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REGISTRATION BEGINS SOON FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN AND OTHER STUDENTS NEW TO L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parents of incoming kindergarten students and any other students new to the Los Angeles Unified School District should be aware that pre-registration begins at most local school offices on **Aug. 17** for Fall semester classes that will start on Tuesday, **Sept. 5**, the day after Labor Day. This is especially important for families who have just moved into the school district or who have changed their addresses within the district during the summer months.

The Sept. 5 start date, the beginning of the September-to-June schedule known in the district as the "LEARN" calendar, is used by about two-thirds of LAUSD's schools and centers – those that are not yet crowded beyond their seating capacity. While LEARN calendar schools are generally closed during the summer, administrative or clerical staffs at some sites may be available on some days between now and Aug. 17, the official start of pre-registration. It is suggested that parents call their local school offices to verify whether any specific pre-registration dates have been established for new students.

Families who have recently moved into the neighborhood of a year-round school should contact that school immediately to determine the track to which their child will be assigned. The district's two year-round calendars began on July 5. At some heavily overcrowded year-round schools, some children may have to be bused to campuses elsewhere in the district if enough classroom seats are not available at the local school site.

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Parents of kindergarteners and other new students should remember to bring updated health records when they register their children for school. For continuing students, parents should advise the school nurse of any new health problems that might affect a student's daily schedule or academic progress.

Children are eligible to enter kindergarten classes if they will be five years old on or before Dec. 2 of this year. The same eligibility date is used for kindergarteners at LEARN calendar and year-round schools.

Parents of all new and continuing students should remember to update the emergency information card on file at school offices for **each student** if the family situation, address or telephone number at home or at work changes at any time during the school year. It is vitally important, school principals say, to be able to reach parents or guardians or another designated adult quickly in case of illness or emergency involving a student.

The district's Office of School Operations also noted that parents should receive from their children's schools 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 seven other languages.

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