



LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Superintendent
Dr. Andrew Pulver

Board of Education:
Meg Cutuli, Marlys Davidson, Dave Boyer, Karen Russell, Diana Hill

Meet The Los Alamitos Unified Team

Los Al District Personnel

Assistant Superintendent, Education Resources – Ondrea Reed

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources – Joe Fraser, Ed.D.

Director, Special Education – Grace Delk

Director, Safety & Personnel Services– Jerry Friedman, Ed.D.



Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- Welcome families to their secondary school journey in Los Alamitos USD
- Share District highlights and philosophy
- Middle school registration process
- Overview of middle school program
- Introduction to special education
- Answer questions





The Los Al *Way!*

- We Believe in **Unlimited Possibilities!**
- We're passionate about teaching and learning.
- We believe all students can learn and succeed.
- We have a sense of **URGENCY.**
- We have a spirit of excellence.
- We bring joy to our work.
- We are *All in All the Time!*
- We are **DREAM MAKERS!**

Igniting Unlimited Possibilities!



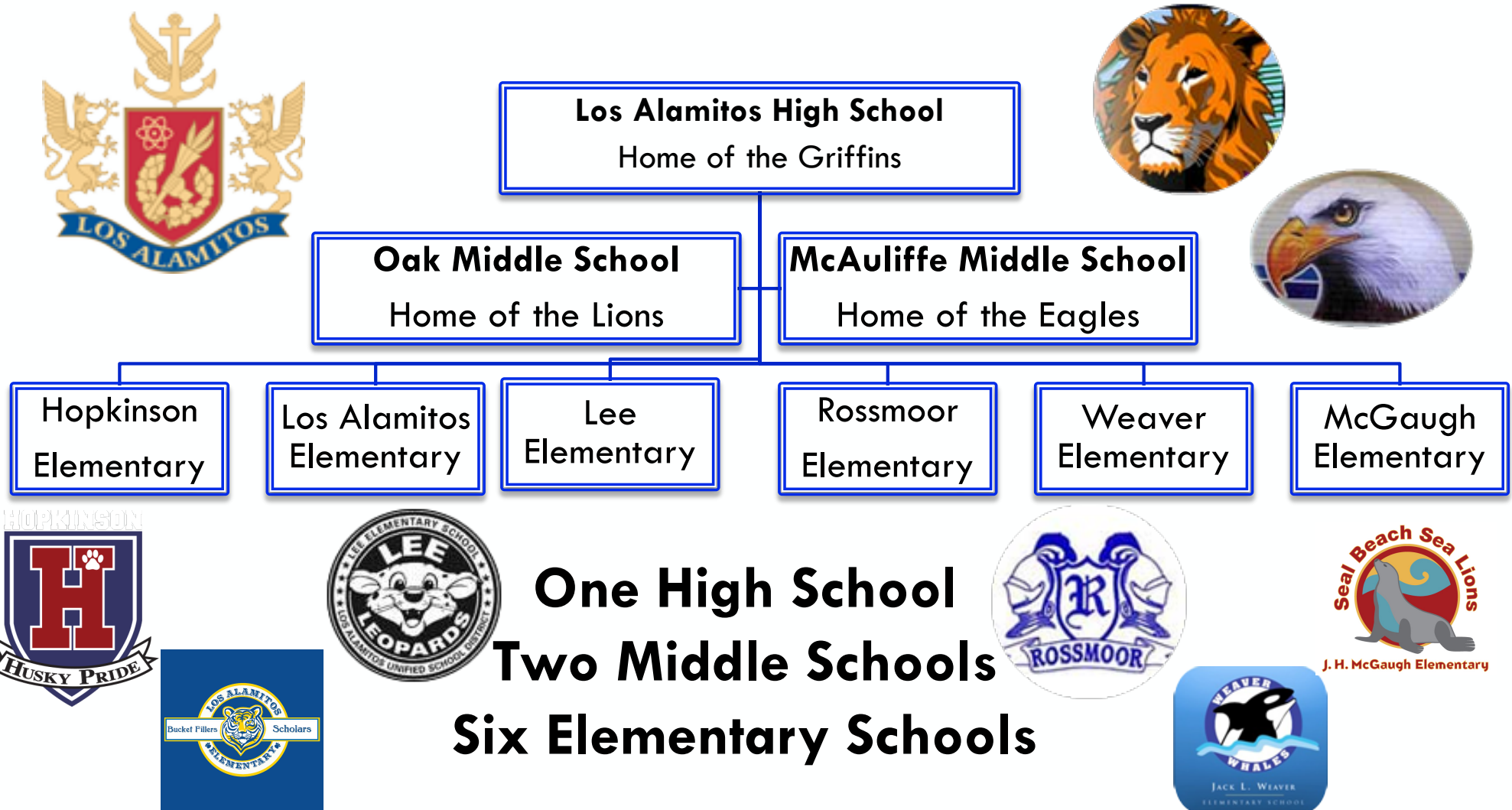
Los Alamitos Unified At a Glance

- ❑ All Schools are California Distinguished Schools
- ❑ State testing results among highest in California:
 - #1 in Orange County in ELA and #2 in Mathematics
- ❑ 92% Post-Secondary Enrollment Rate
- ❑ Highest Level of CSU/UC A-G Completion Rate in District History (76%)
- ❑ One of Only Four Districts in the U.S. Named to College Board Honor Roll Seven Years in a Row
- ❑ 17 Career Technical Education Courses at LAHS
