



North Valley News

“You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.” Abraham Lincoln

Approved by: Rosario Galvan, Principal

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Veterans' Day: Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 23-24
Schoolwide Accreditation Meetings: 12/9
Benefits Open Enrollment: Nov. 1-22
WASC Visit: April 18-20, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Rosario Galvan

It was very exciting to see teachers at our last Focus Group meetings, working on the accreditation chapters. We are using technology based methods to gather teacher and student input. This has been put into effect by way of using iPads, Electronic Surveys, GoogleDocs, EBlasts and re-configuration of our NVSA website. The new website will have added features that will facilitate access to information. There is still much work to be done, but we are making great progress towards completion. I am sure, with all the teacher contributions, we will meet our goals. My confidence stems from the fact that all teachers, students and staff are working together on this exciting endeavor. Keep up the great work!

I-TRAIN

I-TRAIN provides rapid response to the needs of a fast growing and changing workforce by providing an electronic, online, Regional Training Vendor Directory which connects with WorkSource Centers, EDD offices and WIOA funded centers. The I-TRAIN fee schedule is a customized list that allows clients of EDD/WorkSource Centers to select a training program that best fits the budget of the sponsoring WorkSource Center. Clients can choose from 36 different courses of study in 13 Industry Sectors. This year three new courses of study were added to the list of programs available, two of which are available to NVOC:

- The Machinist Program
- The Medical Assistant Program

NVSA provides many great I-TRAIN approved programs!



ACCREDITATION

Focus Group members meet October 7 to review and provide input to Focus Group Criteria 4-6. Groups also provided feedback on Strengths and Keys Areas. The current Action Plan is being reviewed and an updated plan will be generated from our meetings. The Self-Study is a great tool for us to look at our instructional practices and how our school can provide the best service to our students. Everyone is an important part of this process and should be providing feedback and input.

The Student Learner Outcomes have been updated and everyone has been emailed a survey through surveymonkey.com to review and comment on and/or approve the changes. Please make sure you check your email to take the survey. For those who haven't taken the survey already, we will send out a reminder this week. Next week we will publish the results of the survey.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month Sign Language Fun Facts – Did You Know?

American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most widely used language in the U.S., after English and Spanish. As many as 500,000 people in the U.S. communicate using ASL.

ASL is a combination of hand signs, gestures, and facial expressions.

Different countries have different sign languages. ASL also has regional and dialectal differences depending on age, gender, culture, and more.

NVOC offers an ASL class M/T/W from 4:30-7:00 pm.



SCHOOL SAFETY EARTHQUAKE DRILL

All LAUSD schools will practice their response to a large earthquake. The exercise provides an opportunity to simulate a full disaster response and to evaluate and test the site's emergency procedures plan.

The Earthquake Drill will be October 15 at all sites. Please check your mailboxes next week for instructions on the drill at your school's campus.

STAFF REMINDERS

COHORT Groups will be starting new classes next week and teachers with COHORT groups should remind their students to register ASAP before classes get full. Teachers must mark all completers on their rosters so that SIS can generate a Certificate of Completion for those students on last day of class. Completers must meet all course competencies and should have a completed "Competency Checklist."

ABSENCES must be reported to the Main Office where you are assigned. The Main Office is responsible for calling substitutes. Teachers may request their preferred substitute and the office will do their best to accommodate the request. **Teachers may not arrange for their own subs, please do not call subs directly.**

CASAS/EL CIVICS

EL CIVICS: Please administer EL Civics make-ups this week. We would like 100% of currently attending students to take the test. The subject of the test is Employment. Return test forms by 10/16.

CASAS: II Labs: Please administer make-ups this week. We would like 100% of currently attending students to take the post-test. Return test forms by Oct. 16.

There is a new online toolkit we created for teachers to easily access WIA/CASAS Supplemental Materials that can help students strengthen their skills in specific areas: bitly.com/wiaresources

Please send us an e-mail if you have any questions:

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Mission Statement

North Valley Service Area 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.

