



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**
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District Highlights

July 23, 2021



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: MONDAY, JULY 26TH

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

July 19, 2021

Dear San Ysidro School District Families,

I extend a warm welcome back to our students and families for the 2021-2022 school year. This will be a year of transition as our district works in partnership with our families to support the vast majority of our students to return to full in person instruction in our schools. Our team is sensitive to the significant impact the COVID pandemic has had in our community and in our schools this past year. With this in mind, our Governing Board has identified the theme of the year as **“Adelante”** or **“Onward”** paired with the

goals of safety, social emotional support and wellbeing, student achievement, English language proficiency, parent engagement and student engagement.

We are deeply grateful to our families, district staff and community for uniting this last year to save lives, to support families with resources, and to ensure our students had equitable access to a quality education amidst the pandemic. We are proud of this past year's successes wherein together we maintained the second highest student enrollment in the county, our nutrition team served 785,604 meals, our Sci-Phy team won national distinction with an Innovation in Education Inspire Award for their Project Lead the Way Program, our district earned perfect external and federal program monitoring audits, our student achievement data regarding learning loss appears one to three times better than preliminary state and federal data, and we closed the digital divide and ensured every student has access to a device and/or internet.

Our District is working together as a strong united team to implement our vision and mission which focus on student achievement.

District Vision:

The San Ysidro School District, in partnership with our teachers and community, is committed to providing a high quality, multicultural learning environment that promotes academic excellence, social responsibility and physical and emotional well-being for all students.

District Mission:

Quality education and opportunity for all students to succeed

The first day of school for all students is Monday, July 26th. Schools are sending information to families this week welcoming students back to school and indicating how parents/guardians can find their child's teacher assignment. Additionally, some schools may also be providing a back to school orientation. If your family does not receive notification from your child's school by Thursday of this week, please call or visit your school's office for support as soon as possible. Schools are unable to place a student in a class or provide classroom teacher information to families that have not yet registered their child for school or have not submitted verification of residency information. Student online registration is available on our district website at: <https://www.sysdschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1057>.

All school offices and the district office are now open Monday through Friday to assist families with student registration, verification of residency, before and after school program applications, school uniforms, Chromebooks, and more.

School uniforms will continue to be required in all of our schools, however our district is providing a 3 week grace period (July 26 - Aug 13) to allow families sufficient time to purchase uniforms. The school uniforms may be purchased at any store of your choice and consist of: navy blue bottoms (pants, skirt or shorts) and a white polo shirt. If your family is in need of support for school uniforms, please contact our Student and Family Services Manager, Veronica Medina at (619) 428-4476 x3083 or veronica.medina@sysdschools.org.

Below is a list of our schools and contact information for any questions and staff assistance.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Smythe Child Development Center <i>Main Office for Preschool Programs</i>	1880 Smythe Ave San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-2352
La Mirada Elementary	222 Avenida De La Madrid San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-4424
Ocean View Hills Elementary	4919 Del Sol Blvd San Diego, CA 92154	(619) 661-0457
Smythe Elementary	1880 Smythe Ave San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-4447
Sunset Elementary	3825 Sunset Lane San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-1148
Willow Elementary School	226 Willow Road San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-2231
San Ysidro Middle School	4345 Otay Mesa Road San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-5551
Vista Del Mar Middle School	4885 Del Sol Blvd San Diego, CA 92173	(619) 661-6753

Your family's help to ensure our students start school on the first day of school (Monday, July 26th) and have great school attendance this year is most appreciated! Research data shows that students who attend school every day are most likely to succeed in academics and in life. In fact, students with great attendance read at grade level or higher, are 4 times more likely to graduate from high school, attend college, and develop healthy life habits.

Here is the district web page link to the 2021-2022 Student Calendar to help you plan for the upcoming school year:

<https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/55/Student+Calendar+2021-22.pdf>

Below are our grade level school start and dismissal times:

Reminder: The first week of school (July 26-30) will be a Minimum Day schedule

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS La Mirada, Ocean View Hills, Smythe, Sunset, & Willow			
GRADES	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
Transitional Kindergarten	8:30	1:00	8:30 - 12:35
Kindergarten	8:30	2:30	8:30 - 12:35

1st - 6th	8:30	3:00	8:30 - 1:30
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MIDDLE SCHOOLS San Ysidro Middle & Vista Del Middle			
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GRADES	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
7th - 8th	8:00	2:19	8:00 - 12:45

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER			
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CLASSROOM	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
Yellow Room (Extended Day)	Mon-Thurs 8:30	Mon-Thurs 3:00	8:30 - 11:30
Orange Room (Extended Day)	Mon-Thurs 8:15	Mon-Thurs 2:45	8:15 - 11:15
Blue Room (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:00	Mon-Fri 11:00	
Blue Room (PM)	Mon-Fri 12:15	Mon-Fri 3:15	
Purple Room (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:00	Mon-Fri 11:00	
Red Room (SDC) (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:30	Mon-Fri 11:30	
Red Room (SDC) (PM)	Mon-Fri 12:30	Mon-Fri 3:30	

