when riding a bicycle.
2. Each bike must be locked to the bike rack.
3. Bikes must be walked on the sidewalk and within the crosswalk areas.
4. Bikes may not be ridden on campus or through the parking lot.

Students who ride unsafely will have their bike riding privileges revoked.

BLOOMZ

Bloomz is our school-wide communication app. Think of it as “Facebook for Schools.” We will post information pertaining to all things Santiago. There is a calendar, volunteer options, and behavior components, as well. You can see things by class or all together. You have the ability to send messages to your teacher, office staff, or principal right from the app. If you have not signed up, please stop by our office and we’ll get you up and running in no time!

BOOKS

Books for all classes are provided by the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. Although some workbooks are provided for student use each year, most hard cover books must last for at least seven years. Therefore, it is important that students take responsibility for keeping the book in good condition, free from pencil or ink marks, and covered. Parents/students will be charged for all damaged or lost books including library books and classroom texts.

CELLPHONES

Saddleback Valley Unified School District supports the use of new and emerging technology in classrooms to enhance the learning experience. Yet, the very limited educational value of cell phones and personal electronic entertainment devices (portable game systems, music players, etc.) must be acknowledged. The district reserves the right to define the educational value of any new wireless electronic signaling or personal electronic entertainment devices that may become available in the future and to limit their use if they have no educational value or if such use creates learner distraction or disruption. Wireless communications device means a handheld electronic device having the ability to receive and/or transmit voice, text, or data messages without a cable connection, such as cellular telephones, digital wireless phones, radio-phones/walkie-talkies, telephone pagers, PDA phones (personal digital assistants with wireless communications capabilities), or RIM (“research in motion”) wireless devices. Camera phone means any cellular phone (or other wireless communications device) capable of taking digital photographs.

It is the District’s position that camera phones and devices with recording functions pose a threat to the privacy rights of individuals, exploitation of personal information, and compromise the integrity of educational programs. Accordingly, the use of camera or recording functions on electronic devices is prohibited at all times on school campuses and during the school day. Students in possession of cell phones on school grounds that contain inappropriate, violent or pornographic pictures/ videos, inappropriate or harassing text messages, or information stored for the purposes of cheating academically will face more serious disciplinary action. Students who use a wireless communications device to photograph, videotape or otherwise record individuals without their permission, or whose wireless communications device is visible while in a test environment, will have his or her phone confiscated and held by a school official until it is determined that a criminal act was not committed.

Each individual school administration reserves the right to allow the use of personal entertainment devices and determine their educational value.

The following regulations shall apply at Santiago:

Students may occasionally need to make contact with a parent, guardian, or family; therefore, they may use cell phones before and after school as long as they do not create a distraction or disruption. During school hours (8:10am – 2:10) – regular schedule, and 8:10am – 1:18pm – minimum days), cell phones must be powered off and stored out of sight in their backpack or teacher designated area.

The first offense, the phone will be confiscated and the child can pick it up in the office at the end of the day. Every offense after, the phone will be confiscated and a parent/guardian will be required to pick up the phone in the office.

BIG BUDDY/LITTLE BUDDY CLASSES

Some primary classes may be adopted this year by an upper grade classroom. Students participate in many activities with their buddy class throughout the school year. Activities include reading, art projects, creative writing assignments, cooking activities, classroom parties, STEAM activities, and cross-age tutoring.

BUS POLICY

Students who ride the bus are expected to abide by Santiago's school rules as well as by any additional bus rules established by the bus driver.

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY

Computer/technology education is provided to all students via a distributed network of iPads and portable notebook computers with access to the Internet. All students will have access to either a Chromebook or iPad. Any costs incurred due to damage caused by the improper use of the device will be the responsibility of the child's parent.

CUSTODY PAPERS

The school must legally allow either parent to check their child out of school with proper I.D. unless court custody papers are on file in the school office.

DRESS and GROOMING AT SCHOOL

Dress is form of personal expression that may affect a student's behavior and self-image. A dress code policy is necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the school environment and to foster student's success in a positive manner.

