



# Our Voices, Our Community

**North Hollywood/Valley Village COS Newsletter • August 2020 • Volume 1**  
*Connecting Communities through Collaboration, Communication, and Coordinated Supports*

## Welcome!

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**Welcome to the NoHo/Valley Village Community of Schools.** It gives me great pleasure to continue to serve the North Hollywood community and welcome the East Valley community to our Communities of Schools. For the last five years, I have served as Director of Schools in North Hollywood and previous to that, I was Principal at Vena/Gifted High Ability Magnet for ten years. I have served in various capacities in LAUSD for over thirty two years and I am proud to share that I am a product of LAUSD. I attended Selma Avenue ES, Bancroft Jr. High, and am a proud graduate of Fairfax High. I am excited to learn about all the specialized programs currently in our community of schools and the partnerships and collaborative opportunities we will engage in as a community to collectively create and extend opportunities for our all our students. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all our stakeholders on a personal level so that together, we can connect our communities to community resources to support students, families and school leaders. I welcome you to get involved and become an active participant in our communities. Our newsletter, *Our Voices, Our Community*, will be published bi-weekly to ensure transparent and on-going communication within our community. As the year begins, we will have opportunities in our newsletter to highlight our community of schools, events in our communities and profile staff and students. I am excited for the possibilities that will arise in this new Community of Schools model as we focus on supporting our schools within a community, where schools and community are interdependent of one another, and all voices are heard and matter. Warmly, Maria

# Return to Campus:

## August 18, 2020 - Distance Learning



While the new school year will begin on August 18, 2020, L.A. Unified Superintendent Austin Beutner has announced it will not start with students at school facilities. The health and safety of all in the school community is not something we can compromise. Schools will utilize distance learning which will be online learning from home 5 days a week. We understand the challenge this creates. As a parent, however, this was a tough decision as remote learning is not a replacement for in-person learning. Since public health is our foremost priority, we are taking guidance from DPH, CDC, CDE, and the County Dept of Health. The District has been actively working on a return-to-campus plan with the hope of transitioning to a hybrid model, and eventually a full return to campus.

### Expectations:

- Regular schedule
- Daily attendance will be taken
- Standards-based Instruction

### Communications and Engagement:

- Regular updates by School principal
- Regular Community Town Hall meetings
- Ongoing surveys for students and families

## Virtual Learning + Positive Behavior

Creating a safe, predictable, healthy, welcoming, and affirming virtual learning will provide students with the opportunity to actively engage and participate. We will continue to be mindful of our schoolwide positive behavior plan commitments to **be safe, be respectful and be responsible**.

### We are SAFE:

- Practice positive digital citizenship
- Meet in groups initiated/approved by the teacher
- Keep video on

### We are RESPECTFUL:

- Use encouraging and positive language
- Use respectful facial expressions and body language
- Honor one voice/speaker at a time
- Listen to each other
- Be open to others' opinions

### We are RESPONSIBLE:

- Be prepared with materials
- Be on time
- Participate in the lesson/be engaged
- Stay on topic and ask questions
- Work to your best ability

# Staff Profile

## Marissa Tindel/Parent Education Support Assistant



I am delighted to be joining the North Hollywood/Valley Village Community of Schools (COS) in Local District Northeast. For the past 10 years, I have been the proud Parent Center Director at Rio Vista Elementary School, *the Hidden Gem in North Hollywood*. There I learned that a healthy culture is a shared culture--created through stories, beliefs, language, cuisine and customs. I am committed to exploring culture and empowering parents by providing current, up-to-date information so that decisions you make are informed and beneficial for your students. I feel confident that together we can make a significant contribution to your student's future. Contact me at [marissa.tindel@lausd.net](mailto:marissa.tindel@lausd.net) or call our COS office at (818) 252-5400.

## Meet The Team!

Maria Nichols	Rafael Gaeta	Jose Castelo	Trish Birk	Michelle Campos
<b>Community of Schools Administrator</b>	Lead Director	Operations Coordinator	Instructional Specialist	Parent Educator Coach

Marissa Tindel	Jennifer Arroyo	Tiffany Mack	Joyce Dunbar
Parent Education Support Assistant	Restorative Justice Advisor	Specialist, Least Restrictive Environment	Special Education, Program Specialist

### North Hollywood Complex

Fair EEC  
Bellingham ES  
Burbank Blvd ES  
Camellia Ave ES  
Carpenter Comm Chtr

Colfax CES  
Fair Ave ES  
Rio Vista ES  
Sendak ES  
Victory Blvd ES  
Reed MS  
Romer MS  
Earhart HS

North Hollywood SH  
Carlson Home/Hospital (K-12)

### East Valley Complex

Toluca Lake EEC  
Lankershim ES  
Oxnard St ES  
Toluca Lake ES  
East Valley SH  
Science Academy STEM  
Mag. (6-11)

## #21BoldandStrong

North Hollywood/ Valley Village

## Community of Schools

## Special Education Family Support

Email: [spedsfss@lausd.net](mailto:spedsfss@lausd.net)

## Sign Up for Parent Portal

<https://achieve.lausd.net/pcss>

**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL & FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Do you have questions about...**

- The special education process.
- Special education policies and procedures.
- Extended School Year (ESY) enrollment.
- Regular School Year (RSY) enrollment for students with IEPs.

**Tienes preguntas sobre ...**

- El proceso de educación especial.
- Políticas y procedimientos de educación especial.
- Inscripción de año escolar extendido (ESY).
- Inscripción en el año escolar regular (RSY) para estudiantes con IEP.

