



# *Students On Academic Rise*



# SOAR Program Leadership

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# SOAR/Summer Bridge/Health

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## AVID 3-2-1 Strategy

*With a partner, please discuss the following:*

- **3 things you discovered** about the SOAR program, SOAR Summer Bridge, or Health
- **2 interesting things** your student shared with you about the SOAR program, SOAR Summer Bridge, or Health
- **1 question** you still have about the SOAR program, SOAR Summer Bridge, or Health

# SOAR Mission

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## Mission

Students On the Academic Rise (SOAR) High School provides a supportive, flexible and academically enriched environment with an emphasis in mathematics, science and engineering for underrepresented students who may be high potential but low performing in the traditional educational system. SOAR High School is designed to promote academic achievement, social maturity, and enhanced economic opportunities through the completion of high school and success in college. SOAR High School embraces the Core Principles of the Early College High School (ECHS) Initiative, including improving the graduation rates by creating a flexible high school year, by compressing the number of years to complete a college degree, and removing financial and other barriers to college.

# SOAR Vision

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## Vision

*SOAR Stars are life-long learners and self-advocates who solve the most pressing challenges through an unwavering pursuit of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration, becoming engaged and productive leaders in their communities.*

# SOAR Values

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## Be a STAR!

*Be a SELF ADVOCATE*

*Be TEACHABLE*

*Be ACCOUNTABLE*

*Be RESPECTFUL*

*Dream high  
and SOAR  
higher!*

# Safety on Campus

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- #1 priority
- Los Angeles Sheriff Department on AVC campus  
24 hours a day/365 days a year
- Procedures/protocols/practice
- Notifications – AVUHSD App and RAVE for AVC Notifications



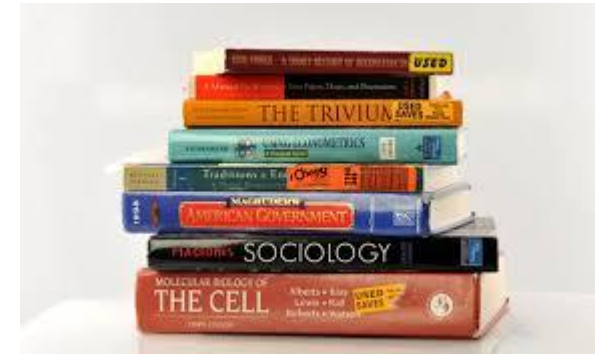
# Expectations

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- Behavioral Expectations (online/planner)
- Attendance
- Fees (\$20/term due by 11:30pm on the same day of registration)
- Textbooks



BEHAVIORAL  
EXPECTATIONS



# Expectations

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## Drop-off & Pick-up

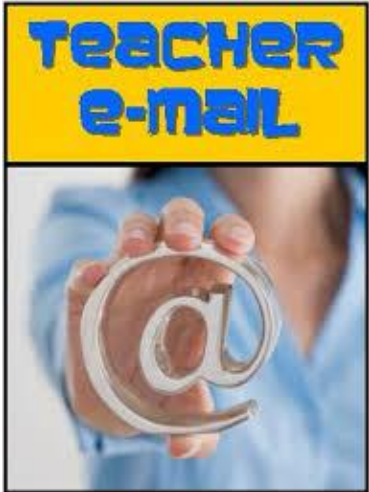
(no loading, unloading, or parking at stop signs or in the fire lanes -- loading zones are for quick loading and unloading, not parking/waiting for students)



# Expectations

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- Student Wellness (healthy choices, sleep, exercise, emotional support, family planning, communication, etc.)
- Unscheduled time on campus
- Peer Groups/Clubs/Activities
- SOAR Ambassadors
- Communication with SOAR



# Title I Program

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Mrs. Amy Norman  
Title I Coordinator/Teacher

## Mission Statement

Title I is federally-funded financial assistance for schools with high percentages of low-income families to help ensure that all students meet challenging state academic standards.



