



# El Niño Resources for LAUSD Parents



El Niño weather is expected this winter and will bring rain, flooding, and high winds. LAUSD schools have extensive emergency plans in place. Ask to review plans at your child's school.

**All students are expected at school daily, and each school is prepared for emergencies.**



## School Preparedness

- School is one of the safest places for students to be during an emergency. LAUSD is working hard to make sure that schools will be safe during El Niño, including repairs, weather information, and training.
- Every LAUSD school has emergency water, food, first aid supplies, and search and rescue equipment.
- Download the LAUSD Community Emergency Plan app <http://achieve.lausd.net/emergencyapps>
- School emergency information sources:
  - Recorded messages sent to your phone
  - KLCS, LAUSD television station
  - AM news radio 1070
  - <http://achieve.lausd.net>
  - Your school's website
  - LAUSD Facebook/Los Angeles Schools
  - LAUSD Twitter feed@LASchools
  - LAUSD Transportation 1-800-LA BUSES
  - Before/After school programs: Beyond the Bell 213-241-7900
- A downloadable school emergency information wallet card is available at <http://achieve.lausd.net/peicard>. Keep the completed card with you in case of a school emergency.



## Internet Resources

- Learning activities about El Niño  
<http://www.elNino.noaa.gov/>
- LAUSD El Niño resources  
<http://achieve.lausd.net/elNino>
- LA County El Niño resources and general guidelines  
<http://www.lacounty.gov/elNino>
- LA City resident El Niño resources and general guidelines  
<http://www.elNinola.com/>
- Disaster preparedness  
<http://www.redcross.org/prepare>
- Disaster preparedness  
<http://www.ready.gov/natural-disasters>



## Weather Alert Lingo

- **Watch:** Conditions are favorable for an event; usually covers a large area and timeframe.
- **Advisory:** Conditions are likely to occur but not severe enough to prompt a warning.
- **Warning:** An event is already occurring or is likely to occur immediately. Warnings are only issued for severe events that threaten life safety.





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Please review the below tips with your family.



## Family Preparedness

- Check the weather forecast and have children dress appropriately for weather expected throughout the day. Send extra clothing if needed.
- If your child has a disability or medical condition, discuss the impact of flooding, power outages or other weather effects with your child's teachers.
- Remind children never to play in river/creek channels or storm drains. A few inches of water can easily knock someone off their feet.
- Keep emergency contact information updated. If weather-related changes are made to school schedules and activities, you will usually be notified by phone.



## Parent/Student Walking Tips

- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding. If you are caught outdoors during a heavy rain or flood, climb to high ground and stay there.
- Stay back from rushing water, as during flash floods water can increase suddenly.
- If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, STOP! Turn around and go another way.
- Don't walk through flooded areas. As little as six inches of moving water can knock over an adult.
- Children should NEVER play around high water, storm drains, viaducts, or arroyos.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is another major source of deaths in floods. Electric current passes easily through water.



## Driving Tips

- **Headlights on** will help you see better on foggy or rainy days and it will help other drivers see you.
- **Increase following distance** and watch for brake lights ahead.
- **Slow down.** It takes longer to stop in wet weather, and the faster you drive, the greater the chances of hydroplaning.
- **Turn around, don't drown.** Never drive through moving flood waters. It takes just 12 inches of water to move a car.