SUNSET PRESCHOOL		
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CLASSROOM	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
Room 33 (AM)	Mon-Fri 9:00	Mon-Fri 12:00
Room 34 (Head Start) (AM)	Mon-Thurs <i>(Fridays - No Class)</i> 8:00	Mon-Thurs <i>(Fridays - No Class)</i> 11:30
Room 35 (PM)	Mon-Fri 12:15	Mon-Fri 3:15

OCEAN VIEW HILLS PRESCHOOL		
CLASSROOM	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
Room 49 (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:15	Mon-Fri 11:15
Room 49 (PM)	Mon-Fri 12:15	Mon-Fri 3:15
Room 13 (SDC) (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:15	Mon-Fri 11:15

As we open our schools for full in person instruction safety remains a priority for our federal, state, county and district leaders. The leading public health prevention strategy is vaccination to end the COVID-19 pandemic. San Diego county continues to serve as a leader with some of the highest vaccination rates statewide. In addition, our district's maintenance, operations, transportation and facilities team has done a remarkable job ensuring all schools and departments have multi-layered safety measures in place. The district continues to follow the California Department for Public Health safety measures for schools and child care programs, which were recently updated. These safety measures currently include: upgraded ventilation systems with air purification systems, masks indoors when students are present, hand washing/sanitizing, quarantine guidelines, and symptomatic COVID testing. For more detailed school safety information the updated COVID-19 Safety Plan is on the district website.

Below are a few dates to remember:

DATE	EVENT
Friday, July 23 @ 3pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The webinar will also be recorded and available for viewing at a later time 	District Virtual Back to School Webinar for Students & Families
Saturday, July 24 San Ysidro Middle School 4345 Otay Mesa Road San Ysidro, CA 92173 <u>School Pick-up Times:</u> Willow: 10:00 am to 10:30 am Sunset: 10:30 am to 11:00 am Smythe: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm La Mirada/CDC: 12:00 to 12:30 pm SYMS: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm Ocean View Hills: 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm Vista Del Mar: 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm	6th Annual Families First Drive-Up Resource Fair and Backpack Giveaway <i>IMPORTANT: Students must be present or must have students ID to receive backpack</i> Please join us for our 6th Annual San Ysidro School District Families First Resource Fair. We will be providing access to many needed resources such as housing, food, health, and job assistance programs. We will also be giving out backpacks filled with school supplies for students from Pre K — 8th grade registered for the school year 2021-2022. Please make sure you come during your designated school time.
Monday, July 26	First Day of School for Students

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year for our incredible students!

REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Please register your child for next school year as soon as possible as our schools are filling up quickly. Click [HERE](#) to register online.

School Contact Information

<p>LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY (619) 428-4424 ext. 3497 Website: https://www.sysdschools.org/Domain/8</p> <p>Principal: Laura English Administrative Asst: Jorge Cervantes & email: jorge.cervantes@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY (619) 661-0457 ext. 3897 Website: https://www.sysdschools.org/Domain/10</p> <p>Principal: Nadia Aviles Administrative Asst: Elizabeth Perez & email: elizabeth.moreno@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>SMYTHE ELEMENTARY (619) 428-4447 ext. 3597 Website: https://www.sysdschools.org/Domain/9</p> <p>Principal: Russell Little Administrative Asst: Sylvia Lugo & email: sylvia.lugo@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>SUNSET ELEMENTARY (619) 428-1148 ext. 3697 Website: https://www.sysdschools.org/Domain/11</p> <p>Principal: Efrain Burciaga Administrative Asst: Maria Elena Hernandez & email: maria.e.hernandez@sysdschools.org</p>
<p>SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL (619) 428-5551 ext. 3297 Website: https://www.sysdschools.org/Domain/15</p> <p>Principal: Manuel Bojorquez Administrative Asst: Maria Gomez & email: maria.gomez@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL (619) 661-6753 ext. 3997 Website: https://www.sysdschools.org/Domain/13</p> <p>Principal: Irene Herrera-Cevallos Administrative Asst: Cristina D'Oleire & email: cristina.doleire@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>WILLOW ELEMENTARY (619) 428-2231 ext. 3797 Website: https://www.sysdschools.org/Domain/12</p> <p>Principal: Maria Connie Rodriguez Administrative Clerk I: Erika Aviles & email: erika.aviles@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER - PRESCHOOL (619) 428-2352 Website: https://www.sysdschools.org/Domain/14</p> <p>Director: Lorena Varela-Reed Administrative Asst: Eugenia Teodoro & email: eugenia.teodoro@sysdschools.org</p>