Ms. Katy Nelsen  
AVID Coordinator/Teacher

## Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program

- College tutoring
- Academic skills
- Support (AVID elective class/School Counseling)
- Identifying and addressing barriers to success

# SOAR Statistics (2018-19)

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84% - Students with all grades a C or better (Sem. 2)

100% - Completion of A-G requirements (2019 Grads)

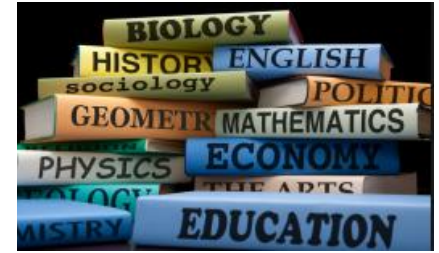
99% - Students pursuing post-secondary education or military training (2019 Grads)

59% - AVC Associates Degree (2019 Grads)

\$2,576,820 – in FREE Financial Aid Scholarships (2019 Grads)

# Classes – High School

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## (Required)

- English 9 Honors
- Conceptual Physics
- Math
- AVID 1

## Optional (Limited)

- Leadership (application required)
- Yearbook/Journalism

# Classes – College

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- 1 Academic Course (LIB 101, CA 103, HD 101)
- 1 PE Course (KINF, DA)
- **NO** Evening, Online Courses, or Intersession



# Classes – Summer 2020

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**Summer School PE (July 2020)**

**Summer Term AVC Courses (Optional)**

- **3.0 Cumulative GPA required (college and HS)**



# Foundational Skills and Habits

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## Time Management

- Planner Use
- 24 Hour Homework Completion Time
- Using Breaks Effectively



# Foundational Skills and Habits

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## Adaptability

- Unusual Schedule
- College Expectations
- More independence/responsibility





# Foundational Skills and Habits

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## Prioritizing Learning over Grades

- Mistakes and failures are an important part of the learning process
- UC/CSU A-G courses
  - Required courses that students must take in order to go directly to a UC or CSU after 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - C's or better are required in all A-G courses ALL GRADE LEVELS

# High School Support

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Teachers – Please Contact Directly

- Email
- Call (leave message)
- Tutoring hours (posted or by appointment)
- Schedule a Conference
- Next Steps – Counselor, then Administration



# Additional AVC Support

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

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- Academic Supports

- Learning Center
  - Workshops
  - General tutoring
  - Focused academic support
- Math Support – ME 100
- Library
  - Study rooms
  - Group Study
- IMC

- Student Lounge

- Study Jam
- AVC Events

- Basic Needs

- Marauder Market (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Tues.)
- Hearts & Hands
- Homeless Services
- Housing
- School Supplies

- AVTA Campus Connect

- Tap Card
- Route 8 (from Palmdale AVC Center direct to AVC Lancaster)

- myAVC

# Peer Support

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## SOAR Ambassadors

- High School Student (assigned)
- Mentor/Mentee Activities
- Should contact students in person regularly
- A valuable connection and resource



# Program Support

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School Counseling (College/Career/Social Emotional)

- Rika Moya: Head Counselor
- Tracey Chainey: Pupil Services Technician
- Audrey Moore: AVC Counselor

Naviance/Family Connections – online service



# Administration Support

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- **Dr. Stephanie Herrera (SOAR)**
- **Dr. Jill Zimmerman (AVC)**
- **Dr. Les Uhazy (AVC)**

# General Program Support

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## SOAR Office Support

- **Janet Andrews:** Principal's Secretary  
First line of support in front office: Attendance, application intake, and everything in between
- **Jaylene Schaeffer:** Registrar/Site Data Tech  
PowerSchool, PowerSchool Registration, AV District App, and Transcripts



# School Social Events

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## Dances

- Homecoming (Casual Dance in Fall)
- Winter Ball (Semi-formal Dance in Winter)
- Spring Dance (Casual Dance in February)
- Prom (Formal Dance in Spring)





# School Social Events

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Other school-sponsored activities



- Late Night Tutorial (ASB Hosted)
- Class and Club events/fundraisers/activities
- Watch for the weekly bulletin ([soarhs.org](http://soarhs.org)) and SOAR Streaming on Youtube (SOAR High School)
- AVC events – see information from AVC (online/posted)

# The Goal: Successful Transition to SOAR

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- Communication
- Parent Workshops
- One bite at a time!



