



El Niño Resources for LAUSD Students



El Niño weather is expected this winter and will bring rain, flooding, and high winds. All students are expected at school daily, so prepare now for the weather ahead.

Weather can change fast. Check the weather report and wear or take clothing appropriate for any expected weather conditions during the day. Extra dry clothing is a good idea.



Travelling to and from School

- Allow extra time to get to school during weather. Heavy rain, flooded streets, and power outages can slow down travel time.
- Be aware of your surroundings and changing weather conditions. Know where you can go to get out of the rain if necessary.
- 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 a person.
- NEVER play around or walk through high water, storm drains, viaducts, or arroyos. Water can be much deeper than it appears and can suddenly flood through dry drains from a flash flood occurring somewhere else.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires. Electrocution is another major source of deaths in floods. Electric current passes easily through water.
- Walk in a group for safety. If someone gets into unsafe conditions, get help.



School Preparedness

School is one of the safest places to be during an emergency. You will be taken care of at school during an emergency. Every LAUSD school has emergency water, food, first aid supplies, and search and rescue equipment. Download the LAUSD Community Emergency Plan app – it has emergency action items for students!

<http://achieve.lausd.net/emergencyapps>



Stay informed

School emergency information sources:

- Recorded messages sent to your parents' phones
- KLCS, LAUSD television station
- AM news radio 1070
- 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





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Help your Family Prepare for Emergencies

Emergency planning materials are available from the American Red Cross at <http://www.redcross.org/prepare> :

- **Get a kit** – Everyone should have emergency supplies in a handy location ready to go. Remember to include a flashlight!
- **Make a plan** – Does your family have an emergency evacuation and communication plan? Know your plan or help your family create one.
- **Be informed** - identify sources for weather and disaster information, such as local radio, TV, weather apps, or a NOAA weather radio.



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.

