

Frequently Asked Questions

~ Stonegate ~



When will the site officially open?

- WE are scheduled for September 2009.

Where is the school located?

- 100 Honors ~ Irvine CA ~ 92620 ...in between Jeffrey and Sand Canyon off of Irvine Blvd.

What are some interesting facts about the site?

- 10 Acre plot of land
- Facility is 57,000 Sq. ft. (Westwood = 27,000)
- 900 Sq. ft. classrooms (Westwood @ 750)
- Separate Kindergarten & Daycare parking lot
- Dedicated Science and Music rooms
- State of the art Media Center / Computer lab
- Each classroom pod to be complete with computer work stations in a central work area that all classrooms surround.

Will the children now attending WB+ be able to attend the new school, even though is not in the same neighborhood?

- Yes. All current families of Westwood are guaranteed a seat at the new school for the duration of their stay or until they choose to move.

Will there be a GATE program at Stonegate?

- Yes. As students become identified as gifted, they participate in the creation of an Individual Education Plan and that is implemented in the classrooms. Teachers are trained in differentiated instructional practices to include all varieties of learners to address the individual needs of the students in the classroom.

Will there be school buses to pick up and drop off kids at Stonegate?

- Unfortunately, no. There will be no bussing provided.

Is Stonegate going to be a Basics Plus school?

- Stonegate will be a neighborhood school and not an alternative environment as it currently is. There will be, however, much of our current system, philosophy, and culture moving with us to the new location.

What will happen to the Open Court Reading Program?

- IUSD usually goes through a textbook adoption process every seven years and that process should be coming up within the next few years. All schools participate in these adoptions and that is when textbooks and program decisions are made. A change in reading programs occurs during this time and not as a result of a move.

What will happen to the current Westwood site?

- For the next few years, this current site will be utilized by Sierra Vista as they begin the modernization process and to support the growing middle school population in the new communities of Woodbury, Stonegate and Portola Springs. There is a new middle school in the Woodbury area slated to open within a year or two pending board action.

Will the school have a fence/gate around the play area and the field?

- The school will be surrounded by a combination of structural barriers and natural breaks. Stonegate is surrounded by three streets with parking lots on two sides and a public park on the other. Where there is a parking lot, there are fences and barriers for protection. At the end of our playground and the beginning of the public park there will either be a fence or environmentally friendly barriers (bushes, knolls, etc) to separate the two. As construction continues, we will better be able to define the specific surroundings.

Will there be an appropriate traffic signal system at the intersection for making that left turn off Irvine Blvd or how will you address this potential issue?

- I spoke with the Chief of the IPD traffic division and shared this concern. He said there process is to do an immediate assessment of the needs once school begins and to apply a variety of options to the situation...if needed. Like: extended green turn lights at certain times; crossing guards, daily patrol, etc.

Will our bell schedule be the same at Stonegate -- 8:15am start time?

- Our bell schedule will not be finalized for a bit of time. There may be a bell schedule change in an attempt to bring the primary and upper grade dismissals closer together. The bell schedule will come out with the school calendar sometime after spring break.