# How can parents be involved?

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## Level 1

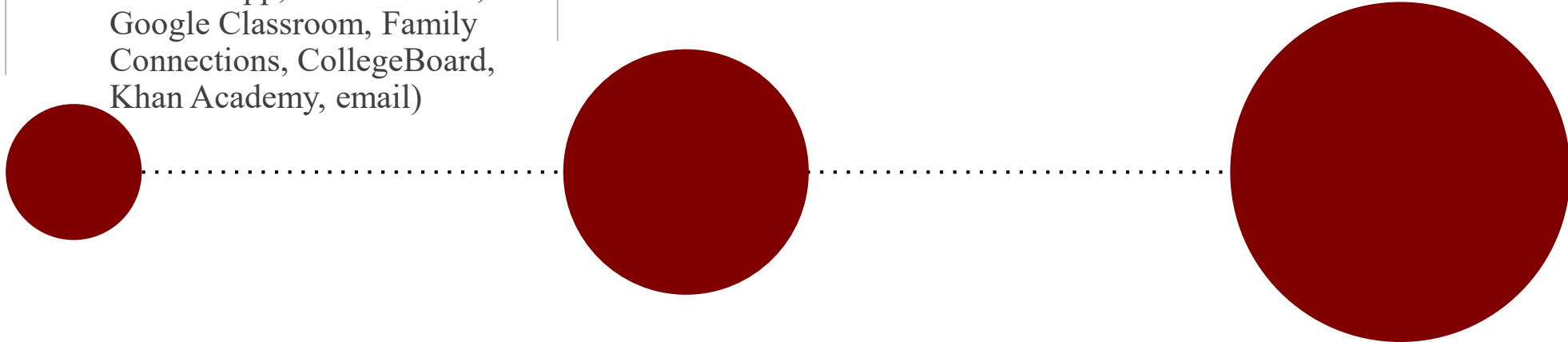
At home engage in thought-provoking conversations, use resources (AV High School District App, PowerSchool, Google Classroom, Family Connections, CollegeBoard, Khan Academy, email)

## Level 2

Attend family BBQ, parent information nights, Parent University/workshops, school events, support fundraisers

## Level 3

School volunteer, School Site Council member/attendee



# The Iceberg Illusion

Success  
is an  
iceberg

SUCCESS!

WHAT PEOPLE  
SEE

Persistence



Failure



Sacrifice



Disappointment



WHAT PEOPLE  
DON'T SEE

Dedication



Hard work



Discipline



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# Resources/Important Links

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**SOAR** – [soarhs.org](http://soarhs.org)

**SOAR Counseling Page** (visit the SOAR website under Academics, then counseling)

**AVC** - [avc.edu](http://avc.edu)

**PowerSchool** - <https://powerschool.avhsd.org/public/>

**District App** – Download ‘AV High School District’ App (follow SOAR)

**Twitter** - @SOARHighSchool

**Instagram** - #soarhighschool\_ca

**YouTube** – SOAR Highschool

**Lunch App** – [avfood.org](http://avfood.org)

**Cafeteria Account** - [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)

**Family Connection** - <http://connection.naviance.com/soarsar>

**CollegeBoard** - [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

**Khan Academy** - [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org)

**RAVE** - AVC Emergency Alerts (visit the AVC homepage and scroll to the bottom)

**Things You Need to Know** (located on the SOAR website under Academics, then Student Resources)

**SOAR Student Handbook** (located on the SOAR website under Students, then Student Handbook)

# Save the Date!

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- SOAR Starts (8/12)
- AVC Starts (8/19)
- Back to School Night & Family BBQ (8/15 at SOAR starting 5:00pm)

# Closing

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- Volunteer/Support/Donation Opportunities
- Review high school schedule on PowerSchool; students must pick up a copy of their high school schedule prior to the start of their first class
- Looking forward to a great school year!
- Please make sure to reach out for help – you’re not in this alone!

*Have a wonderful evening...see you back on August 12<sup>th</sup>  
for the first day of school and  
August 15<sup>th</sup> for the SOAR Family BBQ!!*

# Important Parent Survey

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Please go to

<https://tinyurl.com/ParentWorkshops19-20>

to submit feedback so that we may better serve you with relevant parent workshops.

THANK YOU!