- ❑ Thriving Athletics, Activities and Arts programs



Who is Los Alamitos Unified?

PK-12 Unified School District



What Do You Want for Your Student's Middle School Years?



We want the same thing
for your child.
*Welcome Class of 2027 to the
beginning of your secondary
school journey!*



Meet The Middle School Team

McAuliffe Middle School



Ryan Weiss-Wright, Ed.D.
Principal



Cara Vienna
Assistant Principal

Oak Middle School



Erin Kominsky
Principal



Allen Mendrin
Assistant Principal

Enrolling in Middle School



All District residents are automatically enrolled in their home middle school. All residents should have received a letter welcoming them to their home middle school in December.

School of Residence

Home address determines school placement

Families interested in attending a middle school other than their home school need to complete an Intradistrict Transfer Request and return it to the District Office by **February 14, 2020.**

SCHOOL LOCATOR

Home address determines school placement.



Click here to locate
your school of
residence.



SITE SHORTCUTS

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www.losal.org

Enter your home address.

Los Alamitos Unified School District

Enter Your Address Here

Select Language ▼

To Get Started:

- Enter your address above.
- Or Use the button ↗ to click on the map to tell us where you are.
- Or click 📍 on the map to use your current location.

Explore the map:

- Click and drag to pan around.
- Double Click to zoom in.
- Click on a school view phone number, webpage, and directions.

Top Left side Controls:

