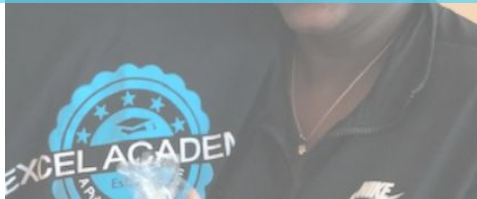
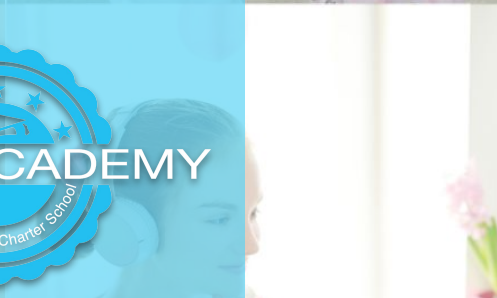


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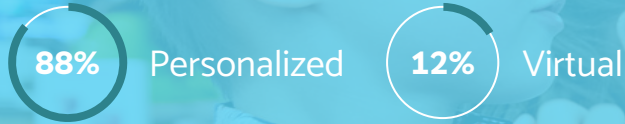
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# Enrollment Data

## Academic Path



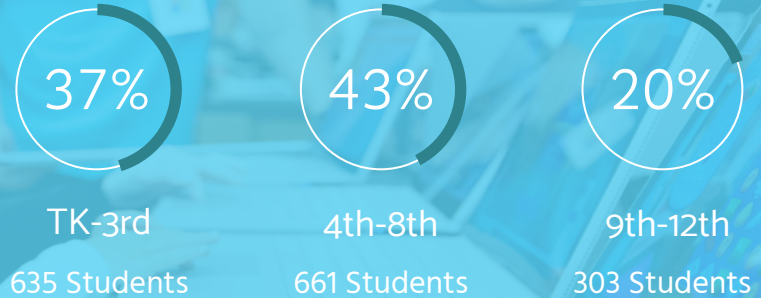
Student Retention - 72%



9%

Enrollment increase from Sept 2023 to Sept. 2024

## Student Count: 1,745



Warner:

1077 Students

Helendale:

688 Students

# Excel Academy All Staff PD

# EVERY TOY COUNTS





*“...just like these cherished toys, every [Excel Staff Member] plays an essential role in the success and heart of our school. And our hope is that, through the year, you can use that theme in your interactions with students and with each other.”*





## GENERAL EDUCATION

- **Enthusiasm and Energy:** Creating an engaging and dynamic learning environment.
- **Support and Encouragement:** Providing support and encouragement to students.
- **Adaptability and Flexibility:** Adjusting teaching methods to meet the diverse needs of students.
- **Collaboration and Teamwork:** Working collaboratively with other educators, students, and parents.
- **Problem-solving and Resourcefulness:** Finding creative solutions to educational challenges.
- **Inclusivity:** Ensuring all students feel included and valued.



## OPERATIONS



- **Efficiency and Optimization:** Operations departments focus on streamlining processes and ensuring everything runs smoothly and efficiently.
- **Problem-solving:** They are often tasked with finding solutions to logistical and operational challenges.
- **Adaptability:** Operations must be flexible and able to adapt to changing circumstances and unexpected issues.
- **Reliability:** Consistency and dependability are key traits, as operations ensure that the day-to-day functions of an organization are maintained without disruptions.
- **Team Coordination:** They often coordinate with multiple departments to ensure cohesive functioning.



# New Staff for 2024/25

Angela Garbe  
*Program Specialist*

Jenn Sheehey  
*Virtual Learning Specialist*

Ashley Skalsky  
*Secondary ToR*

Emily Pantoja  
*Psychologist*

Tiffany Young  
*5th Grade Virtual Teacher*

Cindy Nguyen  
*Secondary ToR*

Jessica Topper  
*Case Manager*

Shondra Rogers  
*6th Grade Virtual Teacher*

Jessica Cheever  
*Secondary ToR*

Ophelia Polk  
*Case Manager*

James Owens  
*7th Grade Virtual Teacher*

Kirsten Levitin  
*Secondary ToR*

Victoria Guzman  
*Case Manager*

Matthew Mikasa  
*Elementary ToR*

Lindsay Baker  
*Secondary ToR*

Emily Dahlen  
*Case Manager*

Kerry Hastings  
*Elementary ToR*

Swati Desai  
*Secondary ToR*

Colin McAtee  
*Art Teacher*

Stephanie Coppola  
*Elementary ToR*

Bernard Negrete  
*Secondary ToR*

## Spring Newbies

Cindy Mendez  
*Purchasing Technician*

Jackie Nguyen  
*Admissions Clerk*

Loubna Shokair  
*Registrar*

# Highlights

## Virtual Path

- We are experiencing GROWTH!
- 11 teachers (3 new)
- 2nd, 4th, 6th grade are full
- 5th, 7th, 8th grade each have two teachers
- 41% increase in the Virtual Path enrollment between September 2023 and September 2024
- All 1-8th grade Art Classes are FULL.

## Elementary

- Elementary Homerooms: 15:1 ratio, grade-level peers, focus on a sense of belonging
- *Quick Write*: Students respond to a writing prompt at an in-person LP mtg. Grade level teams will grade them. This data will guide writing support initiatives.
- NEW Elementary Art Classes are FULL!

## Secondary

- A.C.E. *Academics for College and Career Education* - increased options to graduate college/career ready.
- S.O.A.R. Students *Optimizing Academic Reach* -  $\frac{7}{8}$  Honors courses
- Opened up 10 new Excel Teacher-Led classes



## Secondary Initiatives

- Piloting new graduation pathways for all graduates - A.C.E. Academics for College and Career.
- New writing with integrity monthly series “Every Voice Counts” to support all students across the writing process.