Students are expected to show proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for school activities. Parents have the primary responsibility for student dress, and we appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring that student dress does not present health or safety hazards or a distraction that may interfere with student learning at school.

- Clothing displaying language or logos, slogans, words, or pictures promoting or depicting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, profanity, violence, or sexual connotations is not permitted. Clothing which references or displays sexual references, sexist, racist, vulgar, or hate messages is not permitted. Any derogatory message directed towards any person or group is prohibited.
- Shirts must have a straps at least 1-inch-wide, strapless shirts are not permitted. Shirts must completely cover undergarments and the midriff area. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. Sheer or cutout tops may only be worn with another top underneath (the torso cannot be exposed).

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must meet or be longer than the tip of the thumb when arms are extended down at the side of the body.
- For safety reasons, all shoes must be appropriate for school activity. Sandals, high heels, and tennis shoes with wheels are not permitted.
- Hats with a brim may be permitted outside for sun/rain protection only. Baseball hats are to be worn with the bill forward. Hats and hoods may not be worn in the classroom.
- Sharp/pointed accessories or belts that are unsafe for student play, and are not permitted at school.
- Clothing which displays gang insignia or which could reasonably be construed as gang-related, including but not limited to, initialized belt buckles, dangling belt below waist level, trench coats, ponchos, pants not worn at waist level, or which are sagging or oversized, hairnets, doo-rags, or bandanas. Long shorts (i.e. shorts to the ankles), any color t-shirt that extends past the finger tips when the hands hang down to the sides, and pulled up socks are prohibited. Any combination of clothing which law enforcement agencies currently consider gang related is prohibited. Accessories, which could be considered weapons, such as spiked wrist or ankle bands, spiked rings, spiked belts, spiked gloves, oversized rings or chains of any size, and chains attached to wallets. Spikes worn in eye-brows, ears, or any other body parts are not acceptable.

As trends change, administration reserves the right to amend the dress code policy as needed in order to keep a safe and orderly school environment.

*****School Administrator reserve the right to make exceptions for specific school activities*****

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Registration forms are sent home at the beginning of each school year and need to be completely filled out **(front and back)** and returned to the school immediately. If contact information changes at any time during the year, it is imperative that the office be notified. A complete list of relatives and neighbors, and their correct telephone numbers should be noted in the event that you are unable to be contacted.

Please remember that the contact information provided is the school's only link to you during the school day.

EARLY CHECKOUT

Parents wanting to have a student released early must sign their child out in the school office. For your child's protection, the office does not release students to adults who are not listed on the registration form. Identification is required. **Early checkout should be avoided whenever possible as students are missing important instructional minutes. Early withdrawal will be recorded as unexcused without a doctor's note or a family emergency.**

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Fire, earthquake, and safety drills will be practiced on a regular basis. Fire drills will be held monthly while earthquake and safety drills will be practiced several times a year. Students are taught to respond quickly to the emergency commands and are prepared to act appropriately during a disaster. The Santiago staff has a formal site disaster plan in place. The staff has practiced carrying out specific tasks during a mock emergency from administering first aid to checking out children to parents/guardians.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips within the city and to other nearby points of interest are scheduled by various classroom teachers throughout the school year. These trips are designed to supplement different aspects of the classroom curriculum and to introduce students to the resources of the community. Parents will receive notices of the field trips well in advance of the scheduled trip date and will be asked to sign the field trip permission slips. Please note that students may go on a field trip with their class/grade level only. *(For the 20-21 school year, field trips are on hold, until further notice).*

GUM

Chewing gum is not allowed on campus.

HOMEWORK – “UNHOMEWORK”

At Santiago STEAM Magnet, our mission is to provide meaningful, innovative learning experiences for a community of diverse learners who solve complex problems with creativity and confidence. When we typically think of homework, “meaningful and innovative” are rarely associated. Much research has been done regarding the effects of homework on student achievement. Positive effects decrease as student age decreases with the least effect happening in elementary school. More complex homework without the proper instruction at home tends to be frustrating to students and parents ending in students either not completing the homework or reinforcing incorrect understanding of the skills or concept.

