

High school students beginning new year as... community college students

New California law (AB288) allows school districts and community colleges to partner to offer community college classes to high school students.

Main points:

- Law passed to help prepare students for college work because there are high levels of remediation at community colleges and California State University campuses
- Previously only advanced high school students took community college classes
- What do the classes look like? Is it a community college faculty or a high school teacher trained in the course
- How can we measure the quality of the new community college class, how is it different than what the student would have taken
- What are the costs... to train teachers, textbooks, etc.

August is the new September: first day of school creeping earlier and earlier

Start Dates for LA County Schools
2016-2017

District	Start Date	Winter Break	Spring Break	End Date
ABC	7 th grade 8/22	12/23-1/6	4/17 - 4/21	7 th grade 6/14, 6/16
Acton-Agua Dulce	8/17	12/26-1/6	4/17 - 21	6/21
Alhambra	8/14	12/19-1/2	3/27 - 3/31	5/26
Antelope Valley Union	8/17	12/19-1/6	3/20 - 24	6/1
Arcadia	8/17 (9-12 th), 8/18	12/26-1/6	4/3 - 7	6/7
Azusa	8/17	12/23-1/8	3/27 - 31	6/8
Baldwin Park	8/11	12/22-1/6	4/14 - 4/21	6/1
Bassett	8/10	12/19-1/6	4/10 - 4/14	6/2
Brea	8/29	12/23-1/6	4/10 - 4/14	6/15
Beverly Hills	8/15	12/19-1/2	3/20 - 24	6/1
Bonita	8/22	12/26-1/6	4/3 - 7	6/8
Burbank	8/15	12/26-1/6	3/20 - 24	5/25
Castaic Union	8/11	12/19-1/6	4/3 - 7	6/2
Centinela Valley Union	8/17	12/19-1/6	4/17 - 21	6/8
Charter Oak	8/18	12/26-1/6	4/3 - 4/7	6/2
Claremont	8/31	12/26-1/6	4/3 - 6	6/15
Compton	8/22	12/26-1/6	4/17 - 4/21	6/9
Covina-Valley	8/22	12/26-1/6	4/3 - 7	6/8, 6/7 (9 th -12 th)
Culver City	8/22	12/19-1/2	3/27 - 4/7	6/9
Downey	8/17	12/26-1/6	4/17 - 4/21	6/2
Duarte	8/15	12/23-1/6	4/17 - 4/21	6/1
East Whittier City	8/16	12/22-1/6	3/27 - 31	6/9
Eastside Union	8/9	12/19-1/2	4/17 - 21	5/25
El Monte City	8/24	12/27-1/6	4/17 - 21	6/13
El Monte Union	8/23	12/27-1/6	4/17-21	6/8
El Rancho	8/17	12/19-1/6	4/10 - 14	6/6
El Segundo	8/23	12/19-1/2	4/3 - 7	6/9
Garvey	8/23	12/26-1/6	3/27 - 31	6/9
Glendale	8/8	12/21-1/6	3/20 - 24	6/1
Glendora	8/10	12/19-1/2	3/27 - 31	5/26
Gorman Joint	8/17	12/19-1/2	4/10 - 4/17	6/2
Hacienda La Puente	8/2	12/19-1/2	4/3 - 7	5/23
Hawthorne	8/25	12/19-1/6	4/3 - 4/17	6/23
Hermosa Beach	9/7	12/23-1/6	4/10 - 14	6/21
Hughes Elizabeth Lakes*	8/17	12/21-1/8	3/21 - 28	6/10
Inglewood	8/22	12/19-1/2	4/10 - 14	6/9
Keppel Union	8/8	12/19-1/6	3/20 - 24	5/26
La Canada	8/16	12/26-1/6	3/27 - 31	6/1
Lancaster	8/17	12/19-12/30	4/13 - 4/17	5/25

Lede for my radio story: “Remember when school started after Labor Day? Ha. You’re old. KPCC’s Adolfo Guzman-Lopez explains.”

This year one fourth of L.A. County’s 80 school districts start school the week of August 8

Reasons:

- Complete semester before winter break
- More instructional time before May AP tests in May and Smarter Balanced tests in the spring
- Elementary school districts doing it to synch with high school districts
- Allows school districts to create make-up/intervention classes during winter break

Retirements are opening up jobs, to what extent are teachers moving around?

California was set to add 21,000 teacher jobs in 2015-16 school year.

Main points:

- To what extent are teachers in low income areas of a large school district requesting to move to more affluent parts of the district
- What's the data on teacher requests to move schools, what's the criteria
- Some teachers want to move to a school closer to where they live
- Good data project if you can get all the school district's teacher requests to move and plot origin and destination schools and reasons for moving

Student data privacy

California school districts are increasingly purchasing and teachers are increasingly downloading technology for various school uses.

Main Points:

- Some teachers use apps, technology with advertisements that violates ban on advertising to students
- 2015 California law AB1584 compels school district to notify parents of student of data/ records breach, in cases
- I'm trying to get into workshop provided by area school law firm giving school officials guidance on these data privacy issues, it would be a one stop shop

etc.

MULTIPLATFORM suggestions

Voice Memos/iTalk:

- app is good quality recording if you use close up, like a microphone
- Keep to under 2 minutes, use when someone says something interesting, sums up something in a new way, ID yourself, the person, ask a question, and one follow up if necessary
- Post clip on Soundcloud

Instagram:

- I'll take a portrait-like photo of an interesting newsmaker, teacher, principal, and connect him/her to a larger issue:
<https://www.instagram.com/p/BHTesykDkCE/?taken-by=aguzmanlopez>
- It's a writing exercise

Thank You

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