

Marc and Eva Stern

# Math and Science School



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# *Vision, Honor Code & ESLRs*

## **What is Stern MASS?**

Marc and Eva Stern Math and Science School is a free, public, charter school authorized by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Stern MASS is a collaboration between the Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools and California State University, Los Angeles. Our charter was granted beginning August 2006.

## **Vision Statement**

Stern MASS students will appreciate the practicality and complexities of the math and sciences, become college-ready through an academically rigorous curriculum in a student-centered environment filled with high expectations, and graduate as self-advocates who are empowered individually, socially, and academically.

## **Honor Code**

- Respect
  - ◊ Respect the beliefs, ideas, lifestyles, and opinions of others
  - ◊ Respect the property of the school and of others
  - ◊ Respond appropriately to adults in the community
- Responsibility
  - ◊ Acknowledge personal misconduct and make amends
  - ◊ Learn from mistakes
- Honesty and Trust
  - ◊ Practice and promote intellectual honesty
  - ◊ Communicate honestly and openly with others
- Community
  - ◊ Learn from others
  - ◊ Promote the Honor Code at school, at home, and in the community
- Caring
  - ◊ Help others in need
  - ◊ Always consider your personal safety and the safety of others

## **Expected Schoolwide**

### **Learning Results (ESLRs)**

MASS students, staff, and community will establish a culture of success by embracing these core values:

- Become College-Ready
  - ◊ Develop study and organization skills
  - ◊ Set and achieve pre-college goals
  - ◊ Satisfy A-G requirements
  - ◊ Be proficient or advanced in all levels of CST exams
  - ◊ Take PSAT, SAT, and ACT
- Become Life-Long "Scientists"
  - ◊ Culminating project-based learning assessments
  - ◊ Become constant investigators always wanting to learn
  - ◊ Become critical thinkers curious of the world
  - ◊ Become risk takers
  - ◊ Become peer mentors
- Gain an Appreciation for the Math and Sciences
  - ◊ Take four years of science and math classes
  - ◊ Gain proficiency or mastery in math and science of CST exams
  - ◊ Become knowledgeable in current events regarding science and math
- Become Self-Advocates
  - ◊ Gain communication skills
  - ◊ Have the ability to articulate their thoughts
  - ◊ Become problem solvers
  - ◊ Become responsible and accountable for their choices and actions
  - ◊ Become community leaders and activists

# Uniform Policy & Attendance

## School Uniform Policy

Students are required to wear the Stern MASS school uniform at all times. Uniforms are based on credit standing at the beginning of each semester.

### Freshman Uniform

Top: White College-Ready Academy polo shirt

Bottom: Khaki pants, shorts, skirts/skorts

Sweater: College-Ready Academy sweatshirt

### Sophomore Uniform (50 Credits)

Top: Gray College-Ready Academy polo shirt

Bottom: Khaki pants, shorts, skirts/skorts

Sweater: College-Ready Academy sweatshirt

### Junior Uniform (120 Credits)

Top: Blue College-Ready Academy polo shirt

Bottom: Khaki pants, shorts, skirts/skorts

Sweater: College-Ready Academy sweatshirt

### Senior Uniform (190 Credits)

Top: Gray or blue College-Ready Academy polo shirt

Bottom: Black pants, shorts, skirts/skorts

Sweater: Titan Gray or Senior Class Sweatshirt.

## Physical Education Uniform

Students are required to wear the following:

Top: Plain white t-shirt with sleeves, Titan tee (Blue or Gray), or Titan t-shirt (Blue or gray).

Bottom: Black sweat pants or shorts

## Absence Policy

Parents/Guardians will be contacted every time a student is absent from school. When students return to school, they must bring a note to the office explaining why they were absent. Notes need to be written by their parents/guardians and include (1) student's name, (2) date of the absence, (3) reason for absence, and (4) parent/guardian signature.

## Free-Dress Day Policy

Students may earn a Free-Dress day by being responsible and committed to the mission of Stern MASS. When they are awarded, students will be expected to adhere to the following rules for appropriate dress:

- All undergarments are completely covered
- All flesh is completely covered (e.g., no tank tops, spaghetti straps, high/low cut shirts or pants)
- Shorts/Skirts should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- Shoes are appropriate (e.g., closed toe, rubber soled, no colored laces)

The following are NOT allowed for any MASS school activity:

- Accessories that imply gang/tagging crew/party crew activity or symbols (e.g., bracelets, belts, colors, bandanas)
- Hats or caps
- Athletic jerseys or jackets

Failure to comply with the above guidelines may suspend free-dress privileges for the rest of the year.

## Closed Campus

MASS is a closed campus facility. Students are to remain on campus from the moment they enter the gates to the time they leave. Students may not leave the campus during school hours or after school and later return the same day.

## Tardy Policy

Students need to be in their assigned seats when the bell rings at the beginning of each period. Between classes, students have 5 minutes to get to their next class (and 3 minutes on Wednesdays). Tardies affect Life Skills grades and may result in nutrition and/or lunch detention, campus beautification, parent conferences, and in-school suspensions.

# Grades, Tutoring & Graduation

## Grading Policy

Students are graded on an A, B, C, F (NP) grading scale because the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) only recognizes A's, B's, and C's for admissions. The following grading scale is used in all of the classes, unless otherwise specified:

- A 85.00–100.00%
- B 70.00–84.99%
- C 55.00–69.99%
- NP (F) 0.00–54.99%

## Life Skills

Students are graded on their Life skills in each class.

- Participation
- Work Completion
- Behavior
- Grading is on a 4 point scale.

## Tutoring

After school tutoring is available every day after school from 3:30–4:30. Tutoring schedules are available in the office. Parents and students may sign up for tutoring or attend on a drop-in basis. Students with failing grades may be required to attend mandatory tutoring.

## Outside Coursework

Students can make up credits at any community college, adult school, or high school, in any subject except Math, Science, and English.

All outside courses must be approved by Stern MASS Administrators.

## Graduation Requirements

All students will receive a high school diploma if they pass both sections of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and earn 250 high school course credits by the end of their senior year. Courses that are required for graduation include:

- History/Social Science: 30 credits
- English: 40 credits
- Mathematics: 40 credits
- Science: 40 credits
- Language Other than English: 20 credits
- Visual and Performing Arts: 10 credits
- College Preparatory Electives: 20 credits
- Physical Education: 20 credits
- Advisory: 10 credits

## UC/CSU A-G Requirements

The following classes are required in order to be eligible for college admissions for the University of California and California State University:

<u>Course</u>	<u>UC</u>	<u>CSU</u>
History	2 years	2 years
English	4 years	4 years
Mathematics	3 years req. (4 rec.)	3 years
Laboratory Science	2 years req. (3 rec.)	1 year
Lang. Other than English	2 years req. (3 rec.)	2 years
Visual/Perform. Arts	1 year	1 year
College Prep Electives	1 year	1 year

# *Computer Policy, Textbooks & Counseling*

## **Computer Use Policy**

Students will be required to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy when using MASS computers to complete assignments.

## **Unacceptable Uses of the Computer Network or Internet**

- Violating any state or federal law or municipal ordinance (i.e., pornography, obscene depictions, harmful materials, confidential information or copyrighted materials)
- Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances
- Obtaining and/or using anonymous email sites, spamming, spreading viruses
- Causing harm to others or damage to their property (i.e., threats, impersonating other users, deleting files, damaging computer equipment, sending viruses, hacking into school programs)
- Changing computer settings
- Using other people's accounts
- Viewing or using blocked websites (i.e., MySpace, Facebook, Friendster, pornography, drug references)

## **Penalties for Improper Use**

Students will have their computer privileges restricted or revoked for the remainder of the school year. Continual misuse may lead towards disciplinary and/or legal action students, including suspension, expulsion, or criminal prosecution by government authorities.

## **Textbooks**

Textbooks are checked out to students throughout the school year. Students are responsible for their texts and must take care of them. Book covers should be wrapped around textbooks to prevent damage. Damaged or lost books need to be purchased by the end of the year. Textbooks range from \$50-120.

## **Counseling**

Students may make appointments with a school counselor or refer their friends to counseling. Referral forms are available from teachers, office staff, and administrators.

The school counselors can assist you with college advisement, career guidance, and personal/social issues.

# Parent & Student Activities

## **Parent Volunteer**

### **Requirement**

Every MASS family is required to complete 40 volunteer hours per year. Of those hours, a minimum 20 hours should be academic support hours, which are earned through activities that will help further their child's learning. The remaining 20 hours are non-academic support hours that are gained by volunteering at school.

### **MASS Parent Association**

All parents are encouraged to join the MASS Parent Association. This group opens the lines of communication between parents and the school. Issues regarding parent/teacher/student relations, family events, support groups, interest groups, and student educational development will be discussed.

**When:** First Wednesday of every month.

6:00 pm-7:00pm

### **School Advisory Council**

Parents will be elected to the School Advisory Council and provide suggestions and recommendations to the principal on day-to-day operations, school budget, curriculum, school policies, school/community participation, and the future of MASS.

**When:** Second Wednesday of Oct., Dec., Feb., April., June, 4:00 pm

### **Parent Workshops**

MASS is a school for students and parents to learn at. Parent workshops will be held on Saturdays, free of charge, in both English and Spanish. Child care will be available.

**When:** First Saturday of every month in addition to others to be announced, 9:00-10:30 am

## **Student Volunteer Hours**

All students are required to complete a minimum of 25 volunteer hours upon graduation. Forms may be picked up in the office.

### **Student Advisory Council**

Students can represent their Advisory classes and serve on Student Council. They will voice the opinions of their peers, help make school decisions, and inform the student body about school events.

**When:** Last Friday of every month, 8:00 am

## **Student Clubs &**

### **Organizations**

Students are able to join the following clubs and organizations. Some have grade point average (GPA) and citizenship requirements. If you are interested in participating, contact faculty advisors for eligibility requirements.

If you are interested in starting your own club, contact a counselor.

### **Sports**

- Basketball—Boys and Girls
- Cheerleading
- Soccer—Boys and Girls
- Rugby—Boys and Girls

### **Clubs**

- California Scholastic Federation (CSF)
- Newspaper
- School Advisory Council
- Yearbook
- Chess
- Debate
- Visual Arts Club
- Shakespeare Club
- Science Club
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Make a Wish

# *Calendar 2009-2010*

## **Fall Semester 2009**

Aug. 31 First Day of School, Fall Semester begins  
Sept. 7 Labor Day, Holiday  
Nov. 9 Veterans Day, Holiday  
Nov. 10 Pupil Free Day  
Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving, Holiday  
Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Winter Break  
Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday  
2/1-2/5 Benchmark  
2/5 End of Fall Semester

## **Spring Semester 2010**

Feb. 8 2nd Semester Begins  
Feb. 8 Pupil Free Day  
Feb. 15 President's Day, Holiday  
March 16-17 CAHSEE Grade 10  
March 29-April 2 Spring Break  
April 26-30 Benchmark  
May 3 Pupil Free Day  
May 3-13 AP Exams  
May 17-28 CST Exams  
May 31 Memorial Day, Holiday  
June 25 Last Day of Instruction, End of Spring Semester

# *Bell Schedule*

## Weekly Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Time	Friday
7:45-8:25	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	7:45-9:45	Teacher PD
8:30-10:30	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	9:45-10:35	Period 1
10:30-10:50	Nutrition	Nutrition	Nutrition	Nutrition	10:38-11:28	Period 2
10:55-12:55	Period 3	Period 4	Period 3	Period 4	11:31-12:21	Period 3
12:55-1:25	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	12:21-12:51	Lunch
1:30-3:30	Period 5	Period 6	Period 5	Period 6	12:54-1:44	Period 4
					1:47-2:37	Period 5
					2:40-3:30	Period 6

## Weekly Schedule When Monday is a Holiday

Monday	Time	Tuesday	Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Time	Friday
Holiday	7:45-8:25	Advisory	7:45-8:25	Advisory	Advisory	7:45-9:45	Teacher PD
	8:28-9:28	Period 1	8:30-10:30	Period 1	Period 2	9:45-10:35	Period 1
	9:31-10:31	Period 2	10:30-10:50	Nutrition	Nutrition	10:38-11:28	Period 2
	10:31-10:48	Nutrition	10:55-12:55	Period 3	Period 4	11:31-12:21	Period 3
	10:51-11:51	Period 3	12:55-1:25	Lunch	Lunch	12:21-12:51	Lunch
	11:54-12:54	Period 4	1:30-3:30	Period 5	Period 6	12:54-1:44	Period 4
	12:54-1:24	Lunch				1:47-2:37	Period 5
	1:27-2:27	Period 5				2:40-3:30	Period 6
	2:30-3:30	Period 6					

## Weekly Schedule When Friday is a Holiday

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45-8:25	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Holiday
8:30-10:30	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	
10:30-10:50	Nutrition	Nutrition	Nutrition	Nutrition	
10:55-12:55	Period 3	Period 4	Period 3	Period 4	
12:55-1:25	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:30-3:30	Period 5	Period 6	Period 5	Period 6	