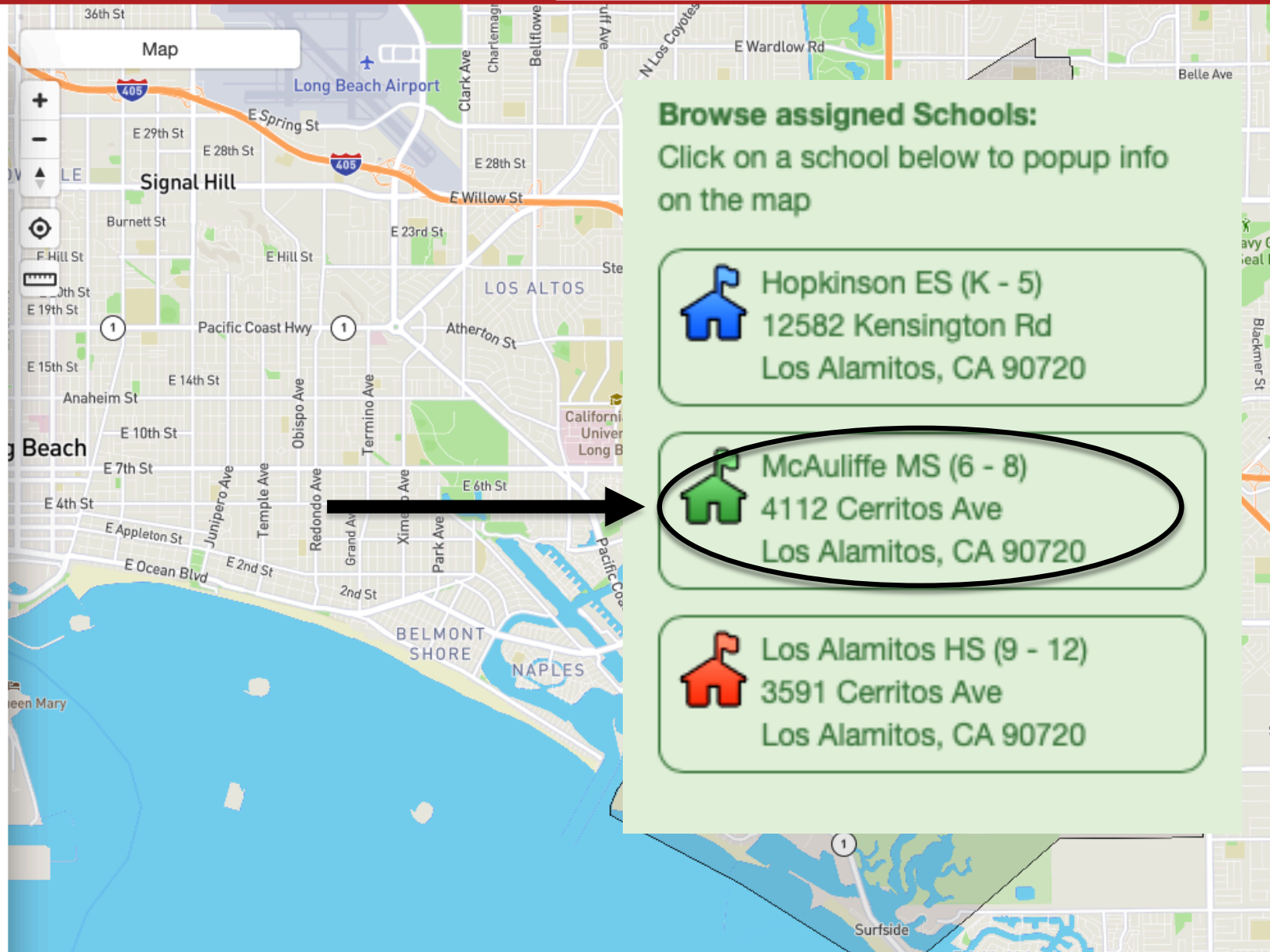
- Change background using Map menu (Satellite, terrain, street, etc.).
- Zoom controls in (+) and out (-). (Alternatively: use scroll wheel)
- Use 📍 to Use Your Current Location
- Measure distance
- Select a language preference

Top Right side Controls:

- Open the Map in Full Screen
- Select a Layer

Legend:

🏠 Elementary 🏡 Middle 🏠 High





LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

District API 922 - Igniting Unlimited Possibilities for Students!

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Los Al has a long-standing legacy of excellence in Academics, Athletics, Activities, and the Arts. All District schools have been honored as California Distinguished Schools and Gold Ribbon Schools. With a District API of 922, highly-talented teachers and staff ensure that students achieve unlimited possibilities following high standards. We are honored to be part of the District Community.

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- > Food Services
- > Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) - Donate Today!
- > Job Opportunities
- > School News Publications
- > **NEW - Bus Application and Routes**
- > District Attendance Boundaries



Consider Taking
the bus to
Middle School...



ENROLLMENT TIMELINE

DECEMBER – Families received "Welcome Letter" from their home middle school.

FEBRUARY – Intradistrict transfer request forms due February 14th.

MARCH/APRIL – Middle school counselors visit elementary school campuses to facilitate welcome presentations with fifth grade students. Students will come home with a registration card to indicate preference in their elective choice for sixth grade.

MAY – Middle school hosts school socials on campus to allow sixth grade students to meet and greet staff and tour the campus. All enrolled students will be invited and will receive an email reminder.



REGISTRATION TIMELINE



Middle School Socials

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th

3:30pm – 4:30pm

*On campus at McAuliffe & Oak
for enrolled students.*



JUNE/JULY – Families receive an email from their middle school providing them with information to log into AERIES and complete the registration process.

JULY/AUGUST – Middle schools host WEB days for incoming sixth-grade students. *(Middle schools will share out dates/times with families.)*



Award Winning Middle Schools

National Blue Ribbon, California Distinguished and Gold Ribbon Schools

Offer the same rigorous instructional program
and robust elective options for all students.



McAuliffe Middle School

4112 Cerritos Avenue, Los Alamitos

Ryan Weiss-Wright, Ed.D., Principal

Cara Vienna, Assistant Principal

Shelby Olmstead, Guidance Counselor

Anne-Marie Bergeron, Psychologist



Oak Middle School

10821 Oak Street, Los Alamitos

Erin Kominsky, Principal

Allen Mendrin, Assistant Principal

Adrienne Reynolds, Guidance Counselor

Jerilynn Kuhar, Psychologist



Los AI Middle School Program

- ❑ Continue to foster a love of school & learning
- ❑ Promote behaviors of learner
- ❑ Guide social emotional health
- ❑ Focus on academics
- ❑ Find a passion
- ❑ Build confidence
- ❑ Foster new friendships
- ❑ Partner with parents

Capable, Confident, Cared About



Middle School Student Day



8:40AM – 3:00PM: 7 Periods of Instruction

8:40AM – 9:25AM Period 1

9:30AM – 10:20AM Period 2

10:25AM – 11:10AM Period 3

11:15AM – 12:00PM Period 4

12:00PM – 12:30PM LUNCH

12:35PM – 1:20PM Period 5

1:25PM – 2:10PM Period 6

2:15PM – 3:00PM Period 7

- 5-MINUTE PASSING PERIODS
 - NO RECESS
 - 30-MINUTE LUNCH
 - 6TH GRADE ONLY
 - ACCESS TO CAFETERIA
- WEDNESDAY EARLY RELEASE

Middle School Campus Life

In Middle School Your Student Will:

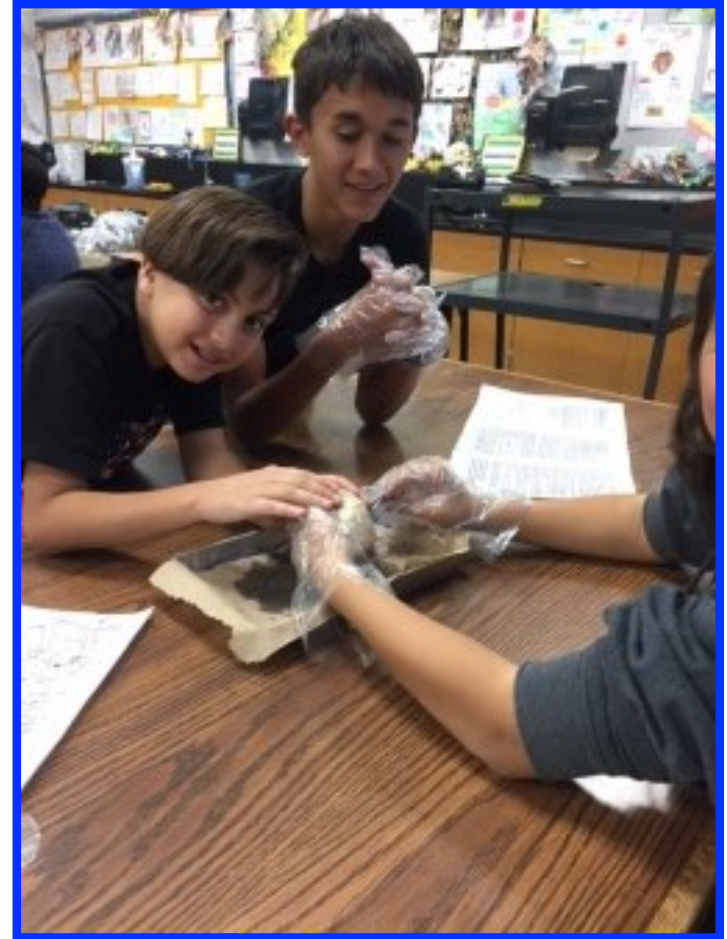
- Meet new friends and learn how to solve problems independently
- Have multiple teachers and learn to organize themselves to meet the demands of a 7-period school day
- Have access to a school locker to organize and store their belongings
- Read novels and be exposed to high-level thinking and discussion
- Begin on the pathway to high-level mathematics
- Have lunch as a separate 6th grade class
- Get to experience different electives
- Continue to develop their study and organizational skills
- Continue to work independently as well as in small and large groups
- Participate in on-campus clubs and activities
- Be challenged at their ability level



Middle School Instruction

Continued Focus on District Signature Practices

- ❑ Depth & Complexity
- ❑ Great Books: Shared Inquiry
- ❑ Socratic Seminar
- ❑ Novel Analysis
- ❑ College-Bound Mathematics Pathways
- ❑ Inquiry-Based Science/NGSS
- ❑ Digital Collaboration



*All teachers are trained in the District's Signature Practices
and receive ongoing professional development.*

Bring Your Own Device & Cell Phones at Middle School



Los Alamitos Unified School District
Middle School BYOD Program
6th Grade Class of 2018-2019

Oak & McAuliffe
6th Grade
BYOD

**BRING YOUR
OWN
DEVICE**

Middle school and 21st Century learning collides for incoming sixth grade students at both Oak and McAuliffe Middle Schools. Students are encouraged to bring their own device to school - chromebook, laptop, macbook... Any device that allows students to access the web via the school site wifi and access Google Classroom. To see BYOD Minimum Requirements, device recommendations or purchasing options log onto:

www.losal.org/byod

Recommendation: Chromebook
Minimum 11" Screen, 4GB RAM, Wireless Adapter 802.11AC



Sample 6th Grade Schedule

7-Period Day

McAuliffe Middle School: (8:45am – 3:10pm) & Wednesday (8:45am – 2:05pm)

Oak Middle School: (8:40am – 3:00pm) & Wednesday (8:40 – 2:00pm)

ZERO PERIOD 7:50am-8:35am or 7:55am-8:40am

Period 1: Reading

Period 2: Language Arts

Period 3: Social Science

Period 4: Math

Period 5: Elective

Period 6: Science

Period 7: Physical Education

2-Period Core





6th Grade Electives

- ❑ **Exploratory Wheel:** Visual Art, Drama, Music, Engineering/Robotics/STEM, etc. *(9-week rotations change year-to-year. Gives students exposure to multiple courses)*
- ❑ **Choir:** (Year-Long Elective) Beginning choir for both boys and girls
- ❑ **Instrumental Music:** (Year-Long Elective) Band, Orchestra and Jazz Band (Auditions for advanced sections in Spring of 2020)
- ❑ **STEM I:** (Year-Long Elective) An introduction to coding, engineering and robotics. (This class isn't a pre-requisite for STEM II/III)

6th Grade Only: *Option for an 8-period day for students who want to take the wheel and a music elective.*



Physical Education

- ❑ 6th/7th Grade Students in Same Period
- ❑ Focus on the CA State Standards for Physical Education
- ❑ *Students are required to “dress out” for class each day*
 - ▣ *PE uniforms can be purchased on Registration Day (Late July)*
- ❑ *Students receive a separate PE Locker*
 - ▣ *PE Lockers & Locks are given out to students during the first week of school*

Course Placement

READING & LANGUAGE ARTS



OFFER TWO PATHWAYS FOR ENGLISH INSTRUCTION

COLLEGE PREP

HONORS

Placement rubric completed for every fifth-grade student, which takes into consideration:

- Trimester grades in Reading & Writing
- Standardized testing scores (CAASPP)
- Current independent reading level
- Ability to write a clear, cohesive paragraph
- Ability to analyze text
- Student work habits
- Student organizational skills

Course Placement

MATHEMATICS



OFFER TWO PATHWAYS FOR MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION

COLLEGE PREP: MATH 6

COLLEGE PREP: MATH 6/7

Both courses use the same Grade 6 Mathematics textbook.

