



SOQUEL HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020
Essential Information for the Start of School
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WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

Monday, August 12, 2019 - Picture & Schedule Pick-up Day

Freshmen - 8:00 AM Juniors - 11:15 AM

Sophomores - 9:30 AM Seniors - 12:45 PM

Students who submit all completed forms online through the Illuminate Parent Portal and get their picture taken will receive their schedule.

The following 11 forms are required.

- Internet Use Agreement
- Insurance coverage
- Locker Use Agreement
- Emergency form
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application (available in the portal on July 1st)
- Release of Student Directory Information
- Students, Parents' & Guardians' Rights & Responsibilities
- Pupil Health History
- Scholarship Profile (12th only)
- Cell Phone Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy

Students who cannot make it to Schedule Pick-up Day can turn in their forms, get their picture taken, and receive their schedule between August 14th – 23rd.

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Priority Scheduling for Seniors

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 - Friday, August 16th

9:00 AM - Noon - Walk-in Scheduling for all Grades

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 19, 2019

9:00 AM - Noon - Walk-in Scheduling for all Grades

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Freshman and New Student Orientation

Gym, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

9th Grade/New Parent Information Evening

Multi-Purpose Room, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Information about school policies, bell schedule, activities, arts, academics, athletics, and volunteer opportunities

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

First Day of School

Minimum C Day (All classes meet)

Thursday, August 22, 2019

A Day (Periods 1, A2, A3 & A4 meet)

Friday, August 23, 2019

B Day (Periods 1, B5, B6, and B7 meet)

SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL (TYPICAL WEEK)

Monday, Aug 26: C Day

Tuesday, Aug 27: A Day

Wednesday, Aug 28: B Day

Thursday, Aug 29: A Day

Friday, Aug 30: B Day

THIRD WEEK OF SCHOOL (HOLIDAY WEEK)

Monday, Sep 2: Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, Sep 3: A Day

Wednesday, Sep 4: B Day

Thursday, Sep 5: A Day

Friday, Sep 6: B Day

Enrolling Students

Families who need to enroll students may come to the Counseling Office starting on **August 1st**. Appointments with school guidance counselors will be scheduled from **August 12th** onward for *new students*.

Schedule Concerns

Students may have concerns about their schedules. If so, they should come to the Counseling Office 9 AM – 12 PM on the following dates:

- August 13th = Seniors only
- August 14th = All grades
- August 15th = All grades
- August 16th = All grades

Students will be required to fill out a 'Schedule Concern Form' and then meet with their counselor for a 10-minute drop in. **No appointments will be made for current students and all students MUST attend their scheduled courses unless they receive a schedule change.** Students are responsible for their attendance; if students anticipate a schedule change and do not attend their scheduled classes, they will receive unexcused absences. Reasons a student may not have received a requested course include:

- Schedule conflict between course requests
- Students not meeting course prerequisites
- Full sections (in which case we try to give a student one of their alternative requests)
- The need to fulfill additional graduation requirements

Attendance Policies

For complete information regarding attendance, please check the pink form included in the summer packet, the website or the student planner. District and State approved reasons for excused absences include illness, medical appointments, bereavement, and religious observances. In brief:

- All school absences must be cleared within 3 days (72 hrs.) through the attendance office (831-429-3907)
- Absences not cleared within 3 days become truant absences
- After the first 3 unexcused period absences, a Truancy Letter will be sent home and the student will have a Saturday School
- To be considered on-time to a class, students must be in the classroom **before** the tardy bell sounds
- If a parent calls in an absence for anything other than an approved excuse, the student may still be considered truant; this includes family vacations during school hours/days
- Accumulation of the 12th, 15th, 18th, etc. tardy will result in Saturday School assignments

In order to have an accurate view of student attendance and progress, **all parents/guardians must set up their Illuminate accounts**. Come to the main office with a photo ID; we will then give you an informational handout that will include your unique login. With this tool, you will be able to monitor your student's progress.

