



# New Horizons Charter Academy

**Ararat Charter Parent Meeting  
2025 - 2026  
School Year  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Richard Thomas, M.Ed  
Executive Director/Principal



## Agenda

- Mission and Vision
- Introduction of Members of the NHCA team
- Enrollment in New Horizons Charter Academy
- Amazing Programs at New Horizons Charter Academy



## School Program



- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2 counselors for student needs
- STEM Academy - 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Performance Arts Theater Program, Music, Dance
- Leadership, Conflict Mediation Programs
- Charter Sports League – Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball
- After-School Program – Think Together
- Saturday Academies – Tutoring Support
- School Starts August 25, 2025

# New Horizons Charter Academy



## Governing Board Members

**David Sams – Board Chair**

**Dr. Mario Castaneda – Board Member**

**Ms. Mary Minassian – Board Member-Secretary**

**Ilana Youngheim – Board Member**

**Minas Djektian – Board Member (Parent)**

**Sharon Hansel-Cohen – Board Member**

**Micaela Mendivil – Board Member (Parent)**

**Gilbert Najm – Board Member**

## School Leadership Team

**Richard Thomas – Executive Director/Principal**

**Robert Marquez – Assistant Principal**

**Bea Italia - Office/HR Manager**

**Melina Minassian - Office Manager**

**Yvette Steinorth - ILT Lead Teacher (TK-5th)**

**Perla Manzo- ILT Lead Teacher (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)**

# Members of the NHCA Team



- **Mr. Richard Thomas – Executive Director/Principal**
- **Mr. Robert Marquez-Assistant Principal**
- **Ms. Melina Minassian – Office Manager** **Ms. Xiomara Medrano, Pupil Services Clerk**
- **Ms. Jesica Kahng, TK/Kindergarten**
- **Ms. Jesica Kahng– 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**
- **Ms. Yvette Steinorth – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**
- **Ms. Yvette Steinorth– 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**
- **Ms. Sujata Alagh - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Ms. Nora Woodson– 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Ms. Perla Manzo – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** **Ms. Soule – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Ms. Rupinder Sahota – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Reading and Math Intervention Specialists – Terri Jackson-Brown**
- **Ms. Ariana Oliva – Resource Specialist Teacher**
- **Ms. Shawnee Roles – TA (1st)** **Ms. Shawnee Rioles– TA Kinder**
- **Ms. Lesly Barragan– TA (3rd)** **Ms. Selina Sarkissian – TA (2nd)**
- **Mr. Harut Janibekian– TA (7th)** **Mr. Romik Abgaryan – TA (8<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Mr. Rashid STEMLab Coordinator** **Ms. Terri Jackson-Brown – Full-time Sub**
- **Ms. Scotty Howard– Counselor** **Ms. Maria Moreno – TA (2<sup>nd</sup>)**
- **Mr. Naeem Rashid (Operations Coordinator)**
- **Ms. Eneida Mora – Parent Coordinator/Pupil Services Clerk**
- **Ms. Quigley – Physical Education Teacher**



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# New Horizons Charter Academy (128371) Overview

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**New Horizons Charter Academy (128371)** is a charter school serving grades **K-8**. This school is authorized by **Los Angeles Unified** and located within **Los Angeles Unified School District**. They opened in **2013** and their renewal year is **2026**.

Select a School

New Horizons Charter Academy (128371)

DFS Rank

SSR

2024

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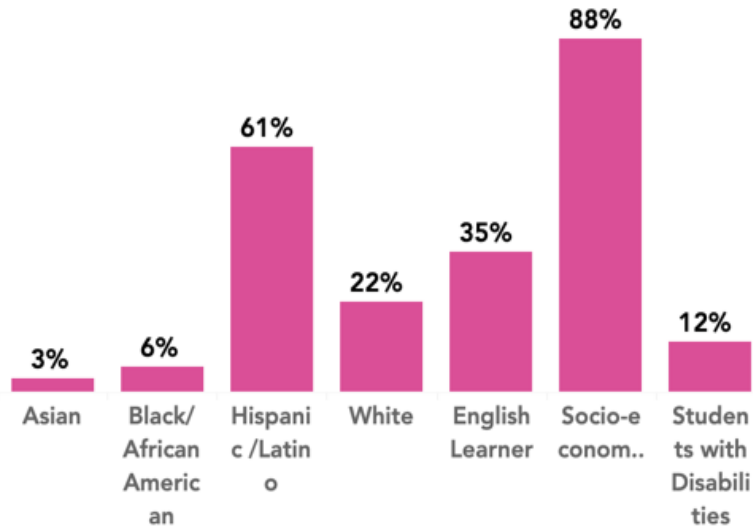
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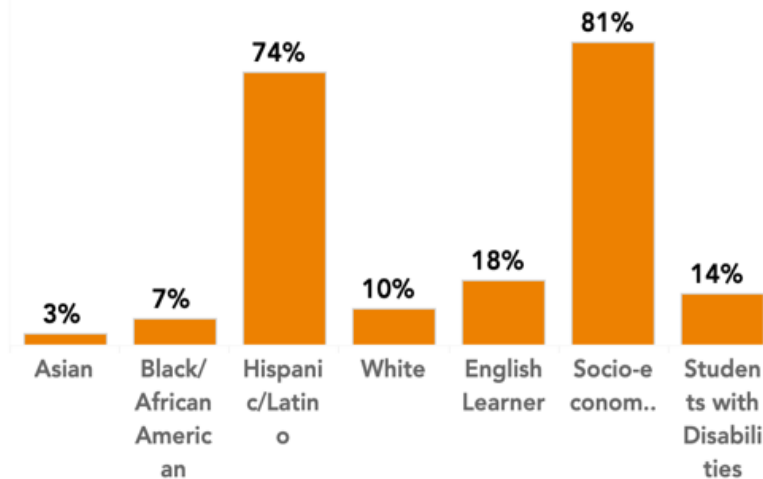
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School Enrolled Student Demographics (2023-24)



Los Angeles Unified School District Physical District Demographics (2023-24)



**School Overview:** This tab provides key details about your school, including Distance From Standard (DFS) rank, Similar Students Rank (SSR), College/Career Indicator (CCI), and student demographics. Rankings range from 1 to 10 or 1 to 100, with higher numbers indicating better performance. **Only test takers are included in Enrollment proportions.**



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# SIDE ENTRANCE - TK AND KINDER STUDENTS



# PARENTS CENTER / TUTORING CENTER





# STUDENT CLASSROOM



# 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CLASSROOM HALLWAY





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# OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND AREA





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# OUTDOOR SPORTS AREA



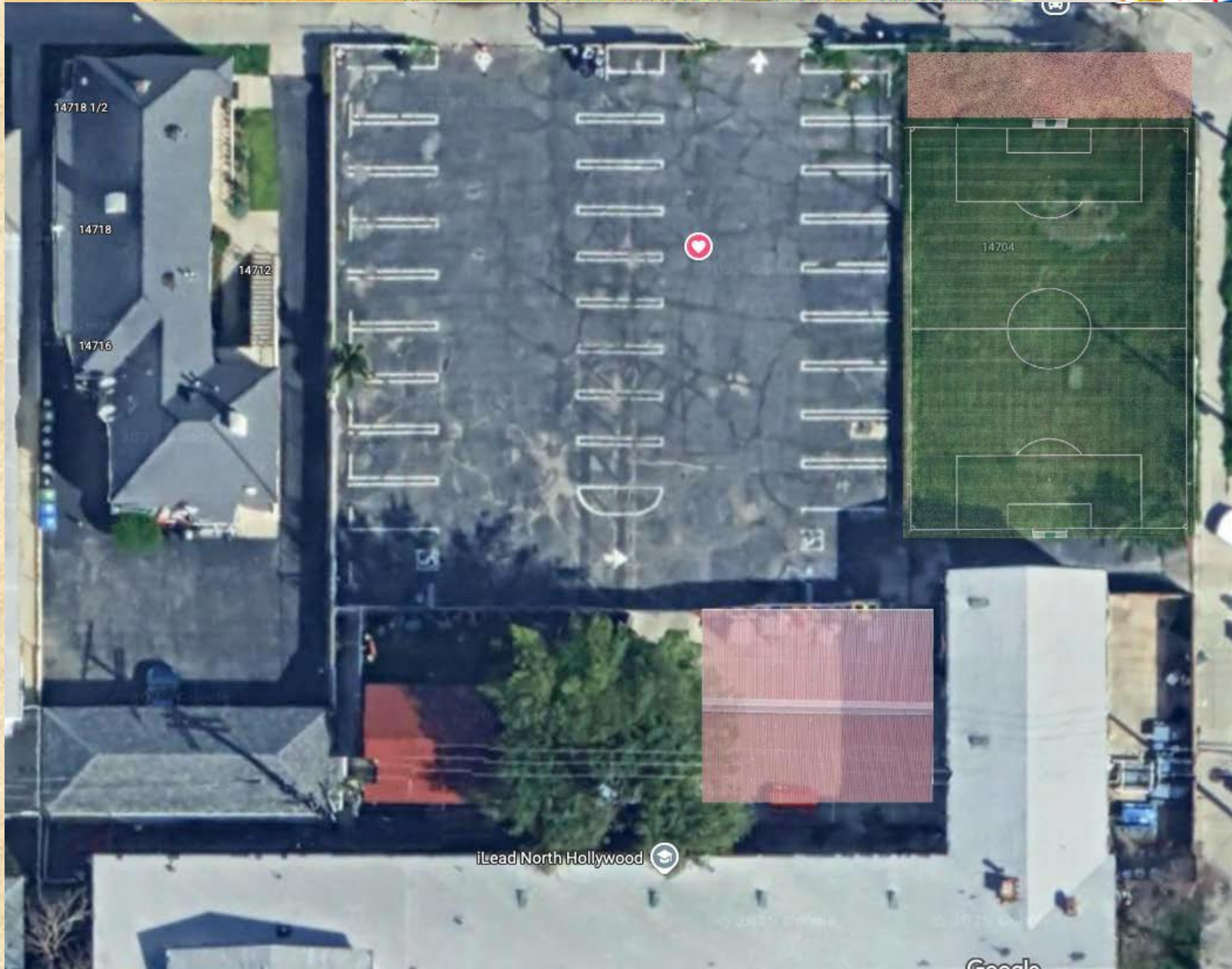


# PERFORMANCE ARTS THEATER





# OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITY



# INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX







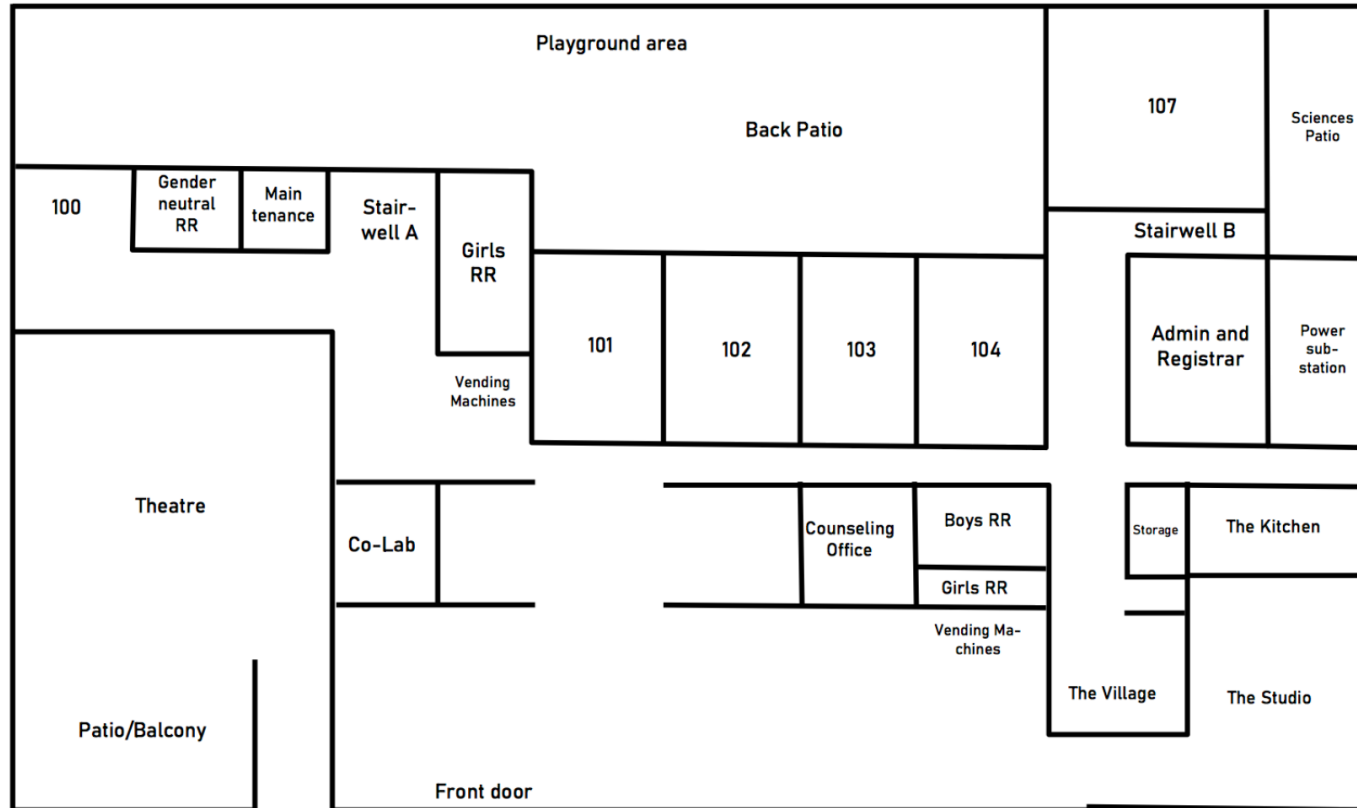
## New Horizons Charter Academy – Bell Schedule

