

VALLEY REGION HIGH SCHOOL #5

1001 Arroyo Ave., San Fernando, CA 91340

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

English Application [VRHS #5 Application English.pdf](#)

Spanish Application [VRHS #5 Application Spanish.pdf](#)

Valley Region High School #5, located 1001 Arroyo Avenue in San Fernando is completing construction and scheduled to open in the Fall of 2011.

The school will be a Zone of Choice school. Students living within the zone boundaries may elect to attend VRHS #5 or may remain in their resident school. Students who live in the area immediately adjacent to the new school will be considered priority for acceptance.

Frequently Asked Questions and Responses

- 1. What are the new boundaries for Valley Region High School #5 (VRHS #5) and must my child attend?**

VRHS #5 will be a Zone of Choice school for the area, intended to relieve the population at San Fernando, Sylmar, and Kennedy High Schools. Students and their families living within the zone area would attend one of these three schools and will have the freedom to select either their resident school or VRHS #5.

- 2. What are the priority areas and the Zone of Choice Areas for this school?**

Students living in a small area close to the school will have priority to attend the new high school.

A link leading to a map of the Zone of Choice boundaries and the priority areas will be operational soon. Please check back.

- 3. What if we applied through the Choices Brochure, for example, the magnet school applications?**

Applications through the Choices Brochure are traditionally due in December. Students may apply to attend VRHS #5 regardless of whether they were accepted to their first choice through the Choices Brochure.

4. What is the projected enrollment and will there be 9th – 12th grade the first year?

VRHS #5 is designed to house 1,600 students, grades 9-12. The school will open with grades 9, 10, and 11 in Fall 2011.

5. What will be the instructional focus of the new high school?

The school has been designed to accommodate four small learning communities or small schools. The plans focus on creating a safe and supportive learning environment that builds on personalization and relationships with a rigorous, standards-based curriculum. The curriculum will include the A-G requirements for entrance to the UC system, technology, electives, and skills necessary for success in the work place.

The four focus schools which have been chosen are as follows:

The Academy of Scientific Exploration

Description	ASE will meet the needs of diverse learners and teach all students effective communication and leadership skills while building character as a means to empower all stakeholders to make a positive impact in their community.
General Information	We believe all students have a right to a high quality education, and, when given a productive learning environment, have the ability to learn and succeed.
Mission	To cultivate a community of learners devoted to academic excellence, equitable access, and individual integrity through an adaptive project based curriculum with an emphasis in mathematics, science, medicine, and technology.
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ArTES Academy

<http://www.artespilot.org/>

All students who graduate from ArTES will have fulfilled the University of California A-G requirements and will matriculate ready to enter a college or University. Beyond that, they will have developed the creative problem solving skills and critical thinking skills needed to compete in an ever-evolving global economy. ArTES is not an art, music or theater conservatory, where students are trained to become professional artists, though undoubtedly some students will take that career path. We use the arts as a means to engage students in the learning process through thematic units, collaborative projects and exercises in public speaking that will give them the tools to excel in all academic and vocational areas.

Social Justice Humanitas Academy

<http://www.thehumanitasacademy.com/>

Humanitas is an educational philosophy designed to improve student understanding by creating cross-curricular connections and in-depth exploration of the arts, literature, history, science and mathematics. Using a unique collaborative teaching and cooperative learning approach that emphasizes themes taught across multiple subjects, *Humanitas* consistently produces individuals who are intellectually driven and capable of demonstrating deeper levels of understanding.

Teacher Preparation Academy

Instruction in the Teacher Prep Academy is research-based and designed for personalization for each student. Instruction will be provided through project-based learning, the inquiry approach, and through the use of technology. Students will receive individualized supports through programs such as mentoring and tutoring. Parent will play an integral role in student achievement and will receive regular communication from teachers regarding the progress of their students and plans for intervention/improvement. Plans for a community resource center are also in place.

[http://publicschoolchoice.lausd.net/sites/default/files/PCS_2.0_Proposals/VRHS5_JoseRodriguez\(TeacherPrepAcad\)_Proposal_2of2_redacted.pdf](http://publicschoolchoice.lausd.net/sites/default/files/PCS_2.0_Proposals/VRHS5_JoseRodriguez(TeacherPrepAcad)_Proposal_2of2_redacted.pdf)

6. Will the school have a magnet or School for Advanced Studies (SAS) program?

VRHS #5 will be a School of Choice, not a magnet school. While advanced courses will be offered, the school will not be eligible to apply to become a School for Advanced Studies until after its first year of operation. Becoming an SAS will depend on funding and current regulations at the time of application.

7. Will students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement (AP), Foreign Language or Theater Arts?

AP and other advanced courses will be available. As an A-G requirement, Foreign Language will be part of the curricular offerings. Art electives will be included, but decisions on specific courses have not been made.

9. Will the school have sports facilities and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sports?

CIF sports will be an important part of the students' experience. The school has a standard gym and will field a number of teams, but final decisions about which sports will be included have not been made.

If you have any questions please call Oralia Jimenez, SAA, at 818-837-6250.