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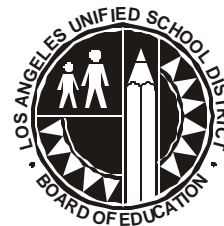
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BACK TO SCHOOL, WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

It's that time once again ... Time for the new school year to begin in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD).

Pre-registration is required for all incoming kindergarten students and any other students new to the LAUSD and interested in registering for the 2003-2004 school year. If you must register your child, here is some important information to keep in mind:

- The September-June single-track school schedule is used by about two-third of LAUSD's schools and centers.
- While single-track calendar schools are generally closed during the summer, administrative or clerical staff are usually available at these sites beginning in mid-August. It is recommended that parents call their local school offices to verify whether any specific pre-registration dates have been established for new students.
- Families that have recently moved into the neighborhood of a multi track (year-round) school should contact the school **immediately** to determine the track to which their child will be assigned. The district's multi track (year-round) calendars—Four-Track (90/30) and Three-Track (Concept 6)—begin July 1, 2003.
- At some heavily overcrowded schools, some children may have to be bused to campuses elsewhere in the district if there are not enough classroom seats available at the local

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school site.

- Children are eligible to enter kindergarten if they will be five-years-old on or before December 2 of this year. The same eligibility date applies to kindergartners at single-track and multi-track (90/30 and Concept 6) schools.
- Parents of kindergartners and other new students should remember to bring updated health records when they register their children for school. A student's medical records must show the following immunization requirements:
 - Polio, mumps, rubeola (10-day or "hard) measles) and rubella ("German" measles), often listed as "MMR" on health records.
 - Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, which may be listed as "DTP" for children younger than seven years, and as "TD" for children seven years and older.
 - All children entering child care, pre-school or kindergarten programs in the district must now be immunized against Hepatitis B.
 - All students entering 7th grade must show proof of the Hepatitis B immunization series and a second MMR if the student has not already received it.
 - Immunizations may be available for free or at very lost cost at many public health facilities. If you have questions, please contact the school nurse at the campus your child will attend or call the district's School Nursing Services Office at (213) 763-8374.
- For continuing students, parents should advise the school's nurse or school administrators of any health conditions (e.g. allergies, asthma, etc.) that might affect a student's daily schedule or academic progress.
- Parents of all new and continuing students should remember to update their child(ren's) emergency information card on file at school offices for each student if your family's situation, address or telephone number at home or work changes at any time during the school year. It is vitally important that school administrators be able to reach parents, guardians or another designated adult quickly in case of illness or emergency involving a student.
- The district's Office of School Operations notes that parents should receive from their

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children's school at the beginning of every school year, a copy of the "Parent-Student Handbook," a useful source of information about district rules and regulations. The booklet is published in English and several other languages.

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