

Message from the Superintendent



Welcome Back Message to Families

July 18, 2025

Welcome back San Ysidro School District Families!

Our Governing Board Members and I are excited to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year! We are thrilled to introduce our new theme for this academic year: **“SCHOLAR” / “ACADÉMICO”**. This theme encapsulates our strong commitment to helping our students exceed expectations and reach new heights of excellence in all facets of their education.

This year, as **Scholars/Académicos**, we aspire for every student to embrace curiosity, cultivate critical thinking, and develop a love of learning that extends far beyond the classroom. **“Scholar/Académico”** reflects our belief that every child is capable of intellectual growth and academic success, no matter their starting point. Through innovative programs, academic excellence, and strong partnerships between families, schools, and the community, we are committed to nurturing scholars who are not only knowledgeable but also compassionate, resilient, and ready to make a positive impact on the world.

We are so proud of the notable accomplishments our district achieved last school year, and we look forward to continuing to build on these successes for our students this year! We are most proud of our district for winning a state **Golden Bell Award** from the California School Boards Association for our English language development rapid reclassification program! Click [here](#) to view the notable achievements by our district, schools, and students from this past year!

As always, our focus remains steadfast on the success of our students. We're dedicated to fostering their academic growth, accelerating English language proficiency, and ensuring their safety and well-being in every possible way. Moreover, we're deeply committed to the overall achievement of our students, which includes taking care of the whole child by nurturing social-emotional needs, fostering strong relationships between students and educators, providing nutritious meals, developing peer friendships, supporting parents, and guiding academic success.

Together, we'll explore new horizons and empower every student to embrace their journey as Scholars/Académicos, reaching new heights of knowledge, character, and excellence.

District Vision:

The San Ysidro School District, in partnership with our educators 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 28th.

Teacher assignments indicating which students each teacher will have in their class will be posted via Synergy [ParentVue](#) on Friday afternoon, July 25th.

[Click here for login directions to ParentVue](#). Please check your portals at the end of the day on Friday, July 26th, to identify your child's teacher and room number. School staff will be available for any questions on Monday, July 28th, and class rosters will also be available. If your family does not receive an email from your child's school by next week, please call or visit your school's office for assistance.

Student online registration is available on our district website:

<https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1057>. Please note: schools are unable to place a student in a class or provide classroom teacher information to families who have not yet registered their child for school or submitted verification of residency.

For preschool registration, parents can either register in person at the Smythe Child Development Center Office or complete the registration online by using the following link:

<https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1057>. Below, you will find important preschool, transitional kindergarten, and kindergarten information.

GRADE	BIRTH DATE ELIGIBILITY	REGISTRATION LOCATION
Kindergarten	09/02/2019 - 09/01/2020	La Mirada, Smythe, Sunset, Ocean View Hills, and Willow Elementary Schools
Transitional Kindergarten/or Preschool	09/02/2020 - 09/01/2021	La Mirada, Sunset, Willow, or Ocean View Hills Elementary Schools
Preschool (4-year-old by Dec. 1st)	09/02/2021 - 12/01/2021	Child Development Center
Preschool (3-year-old by Dec. 1st)	12/02/2021 - 12/01/2022	Child Development Center

Transitional Kinder Program Options for Families

1. **Regular TK** Register at school site (8:30am - 1pm)
2. **Extended TK Option 1** (OVH only) -Requires an application for **Preschool** in addition to TK Registration. TK registration is the same (TK 8:30am-1pm & PK to 1-4pm)
3. **Extended TK Option 2** - Requires an application for **ASES** in addition to TK Registration (TK 8:30am-1pm & ASES 1-5:30pm and space is limited at OVH)

The **10th Annual Families First Resource Fair** has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at San Ysidro Middle School**. Our district is grateful to the community organizations that donate backpacks and school supplies for distribution to students at this event.

All school offices and the district office are open Monday through Friday to assist families with student registration, verification of residency, transportation requests, before and after school program applications, and more. Below is a list of our schools with address and phone contact information for any questions and staff assistance.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
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
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 92154	(619) 661-6753
Willow Elementary School	226 Willow Road San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-2231
Smythe Child Development Center	1880 Smythe Ave San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-2352

Middle schools have scheduled orientations for students as noted below.

Orientation for Vista Del Mar Middle School: Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. for 6th grade students and at 1:00 p.m. for new students, 7th grade, and 8th grade students.

Orientation for San Ysidro Middle School: Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. for 7th grade and new students and at 1:00 p.m. for 8th grade and new students.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, “Parents who play an active role in their children’s education make a huge difference in their success.” Here are some ways you can help your child prepare for the upcoming school year:

- Transition from summer to school routines a few days before school starts
- Ensure your child eats breakfast and lunch (all schools provide breakfast before school and lunch)
- Review start and end times for school
- Arrive on time each day
- Confirm your child knows who will drop off and pick them up daily, or if they will walk home
- Help your child prepare their backpack
- For elementary students: check backpacks daily for important information
- For middle school students: ask daily about school news, homework, and assignments
- Reassure your child that they will do well on the first day

School attendance is crucial. Research shows that students who attend school every day are most likely to succeed academically and in life. In fact, students with excellent attendance read at grade level or higher, are four times more likely to graduate high school, attend college, and develop healthy life habits.

[Click here for the 2025-2026 Student Calendar](#) to help you plan for the upcoming school year.

Below are our grade level school start and dismissal times. For school safety reasons please drop off and pick up your child from the front parking lot of the school. Only preschool students should be walked each morning by their parent/guardian to the classroom to sign them in and check them out. Parents/guardians entering a school should sign in at the front office, wear a visitor name badge, and have an appointment if meeting with a staff member. Please refer to our [district’s visitor policy](#) and [civility policy](#) for detailed information about school safety, civility, and the importance of protecting the instructional school day for students.

Reminder: The first week of school (July 28 - August 1) will have a Minimum Day schedule.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS La Mirada, Ocean View Hills, Smythe, Sunset, & Willow			
GRADE/S	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

SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL			
GRADES	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAYS (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
7th - 8th	8:00	2:19	8:00 - 12:45

VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL			
GRADES	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAYS (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
6th	8:00	2:30	8:00 - 1:00
7th-8th	8:00	2:19	8:00 - 12:45

Smythe Preschool (CDC)	
Orange Room (Head Start)	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Mon-Thurs) & 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Fri)
Yellow Room (Head Start)	8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (Mon-Thurs) & 8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Fri)
Purple Room	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Red Room (Sp. Ed.)	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Red Room (Sp. Ed.)	12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

Ocean View Hills Preschool	
Room 49	8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Room 49	12:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (Mon-Fri)
Room 48 (Sp. Ed.) AM	8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)

Sunset Preschool	
Room 33	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Room 35 (Head Start)	8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (Mon-Thurs) 8:15 - 11:15 a.m. (Friday)

We are excited for an exceptional school year ahead, full of possibilities for our amazing students. Together with you and your family, we look forward to embarking on this journey of growth, learning, and discovery. May this year bring endless opportunities, strong connections, and remarkable achievements for every **Scholar/Académico** in our district!

Warmly,

Gina Potter, Ed.D.
Superintendent
San Ysidro School District