To this end, Santiago STEAM Magnet intends to focus all our energy on instruction at school. UnHomework will not be a nightly scheduled event. If work does come home, it is with the full understanding that your child has the skills or concepts necessary to complete the work independently.

Guidelines for our UnHomework Policy:

1. UnHomework is not a requirement.
2. If UnHomework is assigned, it should be directly related to current classroom instruction and activities and clearly understood and achievable independently by the student.
3. Students should understand how each assignment helps learning and teachers should make an effort to promote student ownership.
4. Consideration should be given to the impact of homework on family time.

5. Reading for pleasure on a nightly basis should be strongly encouraged.
6. No separate grade or reward/punishment should be given regarding homework.

UnHomework is encouraged for students and families related to the 4Cs:

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| <p><u>Collaboration</u> Gathering Information for Projects (interviews, museum visits) Extra Curricular Activities Community Outreach/Volunteering Contributing to Household Activities</p> | <p><u>Communication</u> Daily Reflection of Learning Second Step Home Link Attend Santiago’s “Ignite Nights” Check Bloomz Regularly Family Talk Time</p> |
| <p><u>Critical Thinking</u> Ask Questions Make Real-World Connections ST Math</p> | <p><u>Creativity</u> Reading - Instill a Joy for Reading Outdoor Play and Explore Nature Try Something New</p> |

INSURANCE

The district does not provide medical insurance for students. However, information regarding voluntary school accident insurance is sent home at the beginning of every school year. You may purchase this insurance if you wish. The district business office is able to answer questions you may have regarding voluntary school insurance.

LIBRARY MEDIA

The Library/Media Clerk provides weekly visits to the library for all students. Students are welcome to check out books of interest and conduct research during their time in our Innovation Lab. *(Library check out systems will be enacted to comply with SVUSD protocols until further notice)*

LOST AND FOUND

Every year students leave valuable articles of clothing, lunch boxes, and backpacks at school. All unclaimed items are donated to charitable organizations on a regular basis. Please put your child’s first and last name on all personal articles with indelible ink markers. This will enable the staff to return the articles to the proper owner. Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found area several times during the course of the year. The lost and found is located in the MPR.

LUNCH

Students have approximately 40 minutes for lunch and playtime. Students may bring a lunch to school or purchase a complete hot lunch. Children will not be allowed to charge their lunch. Menus are posted on the S.V.U.S.D. website. To help alleviate the need for carrying cash at school, parents can deposit money on their child’s lunch account. Money for student lunch accounts can be turned in to the office. Please make checks out to S.V.U.S.D. *(Until further notice, lunches will be only for those students who are staying for instruction the whole day.)*

MEDICATION

When it is necessary for your child to take prescription medications during the school day, it is required that you and your physician complete a district form in order for the health clerk to administer this prescribed medication. The medication must be brought to school by an adult in the original container and will be locked in the nurse's office cabinet. **Without exception, students may not bring any medication to school. What may have medicinal value to one student may be lethal to another.**

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

It is understandable that occasionally, emergency situations arise requiring the office staff to relay a message to a student. Whenever possible, after school arrangements with your child must be made prior to the start of the school day to avoid classroom disruptions.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Sixth grade students may attend a science related activity this school year. Additional information will be provided to parents in the fall. *(Postponed for the 20-21 school year)*

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Parent volunteers are an important part of the educational programs at Santiago School. Many programs and activities would not be possible without your help. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you are able to find time to help. All parent volunteers are required to sign in at the office when coming on campus. **Younger siblings may not accompany parents when working during school hours.** Parents who volunteer must have a **current clear tuberculosis vaccination** on file in the Santiago office. Some opportunities to volunteer on campus include:

- School Site Council (SSC)**
- Career Day**
- Talent Show Advisors**
- Jog-A-Thon Committee**
- Parent Teachers Association (PTA)**
- Fundraising**
- English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)**
- Classroom Volunteer**
- Library Volunteer**
- Parent Yearbook Liaison**
- Parent Information Nights**
- Grant Writing**

(Until further notice, we will comply with SVUSD regulations pertaining to visitors/parents on campus until further notice.)

