



August/September Newsletter

Language Academy of Sacramento

Welcome to the 26/27 school
year!



Nutrition Services

Update

🍏 We're excited to share some changes to our Nutrition Services program for the 2026–2027 school year! LAS is now independently participating in the **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)**, and we are happy to be partnering with **Chartwells as our food service provider** this school year. Through this partnership, we look forward to offering students a greater variety of nutritious and delicious breakfast and lunch options.

As part of our updated meal service, **all students will now enter their 5-digit student ID number when receiving breakfast or lunch**. We know this will be a new process for our students, and staff will be available to help, especially during the first few weeks of school.

As a reminder, **breakfast and lunch continue to be available at no cost to all LAS students**. Our **breakfast and lunch menus will be available on Nutrislice**, making it easy for families to view upcoming meal options.

We appreciate your patience and support as students and staff become familiar with our new meal service procedures. We're looking forward to a great year of serving our LAS students!



Meal Application

Thank you to everyone who has already completed their meal application! While breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost to all students through the California Universal Meals Program (AB 130), we strongly encourage **every family to complete a meal application, even if you believe you may not qualify.** Meal applications help LAS receive important funding that supports our school and may also qualify your child for additional benefits and resources. If you have not completed the form, please **[click here](#)** to access it. Feel free to contact the office should you need assistance.



Attendance

Every School Day Counts! Regular and on-time attendance is essential to your child's academic success. Even one missed day can mean lost instructional time and also results in a loss of funding for our school. Unless your child is sick, please make every effort to have them at school **on time, every day**, and schedule vacations or personal trips during school breaks whenever possible. All students (AM TK and 1st-8th) must be in class by 8.05am, Kindergarten students should be in class by 8.35am, and PM TK by 11.35am. If your child is not IN his/her classroom by the time the tardy bell rings, they must go to the office for a tardy slip. All absences must be reported to the office either via phone (916.277.7137), in person to front office staff, email to **Ms. Bibiana Alcalá**, a written note, or via the Absence Notification Form on the LAS website. If your child has an appointment during the school day, please bring them to school before or after the appointment so that they miss the least amount of instructional time. We are certain that you will make an effort to ensure that happens. If your student must be absent for an extended period (3–10 days), please contact **Ms. Adriana Yañez** at least two weeks in advance to request Independent Study. Thank you!



Back to School Night

Back to School Night is **Wednesday, September 9th*** (Details TBA)

*Jaguar Academy (formerly known as ASES) will not be in session on this day



Beginning of the Year Packet

Your child will go home with a BOY (Beginning of the Year) packet on the first day of school. Please complete it and return to your child's teacher by **Friday, August 28th**.



Dress Code Reminder

👕 At LAS, our dress code promotes **respect for self, others, and our shared learning environment**.

Students are strongly encouraged to wear school uniforms **Monday-Thursday**, consisting of a forest green shirt/blouse or LAS logo shirt with appropriate pants, jeans, shorts, or skirts. **Fridays are free-dress days.**

All clothing should be appropriate for school, provide adequate coverage, and not create a distraction or safety concern. Shoes must be worn at all times (no flip-flops), and hats, hoods, and other head coverings should be removed indoors unless worn for medical or religious reasons. Students in **grades 5–8 are also expected to wear PE uniforms during Physical Education classes.**

Thank you for helping our Jaguars come to school ready to learn!



Electronic Devices

🚫 To help maintain a focused learning environment, **student electronic devices (including cell phones and smart watches) are not to be used while students are on campus.** This includes during the school day and after school programs. Unauthorized use may result in the device being confiscated and requiring **parent/guardian pick-up.**



Food Allergies

🥜 LAS has students with **severe, potentially life-threatening peanut and tree nut allergies.** We ask families to help keep our school community safe by avoiding foods containing peanuts or tree nuts when sending snacks to school. **This includes Nutella and other hazelnut-containing products,** as hazelnuts are tree nuts.

For class celebrations, families are encouraged to consider **fresh fruits and vegetables.** If your child eats peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella, or other nut-containing foods before school, please have them **wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water** before arriving.

Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe!



LABOR DAY

No School

LAS will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** for the Labor Day holiday



Drop off / Pick up

Keeping our students safe during arrival and dismissal takes everyone's cooperation! Please **remain patient, follow staff directions, keep traffic moving toward the designated crosswalk area, and stay alert and off your phone** while in the traffic lanes. Students should have their belongings ready so they can enter or exit vehicles promptly.

Please remember: **Do not use the staff parking lot for pick-up or drop-off, block crosswalks or red curbs, double-park, make U-turns in front of the school, or park in the UC Davis parking lot (you will be fined!).**

Allow extra time, especially during the first days of school and rainy weather, and help us keep arrival and dismissal safe and smooth for everyone.



Visitors

Upon dropping off your children at school, if you plan to stay on campus beyond the first 15 minutes of your child's school day, we ask that you check in to the office and obtain a visitors badge.

On **Wednesday, September 23rd at 9am and 5pm**, LAS Administration will hold a **School Volunteer/Chaperone Orientation Meeting**. During this meeting, a detailed process for volunteering and chaperoning at LAS will be shared.

About us



Mission

The LAS mission is to create a learning environment where students: Utilize bilingualism and biliteracy (Spanish and English) to achieve academic excellence and apply skills in real-world situations and diverse settings. (BILITERACY) Develop and exhibit positive self esteem, pride, confidence, and respect for themselves and others. (CONFIDENCE AND LIFE SKILLS) Demonstrate leadership skills in order to build bridges between communities and apply critical thinking skills to solve problems, promote social justice, and create change in society. (LEADERSHIP AND CRITICAL THINKING)

Vision

Our vision is to provide an exceptional Spanish-English bilingual education for all students.

Website

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