(Monday-Thursday-Friday)	Early Bird	Start	Finish
Tk-k	7:45	8:30 am	2:00 pm
1st	7:45	8:20 am	2:30 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:45	8:20 am	2:30 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:45	8:00 am	3:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:45	8:00 am	3:00 pm

(Late Start Tuesday)	Early Bird	Start	Finish
Tk-k	8:00	9:00 am	2:00 pm
1st	8:00	9:00 am	2:30 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00	9:00 am	2:30 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	8:45 am	3:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	8:45 am	3:00 pm

(Modified Wednesday)	Early Bird	Start	Finish
Tk-k	7:45	8:30 am	1:15 pm
1st	7:45	8:20 am	1:35 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:45	8:20 am	1:35 pm
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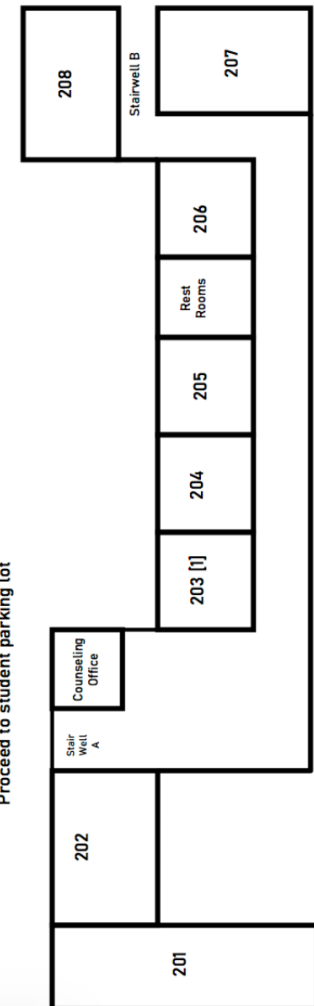
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Proceed to student parking lot



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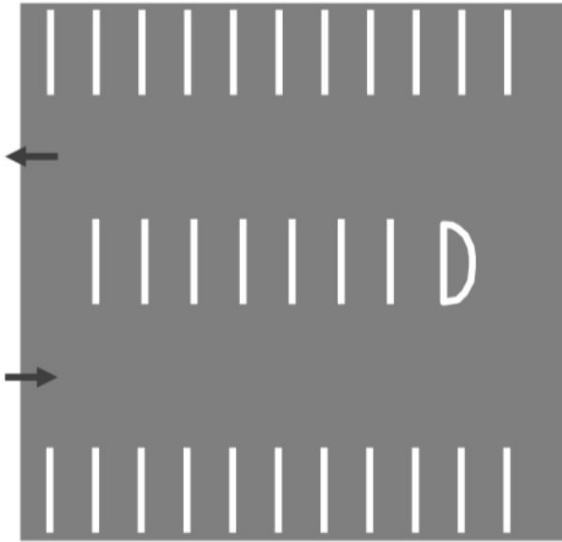
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VICTORY BOULEVARD

FRIAR STREET

14701 FRIAR STREET  
AVAILABLE ±26,000 SF

REAR PARKING





# A Little About Me

- I have taught Third through Twelfth grade for 10 years
- I have my Masters in Education and a Masters in Business Administration
- I have been a High School, Middle School and Elementary Principal for 30 years
- Prior to my career in education, I was a Chief Financial Officer and University Professor
- I have a 13 year-old son and 11 year-old daughter, and I have two older sons, 41 and 39 year-olds !!!

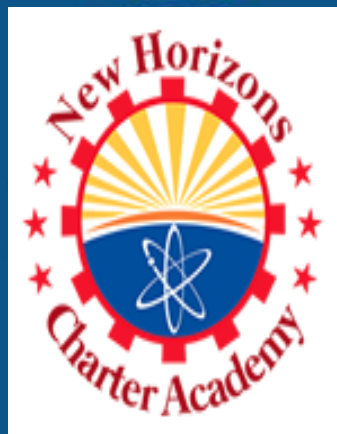




# Curriculum

- Language Arts – phonics, comprehension, and listening skills. Wonders, Freckle, Istation, MyPerspectives
- Math- Cardinality, number recognition/writing, addition, subtraction... enVision, Freckle, SAVVAS
- Reading – small group instruction, independent reading
- Writing- small group instruction
- Science-InSpireScience, STEMLab, DiscoveryEducation
- Social Studies-DiscoveryEducation
- Art – Tuesday and Thursday
- P.E. – Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Online or other Programs – Wonders, enVision, IXL, onlinelearningexchange (History), InspireScience, Cloud9, SIPPS, BrainPOP, Freckle, Istation, NWEA, Khan Academy

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# Questions

- Thank you for attending. We look forward to working with your students and watching them grow throughout the school year.

