



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 NEWSLETTER



Message from the Principal

North Valley Occupational Center offers quality courses in Academics, Career Technical Education, and English as a Second Language. Our courses are short term, low cost, and accessible day and evening. Though we may have great programs and quality teachers, enrollment has dropped school and district wide, resulting in a shift of focus. We no longer place as big of an emphasis on filling classes as we did in the past. What we do focus on are two things: completers and student persistence. How they affect each other? Student enrollment persistent will result in student completers. We know this connection, now we have to ask ourselves important questions that will help us address declining enrollment. Let's consider some questions.

1. *Why are students coming to school?*
2. *What keeps students wanting to come to school?*
3. *How do we make connections between student personal goals and DACE curriculum?*

The first two questions can be answered by asking students and should be part of an ongoing conversation. The third question is a reflective question we ask ourselves as educators. How do we make connections with students? Any teacher will know answers will vary, as student goals vary. We must know who our students are and why they are coming to class. Then we must tailor the delivery of instruction to student needs. Perhaps students will say they need more modeling, practice time, or

On a separate topic, the Professional Development schedules are available now. Please take advantage of the training available to you. Have a wonderful week.

The PLC Corner

Our first PLC will be this **Friday, September 20th**. Please remind your students that there will be no class that day and give them an assignment to work on at home. When they bring that completed assignment to class on Monday, you can give them their hours of attendance for Friday. Please report to the following rooms at 8:00 am:

- Academic Instructors: Room 16
- CTE Instructors: Room 8
- ESL Instructors: Room 206

Thank you to **Maura Sakhakorn** for responding with the correct answer to the PLC Quiz. The question was: **What do educators do in a PLC?** The correct answer is: **Teachers in PLCs work collaboratively to achieve better results for the students they serve.** Great job, Maura!

Interim Principal David Sanchez

Get to know Mr. David Sanchez, Interim Principal at NVOC. Mr. Sanchez has been with LAUSD since 1965. He has had a variety of educational experiences in his career such as:

- 5 life-time teaching credentials in K-College
- Has worked in over 55 teaching locations in LAUSD
- Was an elementary principal for over 30 years
- Has worked in the four corners of the District
- Retired in 2003
- Began his administrative experiences in 1977
- Has 10 years experience as an ESL teacher

His wife has also retired from the LAUSD. He has two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren. One son is a teacher for LAUSD.

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

CTE Teachers:

- Please take time to complete the CASAS entry forms. They are due in the WIOA office by September 20th.

Academic Teachers:

- CASAS e-testing continues this week. As usual, entry forms need to be completed for every student that is currently attending class.
- All teachers are required to sign and return the CASAS proctoring certification form.
- Please return all forms including the CASAS proctoring certification form by September 20th.

ESL Teachers:

- EL Civics preparation materials were delivered last week.
- Work Safety lessons will be given to all 8:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. classes.
- Health lessons will be given to all 10:15 a.m. classes.
- EL Civics testing will begin on September 23.
- CASAS Listening e-test will begin on October 1.

THANK YOU and 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, **Claudia Salinas**, extension 1401, is available for CASAS/EL Civics testing materials. You can also contact your ESL advisor.

Gustavo Cubias- gac84281@lausd.net

(NVOC-day) Room 104- 818-256-1329

Joe Alvarez- jma70461@lausd.net

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

(EVSC- M/W * Rinaldi- T/TH * NHALC – F)

Grants for Teachers

The California Credit Union is offering ten grants of \$500 each to LAUSD teachers. Teachers who have an outstanding project idea, are encouraged to apply for the grant at www.ccu.com/teachergrant. The deadline is October 18, 2019.

Compliance Forms Due

If you have not already done so, please make sure you turn in the following forms to the main office.

- 2019-2020 Child Abuse Awareness Training Certificate
- 2019-2020 Suicide Prevention Awareness Training Certificate
- The 5 forms of Mandated Bulletins that require signatures (passed out at the Back-to-School meeting)
- Emergency Card

WIOA TECHNOLOGY PD SERIES UPDATE

The schedule of Technology-related workshops for the rest of this semester has been approved! All teachers are encouraged to attend and engage with the latest technology initiatives as most of the workshop topics are relevant to ESL, ASE, ABE and CTE courses. Working with DACESIS, managing the new Single Sign On accounts for adult students, creating and using courses in Schoology as a way to enhance teacher/student communication and coursework, and using Google Apps for Education are applicable to all courses of instruction. As always, participants who are not “on-the-clock” at the time of the workshop can elect to receive District Sponsored Training Rate or count workshop attendance for Step Advancement purposes. The workshops are scheduled for Friday afternoons from 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in room 102 at NVOC in order to provide sufficient time for teachers at all of the branches to arrive. If you have any questions regarding the schedule or the workshop topics, please ask Instructional Technology Teacher Advisor (ITTA), Barry Bakin.

School Safety Committee Meeting

This week marks the beginning of the School Safety Committee meetings for NVOC campuses. Safety Committee has an important role in the operation of our school. It reviews and update the safety plan, sets goals for the committee, plan exercise drills and reviews member responsibilities, promotes a safe and healthy environment for all staff and students, prevent accidents and injuries, mitigates harm in real life emergencies. If you volunteered last year and want to be part of the Safety Committee, find the dates and locations below for the meetings. Students are welcome but space is limited.

North Valley Occupational Center

Thursday, September 19 11:15 am –12:15 pm Rm 3

Thursday, September 26 8:00 pm—9:00 pm Rm 8

East Valley Skills Center

Tuesday, September 17 11:15 am—12:15 pm Rm 201

Wednesday, September 18 8:00 pm—9:00 pm Rm 202

Rinaldi Adult Learning Center

Thursday, September 19 11:15 am—12:15 pm Rm 12

North Hollywood Adult Learning Center

Monday, September 16 11:15 am—12:15 pm Rm 11

Aviation Center

Wednesday, September 25 1:30 pm—2:30 pm Library

Important Dates

Friday, September 20:

PLC #1: 8:00 am – 12:15 pm @ NVOC

Burlington English Workshop: 12:45 – 2:15 pm @ NVOC, Room 102

Monday, September 30: non working/non paid day