COMBINED ESL AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM GROUP MEETINGS AT EVSC

Program group meetings will be held 10/13/15 at 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in room 127, and 10/14/15 at 8:00-9:00 p.m. in room 117. We will be discussing College to Career Readiness Standards and Professional Learning Community processes.



LATINO HERITAGE CELEBRATION AT EVSC

East Valley campus Student Council will be hosting two Latino Heritage Celebrations on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:15 p.m. and Friday, October 16th at 9:45 a.m. to recognize the contributions of influential Latinos that are making, or who have made, a positive contribution to our world. Classes will be “teaching “ us about individuals they have selected and highlighting their contributions accompanied by a variety of Latin music. Come learn with us and celebrate!

SUSPENSION OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION

Senate Bill (SB) 172 (Liu) was signed by Governor Brown on October 7, 2015. This law suspends the administration of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) and the requirement that students completing grade twelve successfully pass the high school exit examination as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation from high school for the 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 school years. The law also requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to grant a diploma to any student who completed grade twelve in the 2003–04 school year, or a subsequent school year, and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than passage of the high school exit examination. The law will not take effect until January 1, 2016, at which time LEAs shall be permitted to issue diplomas to eligible students.

SB 725 (Hancock), which was enacted on August 26, 2015, allows for students who completed grade twelve in 2015, who have met all other high school graduation requirements, to receive a diploma of graduation from their high school without meeting the exit examination requirement. Because this was urgency legislation, the law took effect immediately upon being enacted, allowing LEAs to immediately issue diplomas to eligible students from the class of 2015.

With the signing of SB 172, there will be no administrations of the CAHSEE for the 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 school years. Students are encouraged to work with their local school district and adult education program to meet local and state graduation requirements.

Additional information is provided in the frequently asked questions that are posted to the CDE CAHSEE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/cahseesuspendfaq.asp>. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the High School and Physical Fitness Assessments Office by phone at 916-445-9449 or by e-mail at CAHSEE@cde.ca.gov.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, October 9
AIS Teacher Academy Training Session Time & Location 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. , AFOC, Room 402 Contact: # Matthew Oberlander mjo4330@lausd.net
Friday, October 9
Professional Development for New Reading Teachers Time & Location 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. , Beaudry, 2-202 Contact: Marjorie Schneider Mbs05291@lausd.net
Saturday, October 10
English 3 & 4 Teacher Study Teams- Online Edgenuity (Session 1) Time & Location 8:30 A.M. – 3:00: P.M., Beaudry (Rm. TBD) Contact: Anthony Di Angelis anthony.diangelis@lausd.net
Saturday, October 10
Algebra 1 Teacher Study Teams - Online Edgenuity (Session 1) Time & Location 8:30 A.M. – 3:00: P.M., Beaudry (Rm. TBD) Contact: Anthony Di Angelis anthony.diangelis@lausd.net

Friday, October 16
English 1 Teacher Academy Session Time & Location 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., AFOC (Rm. TBD) Contact: Mark Kavanagh mark.kavanagh@lausd.net
Friday, October 16
LARAEC Board Open Meeting (Tentative) Time & Location 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Montebello Contact: Lanzi Asturias l1a64551@lausd.net
Friday, October 23
CCRS/ESL Professional Learning Community (ESL Teachers/Advisors) Time & Location 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Beaudry, 2-202 Contact: Dave Coleman dmc55211@lausd.net
Saturday, October 24
English 3 & 4 Teacher Study Teams- Online Edgenuity (Session 2) Time & Location 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Beaudry (Rm. TBD) Contact: Mark Kavanagh mark.kavanagh@lausd.net
Saturday, October 24
Algebra 1 Teacher Study Teams - Online Edgenuity (Session 2) Time & Location 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Beaudry (Rm. TBD) Contact: Anthony Di Angelis anthony.diangelis@lausd.net