PARKING LOT

The parking lot is for staff parking only. Parents may also drop their student off in the drop off loop in front of the MPR or office. Parents who park in the front of the school or in the parking lot may be subject to a ticket or could possibly be towed. Please do not leave cars unattended under any circumstance.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SYSTEM (PBIS)

Maintaining an orderly and safe environment is an important role of public schools, for without these qualities, effective learning cannot take place. Having safe and orderly schools directly relates to student discipline. Each time a student disrupts a classroom, learning time is wasted. Students all have the right to learn and grow, play fairly, and to be safe while at school. Students who disrupt these activities or infringe on the rights of others will be supported in multiple way to improve his/her actions. Santiago will look to parents as part of the support system to improve the health and welfare of all our students. In the event of major behavior incidents by students, up to a five (5) day suspension may occur followed by a Behavioral Intervention Plan.

| Santiago STEAM Magnet Scholars "Get in GEAR" | | | | | | | | | | |
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| I AM... | CLASSROOM | RESTROOM | PICK UP / DROP OFF | PLAYGROUND | LUNCH | CAMPUS (HALLWAYS) | MPR / QUAD | INNOVATION LAB | CLASS LINES | LIBRARY |
| G GRATEFUL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property - Take turns - Try your best | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property - Take turns | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property - Take turns - Be inclusive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property - Wait your turn - Be inclusive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property - Applaud at appropriate times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property - Be inclusive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property - Be inclusive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use kind words - Respect property - Be inclusive |
| E ENGAGED | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eyes watch - Ears listen - Body calm - Stay on task | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flush toilets - Wash and dry hands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eyes watch - Ears listen - Body calm - Arrive on time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eyes watch - Ears listen - Freeze at the whistle - Walk to line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eyes watch - Ears listen - Body calm - Eat your lunch - Help clean up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eyes watch - Walk with purpose - Walk in class lines - Backpacks on rack | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eyes watch - Ears listen - Body calm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus attention - Find, use, and return materials appropriately - Ask for help | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Line up promptly - Stay in the line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eyes watch - Ears listen - Body calm - Ask for help |
| A ACCOUNTABLE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Sit safely - Use space and supplies safely - Walk at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Keep water in sink - Walk at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Wait under the awning - Walk at all times to appropriate location | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Use playground equipment safely - Ask for help - Follow game rules | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Sit safely - Walk at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Walk at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Sit safely - Walk at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Sit safely - Walk at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Walk at all times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect personal space - Sit Safely - Walk at all times |
| R REFLECTIVE | Am I... Grateful? Engaged? Accountable? | | | | | | | | | |
| VOICE LEVEL | | | | | | | | | | |

The Santiago staff holds high behavioral expectations for all students. The Santiago School Discipline Plan, or Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS), was written by

a group of staff members. It includes positive rewards for good behavior as well as consequences for unacceptable behavior. Students are expected to follow classroom and school rules. Students who continually disregard rules and rights of others will be required to accept the consequences of their behavior. This year we will be participating in the district's PBIS learning cohort. We intent to revise our PBIS policies and norms. To begin with we are updating our Rules Matrix entitled, "Get In GEAR (Be Grateful, Be Engaged, Be Accountable, and Be Reflective). Once complete, we will be sharing with students and parents, as well as updating our reward tickets.

To support students in developing Empathy, Emotional Management, Problem Solving, and Skills for Learning, lessons will be taught weekly with daily reinforcement by all staff members.

Students are consistently recognized for their academics and social interactions with others throughout the school year in less formal format.

PETS

Pets are only allowed on campus with the permission of administration. When pets are permitted on campus, please ensure that they are properly restrained and in good health. Please do not bring pets on campus when picking up or dropping off your child from school.

