

Welcome Center Parent Orientation



Welcome to Glendale Unified!

“We are excelling together to prepare our students for success!”

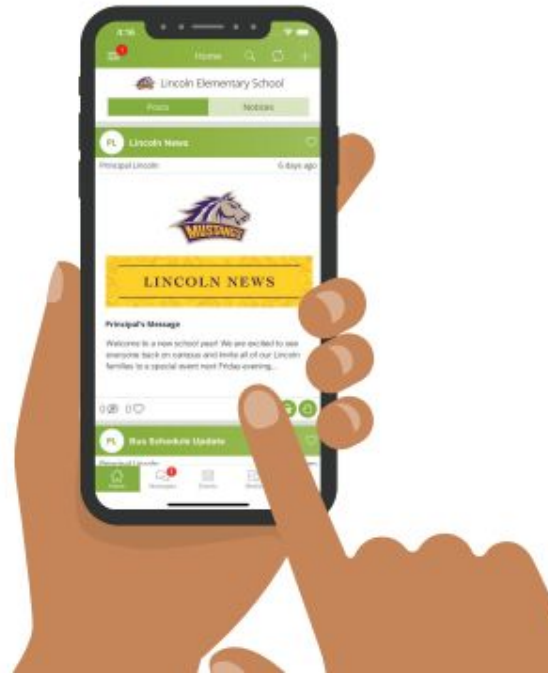


Dr. Darneika Watson
Interim Superintendent

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Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



Daily Schedule

Elementary School Sample Schedule

Block 1
Recess
Block 2
Lunch
Block 3

Secondary School Sample Schedule

Period 1
Period 2/3
Snack
Period 4/5
Lunch
Period 6/7



Attendance



- There are only 180 school days for your child to learn everything they need to know from their grade level so it is important for every child to attend school **every day**.
- In the US, school attendance is legally required every school day. If your child misses a day of school, you must call or email the school and state the reason. If not, your child will be marked absent.
- Make sure that you know your child's school dates, holidays, etc. (see attendance calendar)

2023-2024

- 2023-2024 [Calendar](#)
- Check with your school about other important dates including:
 - Back to School Night
 - Open House
 - Grading Windows



Parent Involvement - Please Join!

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA) - Elementary and Middle
- Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) - High School



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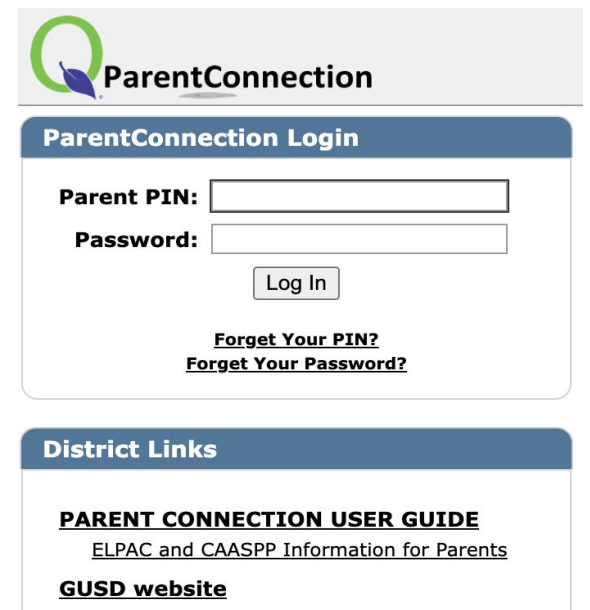
LCAP Local Control Accountability Plan	DELAC District English Learner Advisory Committee
SSC School Site Council	ELAC English Learner Advisory Committee



Parent Portal

- Make sure that you ask, learn about and sign up for **Parent Portal**. Your child's school can provide access.
- Here you will be able to access your child's class, schedule, grades, and assessment data.

<http://parent.gusd.net>



The screenshot shows the ParentConnection login interface. At the top is the ParentConnection logo, which consists of a green circle with a white leaf-like shape inside. Below the logo is the text "ParentConnection". Underneath is a blue header with the text "ParentConnection Login". The main area contains two input fields: "Parent PIN:" followed by a text box, and "Password:" followed by a text box. Below these fields is a "Log In" button. At the bottom of the login section are two links: "Forget Your PIN?" and "Forget Your Password?". Below the login section is a "District Links" section with a blue header. It contains two links: "PARENT CONNECTION USER GUIDE" and "GUSD website".



Communication with teachers

- If you have any specific questions about your child's academic progress in class, you should contact your child's teacher, school counselor, or administrator.
- You can call the school to arrange an appointment or you can send an email. Email addresses can be found on the school website.



Translation and Interpretation

- Our Intercultural Department supports families with written and oral translations and interpretation.
- Languages we offer:
 - Arabic
 - Armenian
 - Korean
 - Russian
 - Spanish
- Our schools have multilingual staff supporting students and families. We can also use Google Translate, the Intercultural department, or other agencies for language support.



What is ELPAC?

- ELPAC stands for English Language Proficiency Assessment of California
- The ELPAC is a test used to determine the English language proficiency of students whose primary language is not English. Students are tested in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- Parents will receive a letter informing them of their child's English proficiency results or you may obtain results from your child's teacher or Teacher Specialist.
- More information is available at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep>



English Language Development (ELD)

- Depending on a student's ELPAC proficiency scores, students are placed in 4 categories:
 - Emerging
 - Bridging
 - Expanding
 - Initially Fluent English Proficient (IFEP)
- Depending on the student's level, students are given instruction to support language acquisition.
- At the elementary level, designated ELD instruction is provided during the school day and at the secondary level, students are placed in a designated ELD class.



More about GUSD

- **Dual Language Immersion Programs (DLIP)**

requires lottery application

- *Armenian*
- *French*
- *German*
- *Italian*
- *Japanese*
- *Korean*
- *Spanish*

- **Magnet Schools**

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- *Cerritos*
- *Edison*
- *Franklin*
- *Keppel*
- *Roosevelt Middle School*
- *Clark High School*

More information can be found at www.GUSD.net

More about GUSD

- **Preschool** program offered for children 3 and 4 years old. Space is limited and there is a waiting list.
 - Cerritos
 - Columbus
 - Jefferson

- **Transitional Kindergarten**

- Balboa
- Cerritos
- Columbus
- Dunsmore
- Franklin
- Fremont
- Glenoaks
- Jefferson
- La Crescenta
- Lincoln
- Mann
- Marshall
- Mountain Ave.
- Muir (Spanish Dual Language Immersion)
- RD White
- Valley View
- Verdugo Woodlands



CDCC (Child Development & Child Care) Programs

- **CDCC** is responsible for the District before/after school child care and preschool.
 - Half and Full Day Preschool
 - School-age Expanded Learning
 - TK/Kindergarten Bridge
 - After School Education and Safety Program (ASES)/Teen Scene
 - Recreational After School Program (RAP)

For more information or to enroll, visit the following website: <https://www.gusd.net/cdcc> or call Deidre Corwin, Director (818) 247-0775 or email CDCC@gusd.net

We have staff available to assist in multiple languages.





Career and Technical Education (CTE)

- **CTE** programs assist in preparing our students for their future. Our CTE program connects students to college and careers by giving them the opportunity to explore specific career pathways and develop valuable career skills before they leave high school. A CTE pathway is a sequence of two or more CTE courses within a student's area of career interest.

For more information , visit the following website: <https://www.gusd.net/CTE> or call Dr. Christin Molano, Coordinator (818) 241-3111 ext. 1633.

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Special Education

- **Special Education** is program and services available to serve the unique needs of students with disabilities so that each student will meet or exceed high standards of achievement in academic and nonacademic skills.

For more information, visit the following website: <https://www.gusd.net/Page/296> or call (818) 241-3111 ext. 1205.

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Student Support Services

- **Student Support Services** is responsible for enrollment, intra/inter district permits, lottery for specific programs, and student records.

For more information, visit the following website: <https://www.gusd.net/Domain/58> or call Mr. Hagop Eulmesseian, Director (818) 241-3111 ext. 1285.

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Student Wellness Services

- **Student Wellness Services** department's mission is to enhance the wellbeing of all students through prevention, education, counseling, and intervention strategies.

For more information, visit the following website: <https://www.gusd.net/Domain/4390> or call Narineh Khemichian, Interim Director (818) 241-3111 ext. 1559.

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Education Technology and Information Services (ETIS)

- **ETIS** is responsible for maintaining school site technology equipment, softwares and internet services for all students and staff.

The Parent/Guardian Technology HelpLine at 818-478-2664.

More information about the ETIS Department can be found at:

<https://www.gusd.net/Domain/42>

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Nutrition Services

- **Nutrition Services** is responsible for providing meals for students before and during school. Please see next slide for Meal application information.

For more information visit the following website: <https://www.gusd.net/Domain/47> or call (818) 552-2677.

Meal Applications

- Parents are asked to complete the **Free and Reduced Price Meal Application** which is available online at <https://mealapp.gusd.net>
- Only one (1) application per family is required.
- After applications are processed, parents will receive a letter stating whether the application was approved or denied.
- If approved, please keep the approval letter as it may be used to receive other benefits throughout the year.





Equity, Access, and Family Engagement (EAFFE)

- **EAFFE** is responsible for providing translation services, English Language Development (ELD) support, family engagement opportunities, and providing Newcomer students and families with tools and resources they need to succeed.

For more information visit the following website: <https://www.gusd.net/domain/57>



Thank You!

Have a great year in Glendale Unified!

This Parent Orientation slide deck can be found at

<https://www.gusd.net/Page/328>