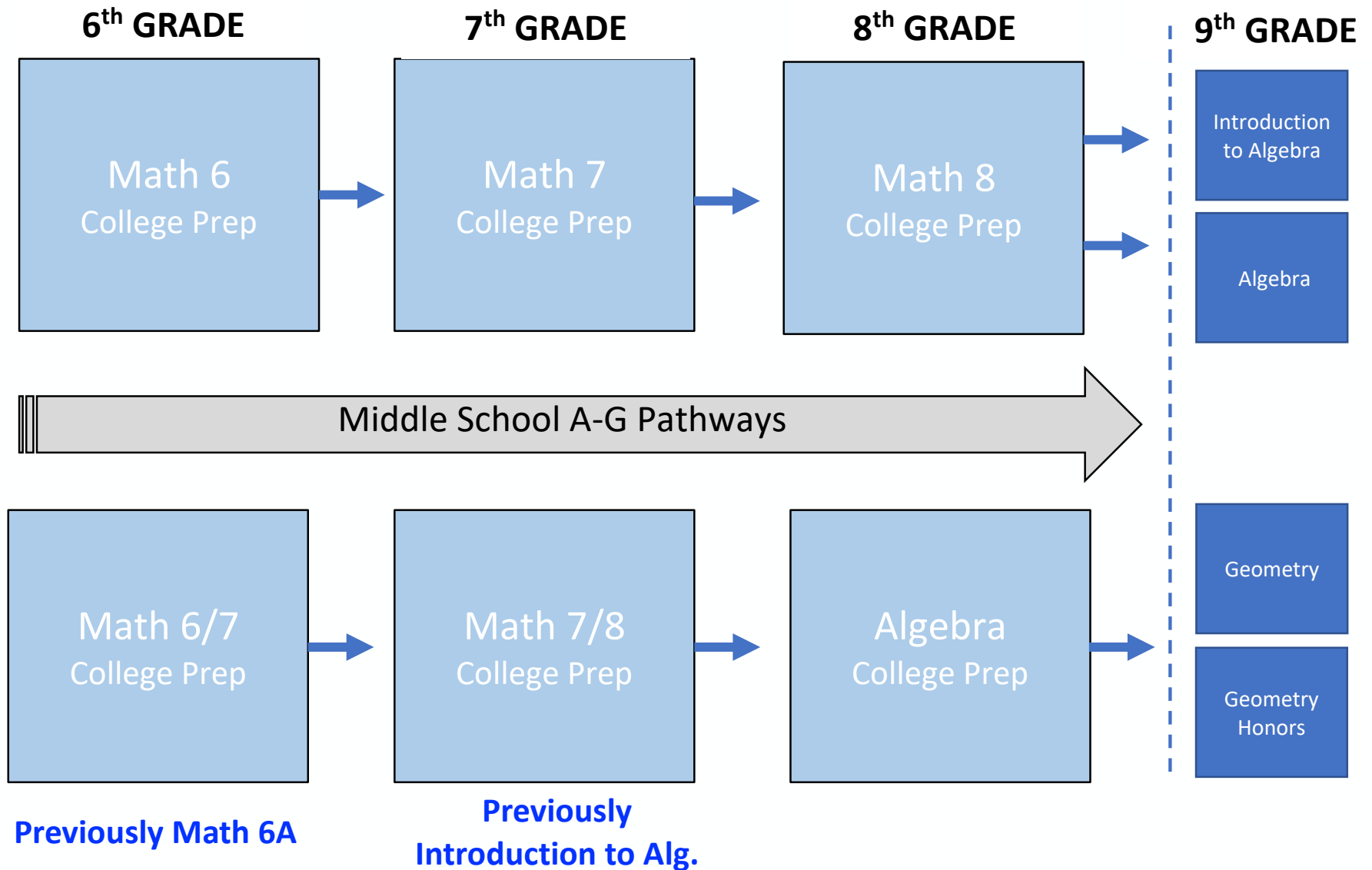
Math 6 – Covers 10 chapters of instruction