PTA

PTA is a great organization of families who work to provide special programs for students, and implement exciting activities and events. PTA events are successful because parents volunteer their time to make school activities fun for students and their families. PTA has established a variety of traditions at Santiago that enable us to provide the highest quality education for our students. Join PTA today! By working together, we can provide many opportunities for our Santiago students. Some opportunities to volunteer to help with PTA activities include:

Room Representatives: These individuals provide behind the scenes help for students on various occasions such as class parties, field trips, or special projects. They are also an important communication link between the PTA and individual families as the "top of the classroom phone tree".

Book Fair: The Book Fair is a terrific way for the PTA to earn additional books and materials for Santiago. Volunteers are needed to help with the set up and sales. *(virtual for the 20-21 school year)*

Fall Festival: Our Fall Festival is a great time to jump in and support Santiago. From volunteering the day of the event to getting out and finding sponsors, the PTA can find something you are good at to support this fun evening event. *(canceled for the 20-21 school year)*

REPORT CARDS and PROGRESS REPORTS

Report cards are issued three times per year, at the end of each trimester. Progress reports will also be sent after the sixth week of instruction each trimester. Should your child receive an unsatisfactory progress report, you are encouraged to contact the teacher to establish specific objectives to improve your child's academic achievement in the classroom. This year we will begin "Goal Setting Conferences." This will take place in October to share student progress and to set goals for the current trimester and beyond.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SSC)

Santiago STEAM Magnet receives additional funds from the state and federal government for school improvement in the form of a Title I funds. Additional funds give representative staff members and parents an opportunity to work together to plan educational objectives that support the academic program. The School Site Council (SSC) representation changes annually and new parent members are actively recruited. Interested parents may contact the school.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SPECIALIZED ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION: This special education program provides help for students with specific learning disabilities. Each student's parents and teacher work together with the district psychologist, principal, and resource teacher to develop an education program especially designed to remediate his/her learning disability.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE: A speech and language therapist provides special instruction for those children who have identified disabilities in these areas. Some students may require speech therapy for articulation problems, and some for language development assistance. In both cases, the speech therapist meets with small groups of students several times per week.

ADAPTIVE P.E.: Physical education curriculum is provided to meet the needs and special circumstances of students.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Students in sixth grade are given an opportunity to participate in decisions affecting the student body at Santiago STEAM Magnet and to receive first hand knowledge of the democratic process. The student council sponsors special school spirit dress-up days and other campus improvement projects.

MULTI-TIER SYSTEM SUPPORT TEAM

The Multi-Tier System Support (MTSS) Team convenes on a regular basis to discuss identified students struggling socially or in one or more academic areas. Parents are invited to be apart of the process.

TLC

The Learning Connection (TLC) is a positive alternative for working parents in need of childcare. TLC centers are open from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at all elementary school sites in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. For information about this program, please call (949) 768-0981.

TOYS

Toys are not allowed at school. Some objects may be brought from home and shared with the class; however, they should be carried to and from school in a bag. Older students are not allowed to bring toys, electronic equipment, P.E. equipment, or items that might harm others.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

(Until further notice, there are no visitors on campus. Please make an appointment if you need assistance from the office staff, administrator or teachers.) Parents and community members are welcome to visit Santiago. Please arrange your visit with the classroom teacher and office staff ahead of time and limit your visits to 20 minutes. Should a conference with a teacher be desired, visitors are asked to arrange a time that is mutually convenient. Parents and other visitors must sign in and receive a visitor's sticker before entering the campus while school is in session. Visitors without a sticker will be asked to report to the office or exit the campus. This practice is for the safety of your children.

WALKERS

If your child will be walking to school, please review the walking route with him/her. It is always a safe practice to use appropriate crosswalks. Stay on sidewalks and walk with a friend. Crossing guards will be available at the intersections and in front of our school.

WEAPONS

There are very strict laws in the state of California regarding possession of weapons on a school campus. It is forbidden by law for students to be in possession of laser pointers, pocketknives, guns, nail clippers, etc. on school a campus.