District & Department Contact Information

<p>DISTRICT OFFICE (619) 428-4476</p> <p>Address: 4350 Otay Mesa Rd, San Ysidro, 92173</p> <p>www.sysdschools.org</p> <p>FaceBook: @SanYsidroSD</p> <p>Twitter: @SYSDschools</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (619) 428-4476 x3022 & x3023</p> <p>Superintendent: Dr. Gina Potter</p> <p>Senior Ex. Secretary: Monica Yrineo @ monica.yrineo@sysdschools.org</p> <p>Admin. Confidential Secretary: Miguel Ortega @ miguel.ortega@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (619) 428-4476 x3019</p> <p>Executive Director: Cynthia Monreal-Gonzalez</p> <p>Admin. Secretary: Elizabeth Originales @ elizabeth.originales@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>PUPIL SERVICES (619) 428-4476 x3027</p> <p>Asst. Superintendent: Dr. David Farkas</p> <p>Admin. Clerk: Irene E. Lopez @ irene.e.lopez@sysdschools.org</p>
<p>TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (619)428-4476 x3045</p> <p>Director of Technology: Todd Lewis @ todd.lewis@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT (619)428-4476 x3011</p> <p>Director of CNS: Evelyn Zarzosa @ evelyn.zarzosa@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>TRANSPORTATION (619)428-4476 x3046</p> <p>Director of MOTF: Paulo Azevedo Admin. Secretary: Lorena Vega @ lorena.vega@sysdschools.org</p>	<p>SPECIAL EDUCATION (619)428-4476 x3091</p> <p>Director of Special Education: Oscar Madera Admin. Secretary: Rocio Alvarado @ rocio.alvarado@sysdschools.org</p>

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STAFF WELCOME BACK EVENT

On Wednesday, July 21st, we welcomed back our teachers and classified employees with an outdoor event at Ocean View Hills to kickoff the 2021-22 school year! Our staff was treated to breakfast accompanied with mariachi music from Mariachi de San Diego, a goody bag with a polo shirt with their school or district logo, and a pin with this year's theme, ONWARD/ADELANTE. A big "Thank You" to Mr. Paulo Azevedo, Director of MOTF, and the MOTF Team and Mr. Todd Lewis, Director of Education Technology, and the IT Team for all their hard work in setting up this special and successful event!





BOARD WORKSHOP: Setting Direction of the District 2021-2022

On Thursday, July 15th the Governing Board, Superintendent and Cabinet had their annual board workshop to review topics such as Roles of Board and Superintendent, Governance Team Standards of Practice & Board Bylaws, District Theme, Vision, Mission & Goals, Operating Protocols and Board Policies , Brown Act and Robert's Rule of Order, Conflict of Interest, Educational Services and the District Adopted Budget.

SDCOE NEWSROOM: SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNIZED AS A "DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT" FOR ITS STEM AND CAREER LEARNING PROGRAM

San Ysidro School District was notified that it had earned the unique designation as a 2020-21 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished District. SYSD is one of 17 districts in the United States to receive the honor. The award recognizes school districts who provide "transformative learning opportunities" utilizing PLTW programs for its students. The programs instituted by PLTW, a nonprofit organization that works with millions of students and teachers in PreK-12 grade across the U.S., are STEM based curriculum.

Link to article: <https://www.sdcoe.net/news/Pages/San-Ysidro-Recognized-as-Distinguished-District.aspx>

CSBA MASTERS IN GOVERNANCE GRADUATE!

CONGRATULATIONS BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT RUDY LOPEZ!

Board Vice-President Rudy Lopez graduated from the CSBA Masters in Governance Program! Mr. Lopez took his final two courses to complete the certification process. We congratulate him for completing and graduating from this intensive and rigorous curricular program on leadership at the Governing Board level of a school district!



SAN YSIDRO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (SYCPG)

Congratulations to Board Member Rudy Lopez for his recent nomination as the new Chairperson for the San Ysidro Community Planning Group.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mon., July 26 - Fri., July 30	Minimum Day Schedule	All Schools

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

UPDATED SYSD COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

On July 12, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released its [2021-22 K-12 School Guidance](#).

This new release came on the heels of CDC's [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#).

Building on CDC's outline of the various mitigation strategies schools should implement to stop the spread of COVID-19, CDPH's guidance addresses masking, quarantine directives for both vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff who may have been exposed to COVID-19, hand hygiene, air filtration, and more.