**Contact:**  
**Phone: (213) 241-6701**  
**Email: [spedsfss@lausd.net](mailto:spedsfss@lausd.net)**  
**Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**



**Parent Portal**

Parent Portal Users can now access LAUSD's new mobile smartphone App for parents.

Los usuarios del Portal para padres ahora pueden acceder a la nueva aplicación de LAUSD de teléfono inteligente para padres de familia.

With the App, you can see all your child's information wherever you are.

Con la aplicación, puede ver toda la información de su hijo en donde quiera que se encuentre.

**You can:**

- Keep track of all your children's school activities
- View school calendars and events
- Call the school directly from the App
- View upcoming assignments for your children
- Set reminders and receive alerts
- Know when your child is late to or absent from school
- View Grades and Search for helpful resources and links

**Puede hacer lo siguiente:**

- Darle seguimiento a todas las actividades escolares de su hijo
- Ver calendarios y eventos
- Llamar a la escuela directamente desde la aplicación
- Establecer recordatorios y recibir alertas
- Saber si su niño llega tarde o falta a la escuela
- Ver calificaciones y buscar recursos y enlaces útiles

**Available on the App Store**



**ANDROID APP ON Google play**



<https://achieve.lausd.net/pcss>  
<https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/>

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PARENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Resources

"THE GREATNESS  
OF A COMMUNITY  
IS MOST  
ACCURATELY  
MEASURED BY THE  
COMPASSIONATE  
ACTIONS OF ITS  
MEMBERS."

CORETTA SCOTT KING

### Hotlines (6am - 6:00pm)

Families: (213) 443-1300

Employees: (213) 241-2700

### Mental Health Support (8am - 5pm)

Student and Families: (213) 241-3840

- <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16559#spn-content>

### Local District Northeast

#### Resources for Parents (7:30am - 5pm)

Call: (818)252-5400

Email: [LDNorthEast@lausd.net](mailto:LDNorthEast@lausd.net)

- <https://sites.google.com/lausd.net/ldne-resources-for-parents/home>

### Device Connectivity

Call: (213) 443-1300

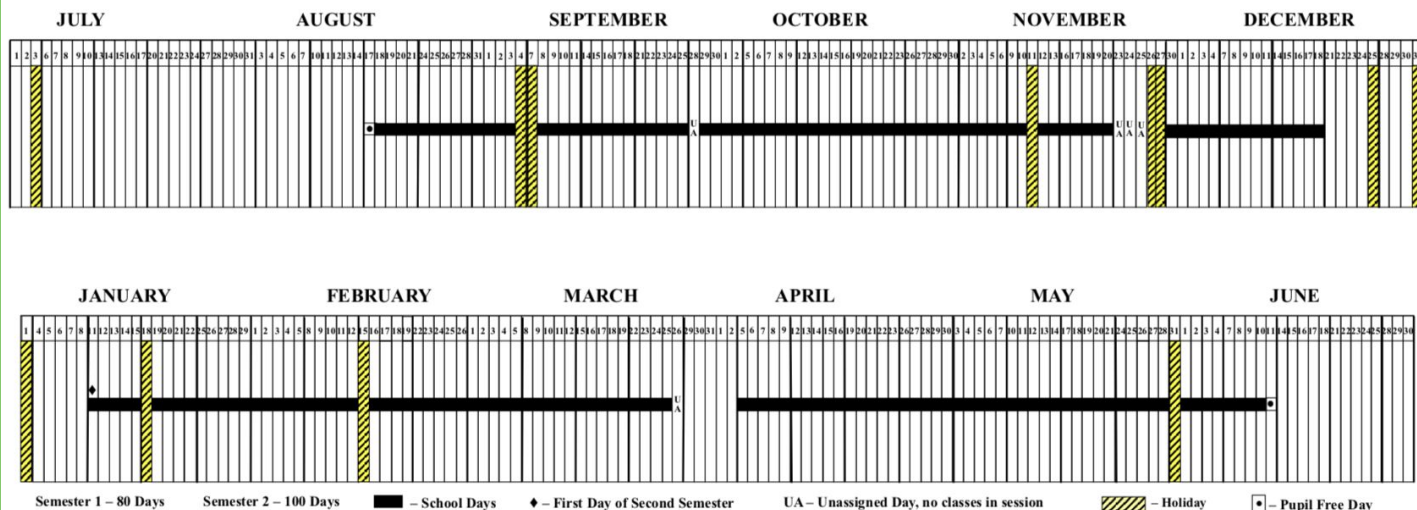


Pupil Free Days  
 Monday, August 17, 2020  
 Friday, June 11, 2021  
 \* If a school selects Monday,  
 January 11, 2021, as a Pupil  
 Free Day, then Friday,  
 June 11, 2021, becomes an  
 Instructional Day



Board Approved  
 December 12, 2017

# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SINGLE TRACK INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021



## IMPORTANT DATES:

07-03-2020	Independence Day Observed	11-26 & 11-27-2020	Thanksgiving Holiday	03-26-2021	Cesar E. Chavez
08-18-2020	First Day of Instruction	12-21-2020 thru 01-08-2021	Winter Recess		Birthday Observed
09-04-2020	Admission Day	♦ 01-11-2021	Second Semester Begins	03-29 thru 04-02-2021	Spring Recess
09-07-2020	Labor Day	01-18-2021	Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday	05-31-2021	Memorial Day
11-11-2020	Veterans Day	02-15-2021	Presidents' Day	*06-10-2021	Last Day of Instruction

## Contact Us

### Community of Schools Administrative Office:

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