Math 6/7 – Covers 15 chapters of instruction

Placement based on:

- Trimester grades
- Standardized testing scores (CAASPP)
- Math Diagnostics Testing Project (MDTP) 6th Grade Readiness Score

Middle School Mathematics College Bound Pathways



Elementary: 70-90 min/day = 12,600 -16,200 min/year

Middle School: 45 min/day = 8,100 min/year

High School: 55 min/day = 9,900 min/year



Self-Efficacy = The belief in one's capabilities to achieve a goal or outcome.

MOTIVATION

The desire or willingness to do something

LEARNING

The acquisition of knowledge or skills

SELF-REGULATION

The ability to attend, control emotions and manage thinking, behavior and feelings

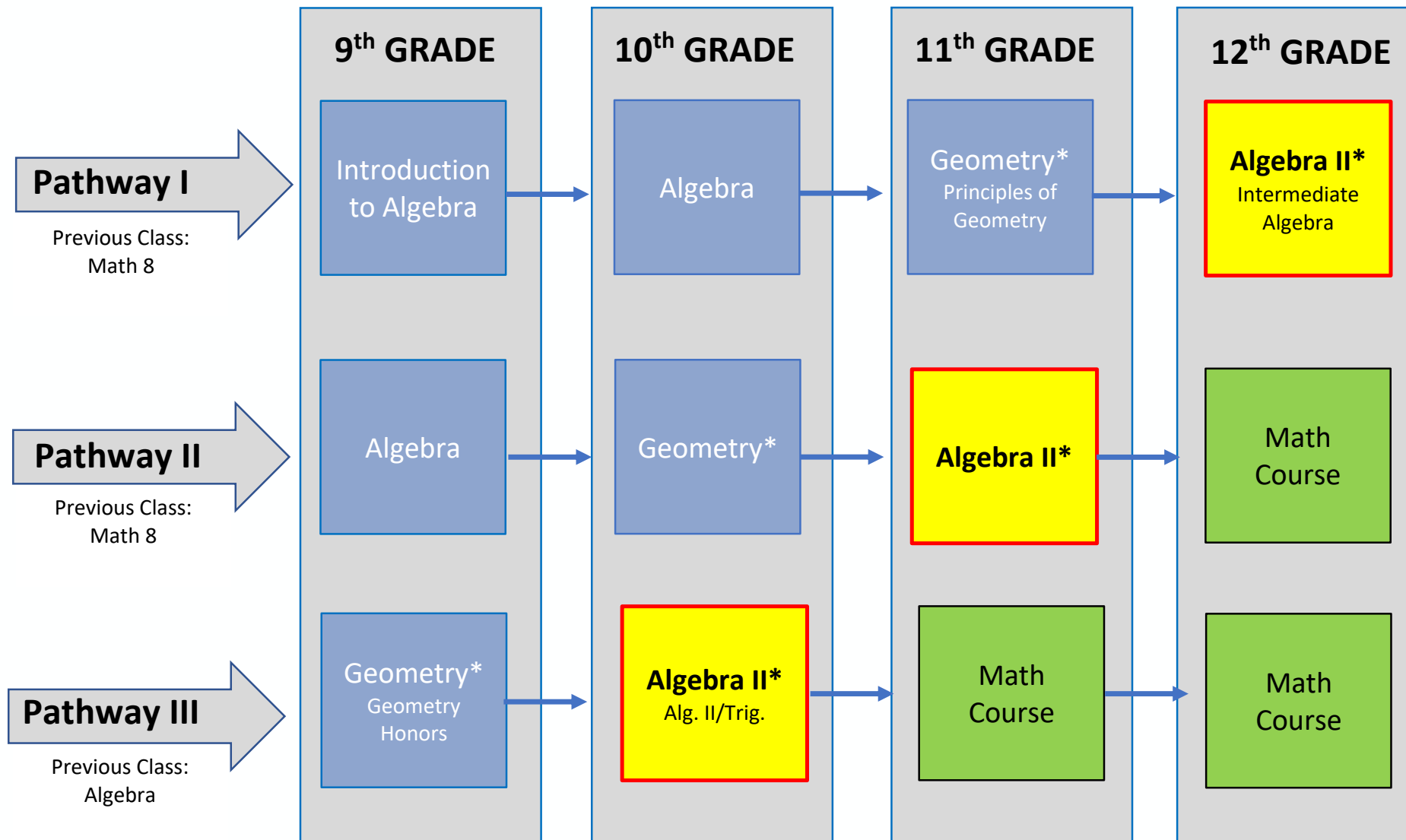
ACHIEVEMENT

Completing something successfully, typically by effort, courage, or skill

*Single Greatest
Predictor*

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High School Mathematics A-G Pathways



Algebra II

= Meets A-G
College Entrance

* Equivalent Courses

Math Course

= See Back for Math
Progression Option

Academic Intervention & Support

STUDENTS FIRST

Multiple opportunities for all students to be successful and make academic progress.

- ❑ Zero Period Interventions
- ❑ Reading Plus Lab
- ❑ Before, after-school and lunch-time support for students
- ❑ Learning Lab/Homework Club/Principal's Academy
- ❑ Guidance Counselors partner with parents to meet individual needs

Special Education

Continuum of Services

**Individualized
Education Plan
(IEP)**

**Occupational
Therapy**

Special Day Class

**Vision/Audiology
Services**



**Speech &
Language Services**


**Specialized
Academic
Instruction**

**Adaptive Physical
Education**

**Counseling
Services**

**Directly following this presentation there will be a Special Education
Program Overview presented by Grace Delk in Room 356.**

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McAULIFFE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Be yourself, try your best, and never be afraid to dream


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McAuliffe staff and parents believe in providing a rigorous, nurturing, and active learning environment for all children that ensures personal success, a life-long desire to learn, and civic responsibility.

"Igniting unlimited possibilities for students!"



