

North Valley Occupational Center

Mission Statement

North Valley Occupational Center offers educational and training opportunities that provide a diverse population of students with skills to participate more effectively in the family, at work and in the community.

Vision Statement

North Valley Occupational Center's vision is to be a highly effective school that prepares its students to achieve their goals toward academic excellence, career and college preparation, and success in a global economy.

WEEKLY



Message from the Principal

Students should be attending on a regular basis. If you have students that you have not seen for a while, please reach out to them and encourage them to return. One of our Division priorities is enrollment and along with enrollment is attendance. For DACE to be successful in achieving the performance key indicators is to have student complete their courses. LAUSD is taking part in a National Voter Registration campaign to for the weeks of September 17-28, 2018 and April 15-25, 2019. All staff and students who are eligible are encouraged to register. All campuses will have the materials and information for students to register either by paper or electronically. This is in support of the Board Resolution **Equal Voter Registration for All through Celebrating National Voter Register Day**, passed August 21, 2018. Students should not be given any political opinions from staff as to their party preference; instead, let them know registering to vote is an important part of the election process. This is a great opportunity for our students to engage in civic participation by becoming registered voters. Everyone, remember that school will be closed on Wednesday, September 19. Classes will resume on Thursday, September 20. Have a great week!

NVOC Website has Links for Students and Staff

The screenshot shows the website header with the school logo and navigation tabs: OUR SCHOOL, PROGRAMS, SERVICES, STUDENTS, STAFF, CONTACT US. The 'STUDENTS' tab is highlighted. Below the tabs, there are two columns of links. The first column includes 'Class Policies' and 'Photo Album'. The second column includes 'Fees/Refunds', 'Links to Websites for ESL Students', and 'Class Schedule'. Below the 'Links to Websites for ESL Students' and 'Links to Websites for Academic Students' are red arrows pointing upwards, indicating that these links are now available directly from the 'STUDENTS' tab.

Teachers and students can now easily find links to commonly used websites for the ESL and Academic programs directly from the "STUDENTS" tab at our school's website NVOC.org. If teachers would like to add other commonly used links for these two departments or for CTE or ABE classes, please send an email to Instructional Technology Teacher Advisor Barry Bakin with the URL, a brief description of the website, and the department it should be listed under. The same links can also be found on each department page under the "PROGRAMS" tab.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs)

- Utilize current technology and/or resources to enhance subject area learning
- Develop effective reading, writing, listening and speaking skills
- Demonstrate problem solving skills through individual and collaborative work
- Set and complete short and long term goals



Program Performance CASAS/EL Civics News

CTE Teachers

The Child Development cohort class at East Valley is collecting CASAS update information this week.

Academic Teachers

- Our first round of CASAS entry/test ended last week. Test results will be distributed within two weeks.
- Please keep in mind that we started using the new CASAS reading GOALS 900 series in the summer. Please box up the old CASAS test booklets (185R/186R/187R/188R/513R/514R) and let us or your Academic Advisor know when they are ready to be picked up.
- Only the reading tests have changed; we will continue to use the same tests for math.

ESL Teachers

- EL CIVICS testing will take place this week. The SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS test will be given to the 8:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. classes. The HEALTH test will be given to the 10:15 a.m. classes.
- Please plan on testing students anytime between September 17 – 27. All EL CIVICS tests and materials are due back in the WIOA/CASAS office on Friday, September 28.
- Also, keep in mind that Wednesday, September 19 is a non-assigned, non-working, non-paid day.
- The WIOA office will be closed on September 17 and 18. All WIOA/CASAS staff will be at a two-day mandatory training. If you need assistance, please contact your local ESL advisor.

THANK YOU and after September 19, feel free to call, e-mail, or come by the WIOA/CASAS Office (Room 104) with any questions or needed support. In the evening at NVOC, Gloria Booth, extension 1401, is available for CASAS/EL Civics testing materials. You can also contact your ESL advisor.

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Javier Flores- [ffj8560@lausd.net](mailto:fjf8560@lausd.net) (Various sites)

Kudos to Delmy and Merlie

Friendly. Efficient. Helpful. Now add environmentally responsible to the list of adjectives that describe our wonderful SIS staff, Delmy Walker and Merlie Boylan who have been recycling paper for all SIS reports. Delmy said, "there is no reason to waste new paper when there is so much paper that can be used. I just flip it over and print on the opposite side." Merlie explained, "We have a lot of paper that is recycled. If you need scratch paper or you are ok with putting used paper in the printer, just come to the SIS office," said Merlie.

Apply for Financial Aid



The beginning of the annual college financial aid application season starts on October 1st. The free Application for Federal Student Aid, more commonly known as the FAFSA, is available for the 2018-2019 school year beginning today, October 1. Filling out the FAFSA is required to access any of the billions of dollars that get handed out each year in college grants, loans, and work study awards.

This is the second application cycle since the U.S. Department of Education moved up the financial aid timeline by three months. The process of applying will actually look different than in previous years, thanks to some security updates that were made to an online tool designed to ease the process of filling out the form. Here are some tips to be successful in applying.

First: Everyone should file a FAFSA.

Every student who is considering college next year should fill out the FAFSA. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for federal grants, most states and many colleges also use the form to award grants and scholarships. And it's required to take out any federal student loans, which are cheaper and safer than private market loans.

Second: Get organized.

Start by [creating an FSA ID](#), and before you begin filling out the form at fafsa.ed.gov, gather your 2017 tax return and W-2 forms and current bank statements. This year you'll be using 2017 tax information to apply for the school year that starts in the fall of 2019.

Third: Pay close attention to various deadlines, and submit the form as early as possible.

Procrastinating can cost you: While federal grants won't be affected by the date you file, some states and colleges give out limited award money until it runs out. Pay close attention to "priority deadlines" on college websites, as well as those for state and agency programs.

California Dream Act Application is available as an alternative means to pay for college education in California for eligible undocumented students. Undocumented students should not complete the FAFSA, but instead complete the California Dream Act application at caldreamact.org and follow the same tips for success.

For additional information on funding your college education check out the Fund Your Future Magazine at fundyourfuture.org and cash4college.csac.ca.gov.