

# LA ✨ GALAXY

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#### *Connexus Portal Login Information*

Each student must log into Connexus on the first day of school, September 8 and complete any assigned tasks. Please reach out to your Learning Coach if you do not know your username.

#### *First Week of School (Sept. 8 – 11)*

Courses will be available on Connexus by September 13<sup>th</sup>. Below are expectations and goals for the first week of school:

- Get to know the Connexus portal
- Communicate with your Connections Academy homeroom teacher
- Communicate with your Connections Academy counselor, Mrs. Hernandez
- Complete 1-1 Learning Coach meeting
- Complete Class Dojo video reflection
- Attend Content Specialists' "break-out" sessions via Zoom
- Ask questions if you need support

#### *Apps to Download*

FlipGrid, Class Dojo, & WhatsApp



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## COLLEGE COUNSELING & NCAA

### *Counselor – Mrs. Yvonne Hernandez*

Mrs. Hernandez will be contacting all students during the first week of school to confirm course placement and discuss course change requests.

### *SportsRecruits*

Monday, September 28 at 6pm – SportsRecruits will host a virtual orientation for all new student-athletes and parents. SportsRecruits is an online platform in which student-athletes build a profile, find schools that are a fit, and connect with college coaches. SportsRecruits puts students in control of the recruiting process. The invite to the virtual event will be shared as the date nears.

### *NCAA Eligibility Center*

Student-athletes need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. Accounts should be created in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Student-athletes need an account in order to make official visits to Division I and II school or to sign a National Letter of Intent.

## ENRICHMENT

### *Peer Mentor Program*

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be grouped with 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to form peer mentor groups. Mentees will receive support and guidance to increase their success in the Academy school. Mentors will develop their leadership and communication skills. The program will boost connectedness, attitudes, and motivation across the Academy school.



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## SOCIAL WELFARE

### *Tips for Working at Home*

- Create an organized work space, free of clutter and distractions (no cell phones, TVs)
- Provide all materials required for schoolwork (pens, pencils, paper, calculator, etc.)
- Ensure adequate lighting and comfort
- Create a daily schedule
  - Specify time for waking up, studying, breaks, screen time, virtual socializing, physical activity, and going to bed. (consider using a timer)
- Supervise your child when they are taking a test to maintain academic integrity
- Ask your child what they are learning
- Encourage a healthy use of technology and manage time spent on screen

### *Mental Health Resources*

- Teen Line Hotline: 800-852-8336 or text “TEEN” to 839-863 between 6pm-9pm; [teenlineonline.org](http://teenlineonline.org)
- CA Youth Crisis Line: 800-843-5200 (24/7); [calyouth.org/cycl](http://calyouth.org/cycl)