Canned food drive is a success!


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- > McAuliffe Student Calendar 2017-18
- > McAuliffe Student Events Calendar
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The PTA is looking for volunteers for the 2018 McAuliffe PTA Board. If you're interested in serving executive board as President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Auditor or His/Her position, please fill out the PTA Board Interest Form which can be found on the [PTA webpage](#) on this website. The form is due Tuesday, October 23rd.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Oak Middle School
10821 Oak St.
Los Alamitos, CA 90720
Tel: 562-799-4740
Fax: 562-799-4773

24 Hour Attendance Line:
562-799-4740 Ext. 76001

Igniting Unlimited Possibilities for All Students!



HEAR US ROAR!

Oak Middle School -- Hear Us Roar!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHAPE THE FUTURE

SHAPE THE FUTURE
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

NEWS

BYOD
The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program is coming to Los Alamitos Unified next year! The district has partnered with Brick by Brick to provide discounted prices on laptops and tablets.

SITE SHORTCUTS

- > Aeries Online Grades
- > Lunch Menu
- > Middle School Student Calendar 2017-2018
- > Bell Schedule
- > Non-Discrimination Policy and Title IX Statement
- > School Accountability Report



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LAUSD Before & After School Care



Outpost Available At Both Los Al Middle Schools: 6:30AM-6:00PM.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Tonight's presentation will be available for viewing and download on the District website at www.local.org. Click on the **REGISTRATION** tab and then select *Middle School Enrollment Forms*.

Middle School Special Education Information Meeting
LAHS Room 356 with Mrs. Delk.

Los Alamitos
Unified School District

Igniting Unlimited Possibilities for All Students!

Questions & Answers



Inter-District Permit Process

STEP 1:

Get released from your District of Residence

STEP 2:

Turn in release to the Los AI USD offices

STEP 3:

Wait for the school site to call you regarding registration

Interdistrict transfer requests are being accepted
beginning on Monday, March 2, 2020.