Campus Parking

Student parking on the Soquel High School campus is a privilege that may be revoked for cause at any time. Students must register their vehicle online in order to park in the **lower parking lot**. Parking tickets will be issued to cars parked in the lower lot if vehicles aren't registered beginning Sept. 23, 2019. Tickets begin at \$20 and increase in \$10 increments for successive infractions. Students **are not allowed** to park in any of the upper parking lots. Parents who wish to drop-off/pick-up students on the upper campus may do so **only** at the traffic circle at the front of the campus. No student drop-offs or pick-ups are to take place in the staff parking lots. All California state laws (vehicular as well as all others) are enforced on campus. Cars are subject to search. **Additionally, students are not permitted to hang out in the student parking lot during brunch or lunch.**

Eligibility - Athletics

To remain eligible for participation in athletics, students must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 (with only 1 grade of F [no consecutive Fs in the same course]). Students must also maintain positive attendance and behavior. Additionally, all athletes must pay all fines and fees and meet all detention/Saturday School obligations to remain eligible.

Eligibility - Activities

In order to attend various school activities, including all school dances, students must maintain positive attendance and behavior. Students must pay all fines and fees and meet all detention/Saturday School obligations. Students who fail to meet their responsibilities will be placed on an exclusion list and declared ineligible until all obligations are met.

Dress Code

Soquel High School's dress code ensures that clothing fits well, reflects student pride in oneself, is conducive to the learning process and demonstrates respect for school and our diverse student community. Additionally, we believe that high school is preparation for the world of work, so dress should be appropriate for that setting. Our purpose is not to stifle a student's right to self-expression but rather to promote the health, safety, and emotional well-being of all students. Complete dress code information may be found on our website and in the student planner. In brief:

- Shoes must be worn at all times
- Students must cover their midriffs, backsides and/or cleavage; all underwear must be covered by clothing
- College and high school logos are appropriate. Selected Professional sports logos and apparel of any type banned. See SHS web page for policy.
- Clothing should not contain references to tobacco, drugs, alcohol or the use thereof. This includes the **Cookies** brand.
- Clothing should present positive messages, not messages of hate or intolerance

- Clothing must not make gang references or identifications
- All tops must have straps of at least 1 inch in width
- All attire must be appropriate to the school setting and not distract from the educational purpose of Soquel High School

Students on Track for High School Graduation

Students who are on track for high school graduation will have finished the 2019-2020 school year with at least:

- Class of 2020 (Sr.) 180 credits
- Class of 2021 (Jr.) 120 credits
- Class of 2022 (Soph.) 60 credits
- Class of 2023 you're just joining us!

Students who are credit deficient should immediately contact their counselor to plan how to catch up on credits. If you are too far behind, you may need to transfer to an alternative education setting and return to Soquel once back on graduation track or graduate from that location. Our goal is to help every student receive their diploma.

Bell Schedule

Please note Mondays are still a shortened day, but lunch will be served. The school day ends at 2:10 PM on Mondays and 2:35 PM for the remainder of the week. Please see our ABC Calendar for 2019-20.

Grading Periods:

1st Semester ends December 19, 2019

September 27, 2019	End of 1 st 6-weeks
November 8, 2019	End of 2 nd 6-weeks
December 19, 2019	End of 3 rd 6-weeks

2nd Semester ends June 4, 2020

February 21, 2020	End of 1 st 6-weeks
April 17, 2020	End of 2 nd 6-weeks
June 4, 2020	End of 3 rd 6-weeks

No School for Students

September 2, 2019	Labor Day
November 11, 2019	Veterans' Day (Observed)
November 27-29, 2019	Thanksgiving
Dec.23-Jan 6, 2020	Winter Break
January 6, 2020	Teacher Workday
January 17, 2020	Staff Development Workday
January 20, 2020	Observance of MLK Jr.
February 14, 2020	Observance of Lincoln's B-day
February 17, 2020	Presidents' Day
March 6, 2020	Teacher Workday
April 6-10, 2020	Spring Break
May 25, 2020	Memorial Day
June 5, 2020	Graduation

Keep in touch

Please log onto our website, www.soquel.sccs.net and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, Knight Notes. These are the best sources of information about what's happening at school. Or follow us on Twitter! @SQHSKnights where you will get up to date tweets about our events, testing, and important deadlines.

We look forward to 2019-2020 being another outstanding school year. We are excited that your student(s) will be here with us at Soquel High School. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

