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*GRANADA HILLS, Calif.* September 22, 2016 - The Granada Hills Charter High School instructional calendar is determined by a committee consisting of teachers, students, parents, and other GHCHS faculty and staff. To provide the school community with adequate notice, the instructional calendar is typically approved two years in advance.

By having a mid-August start to instruction, GHCHS students finish their first semester final exams in mid-December, providing students a true three week winter break. This also enables classes to begin anew in January - without having to pause instruction for final exams.

This year, GHCHS students will complete over 3,300 Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams in the beginning of May. With a mid-August start, GHCHS students will have experienced several additional weeks of instruction in these courses compared to their peers at schools with later start dates.

Since LAUSD is now reverting to a later start date, GHCHS will continue collaborating with partner LAUSD middle schools to ensure a seamless transition for students enrolling at GHCHS and for current students who may have family members at schools on a different calendar.

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**About Granada Hills Charter High School:** Granada Hills Charter High School, the largest charter school in the nation, is an independent public school in the San Fernando Valley. A fiscally independent conversion charter school, Granada Hills Charter has a current student enrollment of approximately 4,600 and an annual student wait list of almost 3,000. The School's student body is considered one of the most diverse, with more than 40 languages other than English spoken at home and over 60 nationalities represented. Over 2,300 students are eligible for the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. As a 501c3 non-profit benefit corporation, the School's Governing Board is the legal entity overseeing all school policy and its \$50 million operating budget. In August 2015, Granada Hills Charter opened iGranada Digital Arts & Sciences, an innovative blended learning program, on its new Devonshire campus. In 2016, Niche.com recognized GHCHS as the # 1 public high school in California and #26 public high school in the United States of America.