

Middle and K-8 Schools in the Long Beach Unified School District

The sixth through eighth grade students enrolled in the Middle and K-8 schools in the Long Beach Unified School District are a reflection of the numerous elements that make our city a wonderful place to live. With over 20,600 students currently enrolled in grades six through eight, our schools mirror the diversity that makes Long Beach a vibrant, productive and energizing community.

Core Curriculum and Motivating Electives: Students receive instruction from highly qualified, credentialed teachers in state-approved and research-proven curriculum. Administrators and teachers are provided with extensive professional development to ensure that they are meeting the needs and building on the strengths of every student, every day. In addition to the core curriculum in language arts, mathematics, science and history, students enjoy a multitude of electives to choose from, ranging from instruction in performing, fine arts and numerous foreign languages, including Japanese, German, French and Spanish.

Character Development: Understanding that education reaches beyond academic achievement, the middle and K-8 schools of the LBUSD incorporate character education as an essential element of the learning experience. Following the Six Pillars of Character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, and citizenship – each of our schools infuses character education into the daily experience of all students. Furthermore, each of our 26 MS/K-8 schools follow guidelines for dress and behavior, such as the District’s uniform policy, and the Safe and Civil Schools program to help ensure that each campus is a safe and secure environment for learning.

Focus on Achievement and Stakeholder Partnerships: Our administrators and teachers continue to receive extensive professional development to build a strong capacity for analyzing student assessment data to guide instruction. Students are assessed regularly with common assessments and all certificated staff members examine, analyze and evaluate the data to determine next steps in instruction for each individual student. Students and families are regularly informed of student progress and are welcomed as partners in helping to ensure that their child is supported both at school and in the home as they work to achieve their academic and social goals.

LBUSD Middle and K-8 Schools Snapshot

- ❖ Number of MS/K-8 Schools: 26
- ❖ Number of Sixth – Eighth Grade Students: 20,644
- ❖ Schools Participating in “Mentoring Moments”: Franklin, Hamilton, Washington, Jefferson, Stephens, Lindbergh, DeMille, Marshall and Butler