



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

We are about one-third into the school year. The first quarter classes have ended and second quarter classes have begun. Whether classes are on a quarter, semester, or year round schedule, our goals to help students meet their goals remains unchanged. We continue to address student attendance patterns and ask ourselves what can we do to help our students? The answers include reviewing attendance, noting patterns, providing quality instruction, and providing student feedback. To build on our strategy and to offer our instructors guidance, we encourage instructors to have “courageous conversations” with students about their attendance. Here are some questions that you can pose to your students.

“You signed up for my class but you have not shown up. What is the reason you have not come to class?”

“You have under 20 hours of attendance in my class but you have not returned to class. What can I do to help you?”

“Can you tell me why you stopped coming to class? How can I improve the classroom experience?”

We call these courageous conversations because we have to be ready for students to reflect and communicate their issues with attending. These conversations may take us out of our comfort zone but they might help us connect with students. They will feel appreciated and that could be a positive message they might need to come back to school.

As always, advisors and administrators are on hand to help instructors review attendance data and prepare talking points.

Happy Thanksgiving

All LAUSD schools will be closed 11/24—11/29. Classes resume December 2. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.



Thank You Armando Roman



NVOC thanks Plant Manager **Armando Roman** for his dedication to our school in the past three years. Armando led a team of Building and Ground workers to maintain the five campuses that make up NVOC. His dedication and attention to detail helped the school earn a reputation for being very clean. His quick responses helped prevent injuries and accidents and made all our campuses safe for everyone. We congratulate Armando as he begins his new assignment at Hale Middle School. At the same time, we welcome **Abraham Reyes**, the new NVOC Plant Manager. Abraham comes with glowing recommendations and will do doubt step right in with a seamless transition and excellent service to our school.

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:

- CTE class that received CASAS Entry and/or Update forms need to return them to the WIOA office this week.

Academic Teachers:

- Thank you for your cooperation during our last round of CASAS e-testing. We will provide you with the student gains report and individual skills profile.

ESL Teachers:

- Our last EL Civics test for this semester begins this week.
- Employment tests will be given to all 8:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. classes.
- DMV tests will be given to all 10:15 a.m. classes.
- Teachers will have two weeks to test, Nov. 18-22 and December 2-6.
- Please return all testing materials by Friday, December 6.
- CASAS Listening e-testing will take place this week and next week followed by the last round of CASAS reading e-testing.

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.

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EMT Students Practice Rescue



Mr. **Joshua Effle-Hoy's** EMT class practices moving students who volunteered to pose as injured students during the search and rescue portion of the earthquake drill.

WIOA Technology Workshop



Twenty-two NVOC teachers and administrators gained important “Google Suite for Education” skills from OTAN Project Specialist and Certified Google Trainer **Melinda Holt** during the most recent WIOA Technology Workshop. The 2nd workshop on using Google tools was held Friday, November 9 and focused on Google Forms and how they can be used for both formative assessment and for delivering scored quizzes. The next workshops are:

*Friday, December 6,
12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m*

*GOOGLE Apps for Education as
Instructional Tools—Part 3*

*Friday, December 20,
12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.*

*Leveraging Your Students' Mo-
bile Phones as Instructional
Tools (Quizlet, Remind, Kahoot,
Schoolology!)*

Teachers Explore Google Forms

NVOC teachers were treated to an informative presentation on using Google Forms as an assessment tool by ESL teacher and Technology Boot Camp participant **Nataliya Kugel** at the most recent WIOA Technology Workshop. Participants were shown how to use the Quiz Template available on Google Forms to create automatically-graded assessments incorporating a variety of question types: multiple choice, true/false, short answer, check boxes and more. In addition to practical pedagogical skills, workshop participation earns “off-the-clock” participants either District Sponsored Training Rate or Step-Advancement Hours.