**EVERY  
VOICE  
COUNTS**



# Special Education

6 new staff members:

- 4 Case Managers
- 1 School Psychologist
- 1 Program Specialist

Currently onboarding over 40 new students into our program

We now have 30+ groups and developed three transition groups for our Moderate/Severe students



**FREE**

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# EACS DROP-IN CLASSES

No registration necessary—drop in as you please!

<b>MON &amp; TUES</b>	<b>ART</b> (with Ms. Gina D'Elia) 9:00-9:30 AM - TK-1st 9:30-10:05 AM - 2nd-4th 10:10-10:40 AM - 5th-6th 10:45-11:15 AM - 7th-8th
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING</b> (with Ms. Caroline Forester) 9:00-9:30 AM - TK-2nd 9:30-10:05 AM - 3rd-6th
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>HOMEWORK HELP</b> (Math & Science) 9:00-9:45 AM - 7th-12th
<b>THURS</b>	<b>TEEN TALK</b> (with Mr. Daniel Favella) 12:00-12:45 PM - 7th-12th
<b>THURS</b>	<b>YOGA</b> (with Ms. Caroline Forester) 9:00-9:30 AM - TK-2nd 9:30-10:05 AM - 3rd-6th
<b>FRI</b>	<b>HOMEWORK HELP</b> (ELA & Social Studies) 12:00-12:45 PM - 7th-12th
<b>FRI</b>	<b>READ ALOUDS</b> 9:00-9:30 AM - TK-2nd 9:30-10:05 AM - 3rd-6th

**ZOOM & MATERIALS LINKS BELOW!**

Increased our free daily Drop-In Class offerings: Art, Elementary SEL, Homework Help, Teen Talk, Yoga and Read Alouds

**NEW: Eagle Art Classes, using Prop. 28 funding**

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# ELEMENTARY Eagle Art Classes

**FREE**

THESE CLASSES ARE FREE!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

1ST-2ND GRADE	WEDNESDAYS	10:00-11:00 AM
3RD-4TH GRADE	FRIDAYS	10:00-11:00 AM
5TH-6TH GRADE	WEDNESDAYS	11:00-12:00 PM

**NEW: Elementary Homerooms to ignite a sense of belonging within each grade level**

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Join Excel's new

## Elementary Homeroom

1 Teacher of Record  
15 Students

Ignite a sense of belonging and dive into engaging educational adventures with your fellow classmates!

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

# Educational Programs

# Parent Academy Live Online

August 28, 2024

9:30am-12:30pm

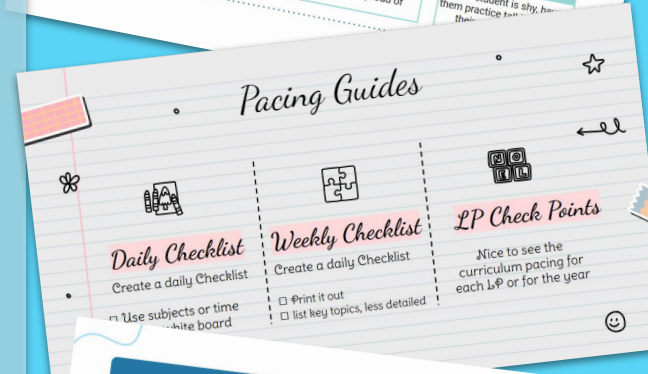
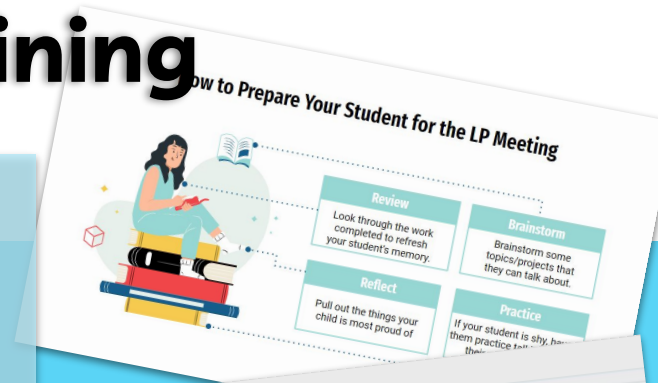
## SESSION SCHEDULE

Time	Session	Presenter
9:30 AM	Meet the Principals: EACS Updates	April Saade & Lorrie Wood
10:00 AM	Placing Orders for Classes, Curriculum & Materials	Alex Clary
10:20 AM	Learning in the Home: Routines, Spaces & Materials	Erin Petersen
10:40 AM	How to Prepare for an LP Meeting	Erica Flores
11:00 AM	Work Samples 101	Victoria Firetag
11:20 AM	Student Interventions & Support	Alison DeSchaine & Tamara Murphy
11:40 AM	Behavioral Health & Resource Support	Larissa Allen-Jefferson, Daniel Favela, Caroline Forester
12:00 PM	Community Connection at EACS!	Lauren Hansen & Melissa Harvilla

# Parent Training

The Excel Leadership team held a Parent Academy Online event for all Excel Academy Parents! Sessions included:

- Learning in the Home
- How to Prepare for an LP Meeting
- Student Intervention and Support
- Behavioral Health Resources & Support
- And more!



# Community Highlight

Excel Academy hosted its annual Back-to-School Events, where families were provided an opportunity to talk to local CCPs, students enjoyed crafts, a petting zoo, science demonstration, free snacks, fun giveaways, and received their collector's pin and lanyard!



**BACK TO SCHOOL**







**Thank you!**

