

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.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

This week marks Teacher Appreciation Week. Teachers, substitutes, and teacher assistants are all recognized for their dedication to helping our students reach their goals by being professional, respectful, encouraging, and compassionate. Teachers often go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that their students are educated in a safe environment. We extend gratitude and congratulations to our teachers! Last week, the 2018 Annual CCAE State Conference was held in Fresno. For three days, attendees got updates on the work CCAE is doing to advocate and protect Adult Education funding. Workshops reflected the changes in education, with a large amount of presentations focusing on Integrated Educational Training (IET) and Career Pathways. It has never been more clear integration and accelerated learning are the new goals in adult education. It is great to see that DACE schools are at the forefront of implementing change. The NVOC attendees include (pictured below) **Refugio Rios, Ismael Serrano, Ellen Baker, Barry Bakin, Patrick Wickham, Monica Martin, Emilio Mendez and Jaime Gross.** Next year's conference will be on April 25-27th.



Teacher & Substitute Appreciation Week



Since 1984, the first full week in May has been designated as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our community. We recognize and appreciate the roles of DACE teachers and substitutes whose work differs in many ways from K-12 Teachers. DACE teachers help students:

- ◆ Develop basic skills
- ◆ Get a High School Diploma
- ◆ Pass the HiSET
- ◆ Find employment
- ◆ Keep a job by upgrading skills/knowledge
- ◆ Promote to a new position
- ◆ Increase wages
- ◆ Provide for their families
- ◆ Reduce need for public assistance
- ◆ Learn a new language
- ◆ Learn a new culture
- ◆ Develop a skill or talent
- ◆ Attain an occupational certificate or license
- ◆ Become active in their community
- ◆ Prepare students for college
- ◆ Meet the entrance requirement for a school
- ◆ Start their own business
- ◆ Become leaders

No matter where the student is, our teachers are always ready to meet the needs and challenges of our students. NVOC celebrates the dedication of teachers and substitutes whose work makes a life long impact on students' lives. Teachers are the everyday heroes.

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



WIOA/CASAS Update

CTE Teachers

- All Update forms will have to be returned to the WIOA office by June 1st. Please contact Patrick Wickham, CTE Program Adviser, at 818-256-1325 or ross.wickham@lausd.net if you have any questions.

Academic Teachers:

- Our next and final round of CASAS testing for the current school year will take place May 21st to May 25th. All Update forms will have to be returned to the WIOA office by June 1st
- Please continue to collect entry forms and pretest all new students.

ESL Teachers:

- Please refer to the calendar below for all scheduled CASAS, EL Civics and Promotional testing in addition to CASAS Update forms.

MAY 2018				
M	T	W	Th	F
7	8	9	10	11
CASAS TESTING WEEK				
14	15	16	17	18
SOFT SKILLS EL CIVICS TESTING				
21	22	23	24	25
PROMOTIONAL TESTING				
28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	June 1 ALL CASAS Forms Due
CASAS UPDATE FORMS				

Payment Points Meter

Program/ Focus Areas	Quarter 4 2016/2017 Total Payment Points	Quarter 4 2017/2018 Total Payment Points
ABE	387	315
ESL	1871	1490
ASE	689	236
CIVIC PARTICIPATION	3446	2706
INTEGRATED EL CIVICS	3650	2409
IELCE with IET		5
TOTAL	10,043	7161

Suicide Prevention Awareness

There are still several NVOC staff members who have not yet completed the MyPLN course titled Suicide Prevention and Awareness training. The deadline to complete and pass the assessment is **Wednesday, May 23, 2018**. Once you complete the course, print out the certificate, sign it and give a copy to Elizabeth Montalvo. An optional course is also available on MyPLN, as an addendum to the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training. This course is called Protective Factors and Psychological First Aid for Students. To access the course, you can search keywords: suicide prevention, PFA, Protective Factors. This training provides an overview of strategies all employees may use to assist students who might be in crisis or feeling suicidal. Remember, suicide is preventable and we each play an important role in the health and safety of our students.

Tour on Campus this Thursday

Campus tours are a great way to introduce students to our school and this Thursday, May 10 at 9:00 am., Verdugo Hills High School will tour our campus. Teachers, please be prepared to offer the visiting students a quick two minute introduction of your class, a visual demonstration of what students typically do in the classroom, and answer a few questions. With a warm welcome, we want to show why our school is a great post secondary option.

Calling Out Sick

If you are going to be out ill or otherwise, call the Main Office. If there is no answer, leave a message and call back to speak to a live person. At times our own Office Technician have to be out and may not check their voicemails until they return to work. To avoid having your message "sit" in someone's voicemail box, make sure you call back and speak to an actual person. Always state the reason for your absence.



ACESF Offers Student Scholarships



ACESF seeks to recognize the accomplishments of successful students in the Division's programs by providing scholarship awards to enhance educational opportunities, while recognizing excellence in education. Students completing programs in Career and Technical Education, ESL, and Academic programs may be nominated for consideration. Each school may select an outstanding student recipient and submit their nominee. Nominees should be successful completers in a course sequence or program. The board will contact finalists for an interview.

CCAE AWARDS BRUNCH



Join us for a local Sunday Brunch at the Odyssey in support of the CCAE Scholarship and award winners. CCAE is the largest professional organization serving adult education in California. There is a sign up sheet at every campus for anyone interested in going. Let's show that NVOC supports organizations that support our Division.