This CSP is designed to control exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that may occur in our workplace. We will use these requirements and protocol to communicate with all district staff, students and families for a safe and successful 2021-2022 school year. The plan can be found on our district's webpage.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

LCAP GOALS TO SUPPORT DISTRICT GOALS

Goal 1: Student Achievement: Educational Equity through System of Continuous Improvement, Standards Based Instruction, Intervention & Supports for Learning Acceleration

Goal 2: English Language Proficiency: CA EL Roadmap: EL RISE & ELD/ALD focus with the implementation of GLAD strategies

Goal 3: Safety, Climate, & Student Engagement: Implementation of Long Range Master Facility Plan & Multi-Tiered System for Attendance & Reengagement

Goal 4: Social Emotional Support and Wellbeing: Multi-Tiered System of Support which includes 2nd Step Curriculum implementation, therapist support, and the implementation of Trauma Informed & Restorative Practices

Goal 5: Parent Engagement: Parent Workshops, Parent Center & School Based Resources Foster Parent Leadership Roles

ASSESSMENT WORKGROUP

The district has been engaged in an Assessment Workgroup which has met 6 times since May. The focus of the Workgroup was on reviewing and suggesting refinements to our District Unit Assessments. These suggestions will be used to refine the

assessments, while ensuring that the assessment system continues to form a viable part of our Cycle of Continuous Improvement.

HUMAN RESOURCES

2021/2022 PRINCIPAL MESSAGES

Beginning Monday July 19, 2021, Mrs. Nadia Aviles will assume the position of Principal at Ocean View Hills. The following messages were sent on Friday July 16, 2021 regarding the transition.

A Message from Consuelo Carranza

Dear OVHS Community,

I wanted to take this time to thank you for the opportunity to work alongside you during these last two years. This pandemic truly highlighted the resilience, determination, and commitment that this amazing community upholds.

After careful consideration, I wanted to inform you that for personal reasons I plan to return to a teaching position this school year. I appreciate all of your support and camaraderie that you have given me. Please know I am working closely with the district to ensure a smooth transition with your incoming Principal.

With gratitude,

Consuelo Carranza

Announcing New Principal at Ocean View Hills School



We are happy to announce that Mrs. Nadia Aviles has been selected to serve as the Principal of Ocean View Hills Elementary School beginning July 19, 2021. Mrs. Aviles has recently served as the Principal on Special Assignment for the 2020-2021 school year and has supported the San Ysidro School District (SYSD) with the Science and Physical Education Team (Sci-Phy) and the Pupil Services Department. Her efforts have led the district's successful preparation for this upcoming year's Virtual Learning Academy.

Mrs. Aviles has served the SYSD for over 20 years in different capacities. Mrs. Aviles possesses the degree of Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Interdisciplinary Studies and the degree of Masters of Science in Special Education from National University. Mrs. Aviles completed her Administrative Credential program at the University of San Diego in the Educational Leadership Development Academy.

Mrs. Aviles began her career at SYSD as a Teacher's Assistant before serving as an Instructional Aide in the Special Education Department. Prior to becoming an Administrator, she taught in Special Education for seven years serving San Ysidro Middle School (SYMS), Ocean View Hills School (OVHS) and Willow. She has experience in working with grades K-8th. Mrs. Aviles has spent the last eight years in Administration serving as an Assistant Principal at SYMS,OVHS, Willow and Interim Director of Special Education. She has also served as Principal of OVHS and Vista Del Mar Middle School. In 2018, Mrs. Aviles and the OVHS school community received recognition as a California Distinguished School. With her vast experience at multiple sites and at the district level, Mrs. Aviles is excited to return to Ocean View Hills Elementary School as Principal.

BUSINESS SERVICE

LONG RANGE MASTER FACILITIES (LRMFP) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

On July 15, 2021, the Governing Board approved the district's LRMFP Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan is a roadmap that will help guide facilities decisions over the next 15 to 20 years. The LRFMP Implementation Plan is assembled around the District's guiding facilities principles of security, technology, evolution, maintenance, parity, and sustainability. To view the implementation plan, please click on the link below.

LRMFP Implementation Plan :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15sYb1lhegnXXWue-48szfhrQzq472ps/view?usp=sharing>

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

IMPORTANT:
**FREE FOOD/GROCERY DISTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE
IN SAN YSIDRO AND NEIGHBORING AREAS**

San Diego Food Bank Food Distributions website:

<https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/>

Feeding San Diego Food Distributions Website:
<https://feedingsandiego.org/find-food/#locate>

**San Ysidro School District will resume the
Free Children's Meal Program the week of July 26th**

IMPORTANTE:
***DISTRIBUCIONES GRATUITAS DE ALIMENTOS Y COMESTIBLES
DISPONIBLES EN SAN YSIDRO Y ZONAS CERCANAS***

Distribuciones de Comida Gratis de San Diego Food Bank, Enlace:
<https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/>

Distribuciones de Comida Gratis de Feeding San Diego; Enlace:
<https://feedingsandiego.org/find-food/#locate>

***El Distrito Escolar de San Ysidro reanudará el
Programa de comidas gratis para niños la semana del 26 de julio***

COMMUNITY COVID RESOURCES

Please click on the link to access the COVID Community Resources:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmagg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub