



Lemoore Union Elementary School District

# University Charter School

Crescenciano Camarena  
Principal

July 29, 2019

I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation and will soon begin getting ready to continue your education with the University Charter School. The first day of school for all students is August 13<sup>th</sup>. As you continue to enjoy your summer break I want to provide you with some information to help prepare you for the new school year.

I have included some information to help you prepare for the first week of school. Please review these materials and let me know if you have any questions. Our office will open August 5, 2019. I can be reached via e-mail at [ccamarena@myluesd.net](mailto:ccamarena@myluesd.net) if you have any questions.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- First day of school - Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Students should not arrive before 7:45 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m.
- Regular School Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Late-Start Day Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **See information attached.**
- Back-to-School Night is Tuesday, August 20, 2019:
  - Parent Information Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
  - Classrooms open from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Buses: We have a drop-off area. Please note and follow all posted signage. **The bus schedule attached.**
- Classes: Student "Point of Contact" (P.O.C.) class will be available **AFTER 5:00 PM** Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the earliest using the Aeries Online Portal. Students will receive their full schedule during P.O.C.
- Lunch: The regular lunch price is \$2.00.
- Dress Code: **See attached.**
- Office Hours: Regular hours will begin August 5th from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

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Welcome Back parent letter 19-0725



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## LATE-START Day Schedule

July 29, 2019

Dear Parents,

I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of our school as we strive to provide the best education for your child. Our goal is to meet the academic needs of each individual student and prepare them for a successful future. Our staff has worked diligently to use data to collaborate, plan and implement improved instructional practices for all students. We have made plans for the new school year that we feel will provide continued improvement in our efforts to support our students.

A major part of these plans includes our daily schedule. We will continue to have Late-Start Days on the days listed on the back. Late-Start days are a research-based initiative to improve student achievement. We believe that this approach to staff development will continue to improve student achievement by providing staff the opportunity to collaborate on school improvement initiatives. As part of this late-start day we will plan to provide a "Before-School" program for students with limited supervised activities. Buses will run later to accommodate a 9:20 AM arrival to school. School will begin on Late-Start Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Below is an overview of how Late-Start Days operate.

- A "Before-School" program for early arrivals will be available with limited supervised activities. Students arriving between 7:45 to 9:15 AM will be directed to a supervised location for various activities. Students will remain in these activities until 9:15 AM when they will be dismissed to the yard. Students may be dropped off for this program between 7:45 to 9:15 AM. No sign-up required.
- Late-Start Wednesday: Students will begin class at 9:30 AM with their POC class. Students may begin arriving at 9:15 AM.
- School will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Crescenciano Camarena  
Principal



# University Charter School Newsletter

"To Ensure That Every Student Learns to His or Her Greatest Potential"

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## Important Dates

Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

UCS Office Open

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Student schedule after 5:00 PM –  
Aeries Portal

Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

First Day of School

LUESD Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Late-Start Day – 9:30 AM

Tuesday, August 20<sup>st</sup>

Parent Info Meeting 5:00 PM

Back-to-School Night 5:30-6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 21 and 28

Late-Start Day – 9:30 AM

## Updates for 2019 School Year

Here are a few of the changes and some reminders for the new school year. Please remember to review your Parent/Student Handbook for more details when you receive it this year.

- Aeries Parent Portal – to update and confirm student re-enrollment.
- School begins at 8:00 AM every day except Late-Start days.
- Late-Start days school begins at 9:30 AM.
- Google Apps for Education – code of conduct must be completed for student to use and access Google Apps tools.
- iPad Usage Agreement – for classroom use of iPads and future checkout for student use (grades 6-8).
- Student Accident Insurance available for the 19-20 school year. See handbook for more details.
- Students with three (3) cell phone violations will not have permission to possess cell phone at school.
- The district has a volunteer program and procedures. See handbook for more details.

## Parent Info Meeting

You are invited to join us at Back-to-School Night 5:00 PM for a brief informational meeting. This meeting is intended to provide a quick overview of the programs at UCS and how parents can be engaged in them. Some of these include Charter Council and PSO. In addition, Mr. Camarena will highlight technology use, and the Local Control Accountability Plan and its impact on UCS. Classrooms open at 5:30 PM.

## Remind.com

How would you like to get occasional reminders from me regarding the events at school? Sign up for Remind.com and receive text message reminders directly from the school. This is a one-way text messaging and e-mail system and personal information remains completely confidential. I will never see your phone number and you will not see mine. HOW TO SIGN UP? Text @ucsstudent to 81010. To receive messages via e-mail, send an e-mail to [ucsstudent@mail.remind.com](mailto:ucsstudent@mail.remind.com).

## Parent Portal

All teachers have updated their classroom websites for you to use and check on a regular basis for information regarding your child's assignments. You can also check your child's grades on our web-based grade book, Parent Portal, to help monitor their performance. All this information and more is available on our school website at: [www.luesd.k12.ca.us/ucs](http://www.luesd.k12.ca.us/ucs)



## Welcome New Staff

Ms. Buder is our new school counselor and has worked with students within our district for several years.

Mr. Salazar will be teaching our PE class. He is new to teaching and comes to us from Selma with high recommendations. He is looking forward to meeting all of his new students.

Mrs. Clark will be teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade math and science. She has a wealth of experience in both math and science. She loves sciences and was once a stock broker meaning she knows the importance of math.

## Returning Student – Re-Enrollment

In an effort to further streamline the data gathering and re-enrollment process for parents, LUESD will be utilizing our student information system, Aeries, to have parents confirm and/or update their children's information online in place of utilizing the First Day Packet at the beginning of the school year. During the month of July, parents of returning students will receive verification codes and a set of instructions to create an Aeries Parent Portal Account that will give them access to their child's information while parents of newly registered students will receive their instructions the first week of August. A working email address will be required to set up this parent account. Parents will be able to update phone numbers, emergency contacts and other student information as well as download and certify the receipt of important school information such as the school's handbook. Once you receive the instructions in the mail, do not delay in setting up your Aeries Parent Portal account, linking your child's information to it and updating your child's information in the Aeries system. If you have had a recent move or expect to move over the summer, please take proof of your new address (i.e. utility bill or rental agreement) to your child's school office to update your mailing address in order to not delay receiving this important information.

## Online Presence

### WEB SITE

Our website address remains the same but you will notice a different look and feel to the updated site. Please take some time to explore the site. With just a few clicks you will expanded access to both school and district information. Please be patient as we rollout this new site and all get accustomed to its tools and features. You can find our web site at [www.luesd.k12.ca.us/ucs](http://www.luesd.k12.ca.us/ucs)

### FACEBOOK

In addition to our web site you can also follow us on Facebook to see and hear current information about UCS and LUESD. To follow us go to [www.facebook.com/luesd.ucs/](http://www.facebook.com/luesd.ucs/) and Like our page to follow.

### INSTAGRAM / TWITTER

You can also follow us on IG or Twitter: @ucshawks to see weekly updates and an insight to daily life at UCS. #ucshawks

### RAPTOR

The Raptor Visitor check-in system, will help us to maintain a positive learning environment. All returning and new volunteers/chaperones are required to complete the online application each year. Search our district website for more information.

## Mr. Camarena - Principal

It is my pleasure to once again welcome back our returning and new students to UCS. We have a few changes and updates to our staff which we are looking forward to you meeting. This summer many of our staff participated in the AVID Summer Institute. AVID's mission is to "close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society." Over the next several years we intend to grow and make UCS a destination school for students looking to prepare themselves for college and career. Our current initiatives support a positive environment and student achievement. This includes academic support thru the frameworks of Response to Intervention (RTI) strategies and Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Building a Positive Behavioral Intervention of Supports (PBIS) that stresses positive behavior expectations for all students. Implementing AVID school-wide will only help to strengthen our mission "To ensure that all students learn to their greatest potential."

Go Hawks !!



# UCS 2019-2020 CALENDAR

*Dates Subject To Change*

Aug 13	First Day of School	Jan 15	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Aug 14	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Jan 20	MLK Jr Day – School Holiday
Aug 21	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Jan 22	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Aug 28	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Jan 29	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Sept 2	Labor Day – School Holiday	Feb 5	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Sept 4	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Feb 12	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Sept 11	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Feb 17	President’s Day – School Holiday
Sept 18	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Feb 19	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Sept 25	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Feb 26	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Nov 30	Early Out – Parent Conference	Mar 4	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Oct 1	Early Out – Parent Conference	Mar 9	Early Out – Parent Conference
Oct 2	Early Out – Parent Conference	Mar 10	Early Out – Parent Conference
Oct 3	Early Out – Parent Conference	Mar 11	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Oct 4	Early Out – Parent Conference	Mar 18	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Oct 9	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Mar 25	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Oct 14	Columbus Day – School Holiday	Apr 1	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Oct 16	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Apr 3	Minimum Day
Oct 23	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Apr 6 - 13 Spring Break - School Holiday	
Oct 30	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Apr 15	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Nov 1	Staff Professional Development – No School	Apr 22	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Nov 6	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	Apr 29	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Nov 11	Veteran’s Day – School Holiday	May 4	* Staff Appreciation – Early Out
Nov 12	Early Out – Parent Conference	May 6	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Nov 13	Early Out – Parent Conference	May 13	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Nov 20	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	May 20	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Nov 22	Minimum Day	May 25	Memorial Day – School Holiday
Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving – School Holiday		May 27	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>
Dec 4	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	June 1	Early Out
Dec 11	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	June 2	Early Out
Dec 18	<b>Late Start – School Begins 9:30 AM</b>	June 3	Early Out
Dec 20	Minimum Day	June 4	Milestone Ceremony – Minimum Day
Dec 23 - Jan 10 Winter Break			



# University Charter School

## 2019-2020 Bus Schedule

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### Morning Transportation

#### \*\*Important Information\*\*

- ☞ UCS students may board a bus at any of the locations listed below.
- ☞ Arrive prior to the designated departure time in order to assure transport to UCS.
- ☞ These are the times the bus is scheduled to leave the stop.

Regular & Minimum Days		Late-Start Days			
Cinnamon Elementary	7:31 a.m.	Cinnamon Elementary	9:09 a.m.	Avalon	9:10 a.m.
Iona & Golf Links	7:11 a.m.	Iona & Golf Links	8:51 a.m.	Bush & Barcelona	8:58 a.m.
Lemoore Elementary	7:21 a.m.	Lemoore Elementary	9:02 a.m.	Cinnamon & Birch	9:07 a.m.
Liberty Middle School	7:36 a.m.	Liberty Middle School	9:14 a.m.		
Meadow Lane	7:23 a.m.	Meadow Lane	9:03 a.m.		
P.W Engvall	7:39 a.m.	P.W Engvall	9:15 a.m.		
Vine & Cabrillo	7:12 a.m.	Vine & Cabrillo	8:49 a.m.		

#### Late Start Days

8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27

### After School Transportation – Monday thru Friday

1 <sup>st</sup> Bus – Bus Stops	Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bus - Bus Stops	Time
Bush and Barcelona	3:26 p.m.	Avalon	3:24 p.m.
Iona & Golf Links	3:35 p.m.	Cinnamon Elementary	3:46 p.m.
Lemoore Elementary	3:21 p.m.	Cinnamon & Birch	3:22 p.m.
P.W. Engvall	3:15 p.m.	Liberty Middle School	3:30 p.m.
Vine & Cabrillo	3:42 p.m.	Meadow Lane Elementary	3:38 p.m.

### After School Transportation – Minimum Day

1 <sup>st</sup> Bus – Bus Stops	Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bus - Bus Stops	Time
Bush and Barcelona	1:40 p.m.	Avalon	1:35 p.m.
Iona & Golf Links	1:45 p.m.	Cinnamon Elementary	2:00 p.m.
Lemoore Elementary	1:35 p.m.	Cinnamon & Birch	1:32 p.m.
P.W Engvall	1:30 p.m.	Liberty Middle School	1:40 p.m.
Vine & Cabrillo	1:50 p.m.	Meadow Lane Elementary	1:50 p.m.

#### Early Out Days

9/30, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 11/12, 11/13, 11/22, 12/20, 3/9, 3/10, 4/3, 5/4, 6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4

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## Parking Lot and Bus Drop-Off Area Guidelines

- If you are waiting at the red curb before the buses arrive you will be asked to move so as not to block bus access. **AFTER** both (2) buses have arrived, okay to wait along red painted curb next to sidewalk.
- Okay to wait in your car along yellow painted curb including blue curb at the front of the pick-up area.
- Temporary parking available near the soccer fields and just west of the parking lot entrance in the dirt. Park only in designated areas.
- No parking near red painted curbs or places designated **NO PARKING**.
- Okay to use bus exit road when **students or buses not present**.
- Please follow all posted signs and directions from staff on duty.

Your continued patience and observation of these guidelines is greatly appreciated.

**Lemoore Union Elementary School District  
University Charter School  
DRESS/GROOMING CODE**

<b>TOPS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversized shirts that present a safety concern are not acceptable.</li> <li>• See-through or fishnet fabrics, halter tops, off the shoulder or low-cut tops, and bare midriffs are prohibited.</li> <li>• Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. Tops shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, which display gang symbols, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.</li> <li>• Spirit wear that includes the names of Lemoore High Schools, West Hills College, or University Charter School may be worn.</li> </ul>
<b>BOTTOMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversized, baggy and saggy clothing is prohibited.</li> <li>• Pants cannot exceed 4 inches when measured at the kneecap of the straightened leg.</li> <li>• Pants must fit and be worn at the natural waist.</li> <li>• The bottom of the pant leg may not be frayed or drag on the ground.</li> <li>• Pants/Shorts/Skirts must be hemmed and not stapled, pinned, or taped.</li> <li>• The length of shorts and skirts shall be no higher than finger-tip length.</li> <li>• See-through or fishnet fabrics, and skirts or shorts shorter than finger-tip are prohibited.</li> <li>• "Athletic" style pants and/or bottoms may be worn in class.</li> </ul>
<b>SHOES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoes must be worn at all times and have closed toes.</li> <li>• Sandals must have heel straps.</li> <li>• Backless shoes, open sandals, high-heeled shoes, slipper-type shoes and flip-flops are hazardous on the school playground and are not appropriate for school.</li> <li>• No hard-toed or steel-toed shoes/boots will be allowed.</li> <li>• No high top, laced up, combat or military style boots will be allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>SOCKS/LEGGINGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leggings will be allowed if over garment is not shorter than finger-tip.</li> </ul>
<b>UNDERGARMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate undergarments that provide proper cover shall be worn.</li> <li>• Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.</li> </ul>
<b>HATS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hats with a 360° brim of no more than 2 inches may be worn outside. Knit caps may be worn outside during cold or inclement weather.</li> <li>• Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn in class.</li> </ul>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students attending school must be clean.</li> <li>• All clothing shall be neat, clean and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for school.</li> <li>• Clothing must fit.</li> <li>• Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, binders, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, which display gang symbols, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.</li> <li>• Clothing or other items that materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder or disrupt the educational process are not allowed.</li> <li>• Any clothing or apparel that a student or group of students wear to identify themselves for the purpose of harassing, threatening, or intimidating other will not be allowed.</li> <li>• Military or paramilitary attire will not be permitted.</li> <li>• Also prohibited are jewelry items that may potentially cause injury, sunglasses (exceptions include medical reasons), and other decorations, ornaments and accessories not appropriate for elementary or middle school.</li> <li>• Hair must be clean and show evidence of having been neatly groomed for school.</li> <li>• Hair must not be sprayed with any coloring that would drip when wet.</li> <li>• Hair that causes undue attention is not acceptable.</li> <li>• The Charter School Dean may permit variations from the Dress Code on designated days or for school "spirit" attire.</li> </ul>

The Principal, Charter School Dean, and faculty at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities. Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes. Religious beliefs or medical reasons, when verified, may be grounds for exemptions to a specific portion of the Dress and Grooming Policy. A written request for an exemption from enforcement of a special portion of Dress Code Policy must be submitted to the School Principal or Charter School Dean.





# 2019-2020 University Charter School School Supply List

[luesd.k12.ca.us/ucs](http://luesd.k12.ca.us/ucs)

## Please Note

- Label all supplies with student's name in permanent marker.
- Send supplies in on the first day of school.

### Sixth Grade

- 4 composition notebooks
- Pencils
- Highlighters- multiple colors
- Colored markers
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Expo markers
- Scotch tape
- 1 inch binder
- 1 pack of lined paper
- 5 tabs with dividers
- Blue or black ink pens
- Cheap earbuds
- Zippered pencil pouch with holes to keep in binder

### Teacher's Wish List:

- Box of tissues
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer

### Seventh Grade

- 3 composition notebooks
- Pencils
- Highlighters- multiple colors
- Glue Stick
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Expo markers
- Scotch tape
- 3/4 or 1 inch binder
- 1 pack of lined paper
- Cheap earbuds

### Teacher's Wish List:

- Box of tissues
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Liquid hand soap

### Eighth Grade

- 1 Composition notebook
- 1 Spiral notebook college ruled
- Pencils
- Highlighters-multiple colors
- Colored pens or pencils
- Expo markers
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Ruler
- 3/4 inch binder
- Cheap earbuds

### Teacher's Wish List:

- Box of tissues
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer