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*ISANA Academies - A Network of Tuition-Free Public Charter Schools*

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**ISANA Academies Announces Expansion to a New State-of-the-Art Campus**

*Marking 15 Years of Impact, ISANA Octavia Academy Begins a Bold New Chapter in Glassell Park*

**Los Angeles, CA – June 25, 2025** – ISANA Academies is excited to announce a significant milestone in its growth and commitment to educational excellence: the relocation of ISANA Octavia Academy to a new campus, beginning in the 2025–26 school year. The new campus, located at 2911 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA 90065, is less than a mile from the current location and represents a transformative investment in students, families, and the future of public education in Northeast Los Angeles.

This expansion goes far beyond a change of location – it reflects ISANA’s bold vision to create a dynamic, inclusive, high-quality educational experience for every child. The new campus spans 86,000 square feet on 7.5 acres and includes: 34 classrooms, eight administrative offices, a theater and mock courtroom, a library, cafeteria, gymnasium, a football field, and a track. Located in the heart of Glassell Park, the campus will unite students from Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through 8th grade on one unified campus, providing more space, autonomy, and resources to grow and thrive.

“This new campus represents the future of education in our community,” said Nadia Shaiq, CEO of ISANA Academies. “It gives us the opportunity to innovate, expand our programming, and continue delivering the inclusive, high-quality education that every student deserves.”

As California’s educational landscape continues to evolve, public charter schools like ISANA are meeting the moment — offering flexible, student-centered models backed by accountability and results. Charter schools are publicly funded and held to rigorous accountability standards. ISANA Academies is proud of its commitment to equity, innovation, and holistic student support.

ISANA Octavia Academy was awarded the 2025 *California Distinguished Schools Award* by Superintendent Tony Thurmond, which recognizes schools that excel in student performance and close the achievement gap. Leading this exciting new chapter is Principal Wilburd Estrada, a founding ISANA educator with 24 years of experience as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

“This campus is more than a building—it’s a foundation for future generations,” said Mr. Estrada. “I’m honored to lead our school into this next chapter and continue investment in equity-driven, high-quality education.”



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Now celebrating its 15th anniversary, ISANA Octavia Academy remains deeply committed to serving a diverse student population. The school proudly serves a majority of Latino and African American students, with 90% receiving free and reduced lunch, 30% English Learners, and 15% receiving Special Education services.

ISANA's holistic approach includes: a safe, inclusive, and culturally responsive environment, strong social-emotional learning supports, a vibrant performing arts program, and an award-winning after-school enrichment program.

"We are incredibly proud of this milestone and grateful to the dedicated educators, families, and community members who make this work possible," said Shaiq. "Every child—regardless of background—deserves a high-quality education. And that's exactly what we will continue to provide."

This moment belongs to the entire ISANA community and underscores the vital role that public charter schools play in delivering high-impact, equitable learning environments for all students.

### **About ISANA Academies:**

Founded in 2005, ISANA is a nonprofit charter management organization that operates six high-quality, tuition-free public charter schools throughout Los Angeles County. We serve approximately 3,000 students from Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade in Compton, Jefferson/Leimert Park, South Los Angeles, Glassell Park, North Hollywood, and Sun Valley.

At ISANA, we are dedicated to empowering every member of our diverse school community to become innovative, socially aware, and collaborative leaders who will make our rapidly evolving world a better place for all. For more information, visit [www.isana.org](http://www.isana.org).

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