

Conejo Valley Unified School District

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

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www.conejousd.org

SCHOOL CHOICE Information and Planning for the 2016/2017 School Year

Conejo Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) has many educational options to offer the community from preschool through adult education. Most children in kindergarten through grade 12 attend their assigned “neighborhood” school based on their address of residence. If you are interested in investigating alternative placement, you may learn more about our schools and programs by visiting the CVUSD website at www.conejousd.org, which includes links to all of our schools’ websites.

HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

Students currently attending 8th grade at CVUSD middle schools will automatically be transferred to their neighborhood high school for 9th grade based on their address of residence.

A SCHOOL CHOICE Application 2016/2017 should be submitted only for:

- students currently attending 8th grade who wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood high school for 9th grade, or
- students currently attending 9th, 10th, or 11th grade who wish to transfer to a different high school.

Century Academy

Century Academy is an online, blended learning high school that offers UC A-G approved courses, is NCAA approved and offers up to 19 Honors/Advanced Placement courses. While online learning is a significant component at Century Academy, it also has a blended learning environment where teachers teach in a traditional classroom style to support students. It offers a flexible schedule to meet the needs of students seeking flexibility in their school schedules.

Parents and new students may attend high school information meetings scheduled as follows:

Century Academy:	Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Century Academy Room N 1025 Old Farm Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 Tel: 805-496-0286 www.conejousd.org/centuryacademy Contact Century to apply directly (a School Choice Application is not required for Century Academy)
Newbury Park High:	Thursday, February 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m., NPHS Performing Arts Center 456 N. Reino Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320 http://www.nphs.org/
Thousand Oaks High:	Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 6:00 p.m., TOHS Gymnasium 2323 N. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 www.conejousd.org/tohs
Westlake High:	Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 5:30 p.m., WHS Gymnasium 100 N. Lakeview Canyon Road, Westlake Village, CA 91362 www.conejousd.org/whs

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

Students currently attending CVUSD K-5 elementary schools will automatically be transferred to their neighborhood middle school for sixth grade, based on their address of residence.

A SCHOOL CHOICE Application 2016/2017 should be submitted only for:

- students currently attending a K-5 elementary school who wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood middle school for 6th grade, or
- students currently attending the 5th grade at Sycamore Canyon School who wish to attend a different school for 6th grade, or
- students currently attending a middle school who wish to attend a different middle school, or
- students requesting to transfer into or out of DISCOVER Academy.

DISCOVER Academy (Grades 6-8) at Sequoia Middle School – Apply through School Choice

DISCOVER Academy is a school within a school that offers the advantages of both traditional and small learning communities. Using engineering and applied sciences as interdisciplinary themes, the academy stresses hands-on, innovative, and inquiry-based instruction to encourage a lifelong love of learning in students.

Parents and new students are encouraged to attend a “New Parent Information Night” scheduled as follows:

- Colina:** **Thursday, January 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Gymnasium**
1500 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
www.conejousd.org/colina
- DISCOVER Academy:** **Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium**
2855 Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320
www.sequoiamiddle.org (DISCOVER information is located under Academic Programs)
- Los Cerritos:** **Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Auditorium**
2100 E. Ave de Las Flores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
www.conejousd.org/loscerritos
- Redwood:** **Thursday, January 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Gymnasium**
233 W. Gainsborough Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
www.conejousd.org/redwood
- Sequoia:** **Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Gymnasium**
2855 Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320
www.sequoiamiddle.org
- Sycamore Canyon (K-8):** **Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Gymnasium**
4601 Via Rio, Newbury Park, CA 91320
www.sycamorecanyonschool.org

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students currently attending CVUSD K-5 elementary schools will automatically be re-enrolled in their current school, regardless of their address, as long as they live within the CVUSD boundaries.

A SCHOOL CHOICE Application 2016/2017 should be submitted *only* for:

- students currently attending a K-5 elementary school who wish to attend a school other than their current school, or
- students currently attending a K-5 elementary school who wish to return to their neighborhood school (based on address of residence), or
- **incoming students who wish to attend school with their sibling(s) that are attending a school not in their neighborhood (based on their address of residence), or**
- students requesting to transfer into or out of Earths Magnet School and/or Open Classroom Leadership Magnet, or
- students that wish to attend Transitional Kindergarten (birth date between 7/1/2011 and 12/2/2011)

Transitional Kindergarten Program – Apply through School Choice

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a developmental, hands-on instructional program. TK will be available at Acacia, Aspen, Cypress, Glenwood, Madrona, Weathersfield, Walnut, Westlake and Westlake Hills (subject to change based on enrollment). The district may admit into the TK program a child whose fifth birthday is 7/1/2011 through 12/2/2011. TK hours will be the same as Kindergarten. Apply by submitting a School Choice Application (see page 3). Before and after school child care may be applied for through CVUSD Child Care. A Transitional Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, January 28, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**, in the **Acacia Elementary School Multipurpose Room**, 55 W. Norman Ave, Thousand Oaks. Information is available on our website: www.conejousd.org.

