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Desert Learning Academy (DLA)



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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Address: Desert Learning Academy, 2248 E Ramon Road, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

EDUCATION

California Teaching Credentials:

- Single Subject in Technology and Industrial Education
- Single Subject in Business
- Mathematics-Supplemental
- LEC (Leading Edge Certification) for Blended and Hybrid Education
- Professional experience in Education: 21 years
- Other professional background, IT private and public sectors.

Degrees: B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, & M.A. Organizational Management

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Students are required DAILY to log into Edgenuity, and complete courses work assignments. <Edgenuity tracks and reports work time spent, idle time and activities completed>
- Additionally, attending WEEKLY meetings with LEAD teacher is MANDATORY and part of attendance (meetings are presently conducted via zoom, not in person).
- Attendance will be taken daily and based in courses work progress (**1hr work = 1.3% progress, so at the end of a 5-day week, progress should show an increment of 6.5%**)
- The daily time spent will depend on the number of courses a student is taking. **For example, a student with 3 courses should spend between 4-6 hours a day working and at least 20-30 hours a week total study time.** Students will not finish classes in the allotted time if they do not adhere to these guidelines.
- Parents are always welcome to attend, but only students are required to attend. Video is needed only for attendance purposes; after attendance student MAY choose to just use audio.
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- Teachers of all subject matter areas are available to help students with anything they need from 1-3pm most afternoons. Lead teachers will help students access help in all content areas.

DLA SCHOOL STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal, Michael J. Grainger, Ed.D., DLA Office: 760-778-0487 PSUSD

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School Counselor, Rosalia Mendoza, DLA Office: 760-778-0487

School Secretary, Mariana Anguiano, DLA Office: 760-778-0487

High School Faculty:

Veronica Moreno-Nicholas

- Physics in the Universe
- Integrated Math (I, II, III)

Melanie Borun

- The Living Earth
- Chemistry in the Earth System
- The Science of Health & Wellness
- Forensics Science
- Business Pathway Courses

David Barrios Escamilla

- Integrated Math 1
- Integrated Math 2
- Integrated Math 3
- MAP Math TEST

Theresa Smith

- English 9/10/11/12 (ERWC)
- AP Language/AP Literature
- Media Literacy
- MAP English TEST

Mirta Valenzuela

- Spanish - All Levels
- Success 101
- Freshman Seminar
- Art (projects outsourced)

Roberto Wheaton

- Civics/Economics
- U.S. History/AP US History
- World History/AP World History
- Psychology/Personal Psychology
- Sociology/Social Problems
- ASB Leadership

EDGENUITY

- **Edgenuity** is the web portal that students use to access their course materials. The school counselor assigns the courses for all students based on their 4-year individual plan.
- The two most useful reports that Edgenuity provides are progress reports and session logs.
- How to Access Your Edgenuity Course(s)
 - 1) Sign into your Chromebook using your PSUSD login. Use your student ID number (13150.....) and your six digit birthday (MMDDYY)
 - 2) Go to student.edgenuity.com and type your USERNAME and PASSWORD (if you don't have, ask your lead teacher or counselor for this information)
 - 3) Work on your courses material
- **Student Progress Reports & Edgenuity Progress Reports & Parent/Family Portal**
 - You are set up for Weekly progress reports.
 - Please notify student's lead teacher if you do not receive Edgenuity progress reports to your email.
 - Go to learn.education2020.com/family/ for more detailed information on your student or use the link below <https://bit.ly/2Pb9oAM> with Activation code _____ <if you don't know this code, ask your Lead Teacher or the counselor
- **Getting Help From Edgenuity**
 - <https://bit.ly/33bypEi>
 - Online help center <https://help.edgenuity.com/>
 - Check system status in the event of technical difficulties <https://status.edgenuity.com/>
 - The Edgenuity Student Experience (Student Orientation Video) <https://bit.ly/2X636ab>
- **New students** will be automatically pushed into this orientation video upon initial login Edgenuity Course Map Orientation Video <https://bit.ly/30bBnXI>
- **New students** will be automatically pushed into this orientation video upon initial login Edgenuity Student Guide <https://bit.ly/2EznhH8>
- **Student Reports** Monitoring Your Student's Progress <https://bit.ly/33cKGI>

Parents:

1. *How do I know if my child has completed their assignments for the day and has gotten 100% attendance?*
 - a. Your family portal progress report will show that they are green on the top bars if they are complete with today's assignment. It will show blue if they are working on today's assignment. If the top bars are red it means they are behind and they will need your help getting caught up.
2. *How do I get my family portal set up?*
 - a. [Family Portal Website](#)
 - b. [Activating Family Portal How-To Video](#)
3. *How do I help my student **STAY** on track?*
 - a. It's important to stick to a regular work schedule every day. Help them design this schedule and ensure that they stick to it by monitoring your family portal and their account daily.
 - a. Stay in regular contact with your child's lead teacher.

4. *How do I help my student catch up if they get behind?*

Students may view EXACTLY what assignments are due daily from their student account. Log in with your child and set a goal for when this work will be caught up based on their calendar. Log in to their account with them daily until they are on track. Their account is the most accurate and up to date. You may request a goal setting meeting with their lead teacher if you need support with this.

5. *What do all these grades mean in Edgenuity?*

OVERALL GRADE: This reflects ONLY the **grade** your child has earned on COMPLETED activities. This is NOT the grade they are receiving in the entire course.

ACTUAL GRADE: Represents the overall grade adjusted for **progress**. If a student is behind in a course, the Actual Grade factors in zeroes for any late assignments. This grade will be lower than the Overall Grade if your child is behind in the course; it will be the same as the Overall Grade if your child is on time or ahead of schedule in the course.

RELATIVE GRADE is the Edgenuity grade used for a course as Final Grade in Synergy.