Open Classroom Leadership Magnet (Grades K-5) – Apply through School Choice

The Open Classroom Leadership Magnet program consists of five multi-grade classes and involves families in the academic and social-emotional development of their child. This whole child approach teaches that each child has unique gifts and innate strengths that, when nurtured, brings forth a child's true leadership potential. The program is held at the Conejo Elementary School site. A parent information meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**, in the **Conejo Elementary School Multipurpose Room**, 280 Conejo School Road, Thousand Oaks. Visit the website: www.oclm.net.

EARTHS Magnet (Grades K-5) – Apply through School Choice

The Environmental Academy for Research Technology of Earth Sciences (EARTHS) is designed to help students acquire the tools of inquiry and expression by delving deeply into subjects with a cross-curricular approach.

EARTHS uses earth sciences and technology as unifying themes for exploration. For information regarding tours, visit the EARTHS website at www.conejousd.org/earths.

KINDERGARTEN ELIGIBILITY

New kindergarten eligibility dates have been established in California. In order to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2016/2017 school year, a **child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016**. If your child is born 7/1/2011 through 9/1/2011, your child is eligible for Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten (see page 2 for information).

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1st FOR GRADES K-12

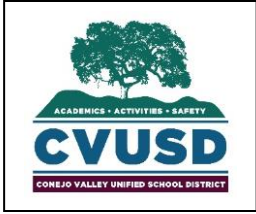
If you reside in CVUSD and your child will be a new CVUSD student beginning in the 2016/2017 school year, please register at your neighborhood school **during the week of February 1, 2016**. You will need the following to complete registration: an original birth certificate, immunization records, and two current utility bills that show your service address and mailing address on each bill. If you apply for School Choice to another school and the application is approved, the registration documents will be forwarded to the approved school.

SCHOOL CHOICE

Parents of children who reside in CVUSD who want their child to attend a CVUSD school other than their neighborhood school in the 2016/2017 school year (for any of the reasons listed above) may apply for "School Choice" beginning Monday, February 1, 2016. For the 2016/2017 school year, the timeline is as follows:

- **Between 2/1/2016 and 3/1/2016 (5:00 p.m.), submit the School Choice Application 2016/2017**
 - **The application will be available beginning February 1st** at all school sites, the District Office and on the District website: www.conejousd.org
 - In order to be included in the lottery, the application must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 1st
 - Applications received in the Instructional Services Department by the March 1st (5:00 p.m.) deadline will be entered into a lottery if the number of applicants exceeds school choice capacity
 - Submit the application to: Conejo Valley Unified School District
Instructional Services Office
1400 E. Janss Road (rear building)
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
-- or --
Fax to 805-379-5756
 - By March 31, 2016, a letter will be mailed to on-time applicants for middle & high school stating if the application is approved – OR – identifying the wait list number assigned to the applicant.
 - By April 29, 2016, a letter will be mailed to on-time applicants for elementary school stating if the application is approved – OR – identifying the wait list number assigned to the applicant.
 - Late* applications may be submitted:
 - By August 12, 2016 for elementary and middle schools (except as noted below)
 - By the 7th day of school for high school 1st semester
 - Between 12/1/2016 and 1/6/2017 for high school **second semester** transfer for 9th, 10th and 11th grade students only who have not already submitted a School Choice Application 2016/2017
 - By January 31, 2017 for Open Classroom Leadership Magnet
 - By May 15, 2017 for Transitional Kindergarten
- *Applications received after the March 1, 2016, 5:00p.m. lottery deadline are considered late and will be placed at the bottom of the wait list in the order received. NO PRIORITY will be given for late applications. The chance of approval is less likely for late applications.**
- As of September 30, 2016, 5:00 p.m., the wait list for the 2016/2017 school year K-12 will be cancelled and no school choice transfers will be processed thereafter (except as noted above).

For the School Choice Application and/or additional information visit the CVUSD website at www.conejousd.org



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