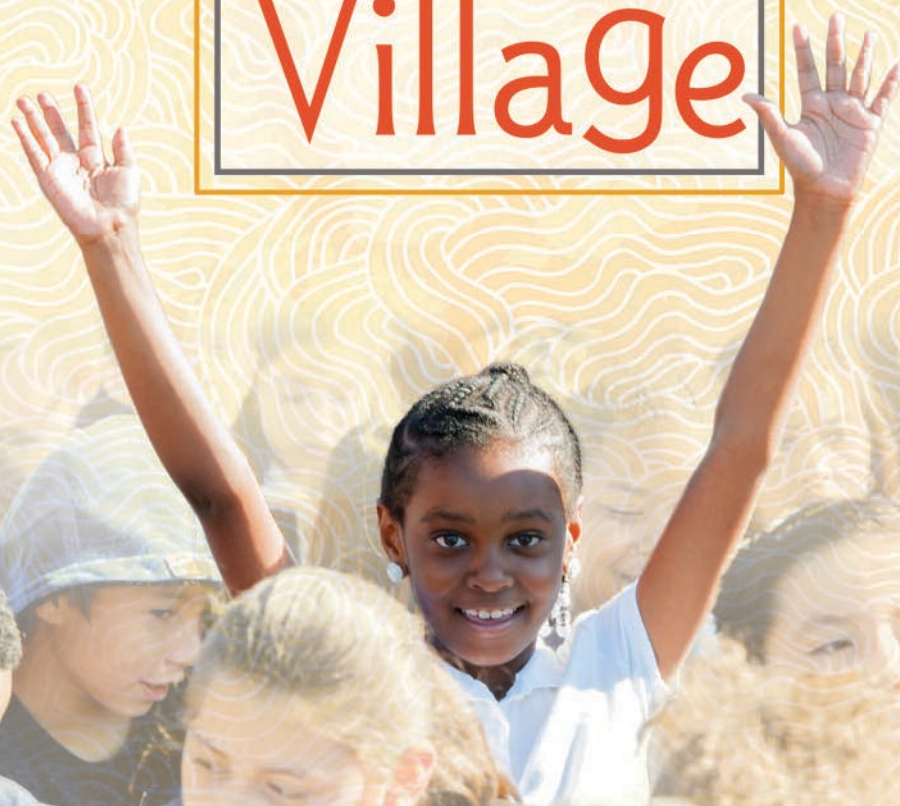




It Takes a Village



**A Call to Action, Partnership and
Community Empowerment**

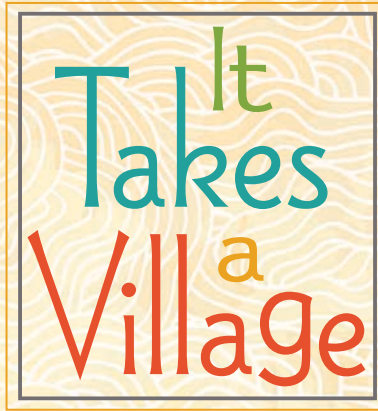


LONG BEACH
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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A Call to Action, Partnership and Community Empowerment

The Long Beach Unified School District is recognized as one of the top school systems nationally and internationally. While we can all take pride in our measurable gains in student achievement, and in the success of initiatives such as The Long Beach College Promise, our school district continues to focus intently on closing any remaining achievement gaps.

Parent and community collaborative efforts have been vital to students' success and are the key to overcoming challenges, both great and small, as we strive for academic excellence together. But it's not enough to simply identify or discuss the challenges. We must also commit to action.

This "It Takes a Village" document is more than a resource guide. It is also a call to action, partnership and community empowerment that strengthens academics by:

- Highlighting key academic programs and opportunities
- Providing academic resources to enhance and fortify skills
- Listing community resources that align and support the district's core curriculum and assessments

This guide is divided into three sections:

School Programs

Family Resources

Community Resources

We hope that you find this guide to be a valuable resource as we work together to prepare more students for success in college, careers and life.

It takes action, partnership and community empowerment to accomplish the strategic plan

Alignment of the LBUUSD Strategic Plan and Local Control and Accountability Plan

STRATEGIC PLAN

Ensure Equitable Opportunities for Every Student

Provide a Safe, Respectful and Rigorous Learning Environment for Every Member of the School Community

Promote Academic Growth for Every Student

Establish College and Career Readiness for Every Student

Support Effective Communication throughout the District

LCAP

Students will receive basic services that are fundamental to academic success.

Schools will be safe, inviting, engaging and supportive places for students, parents and staff.

Students will make academic progress on the Common Core State Standards.

Students will succeed in Algebra to ensure high school graduation and expand college and career opportunities.

Students will participate and excel in rigorous coursework, including Advanced Placement.

Students will be actively engaged in their learning.

Students will demonstrate readiness for college and careers.

School Programs

to support academic achievement



Elementary

Early Learning Initiatives

LBUSD's Early Learning Systems expand school readiness and provide young children with a solid foundation for immediate and long-term academic success. Programs include Head Start, Child Development Centers, Transitional Kindergarten, Early Transitional Kindergarten and Educare.

Literacy Classes

Literacy classroom teachers provide intensive and extended reading and writing instruction to a small class of struggling learners. The lessons address the specific needs of students and help them attain grade-level standards.



Middle / K-8

Long Beach Scholars

Long Beach Scholars is a middle school elective program that helps students to prepare for both college and careers. It includes collaborative study groups and covers five major themes: Academic Discipline, Critical Thinking, Growth Mindset, Relationship Building and Future Possibilities.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camp

In the California State University, Long Beach's STEM at the Beach summer program, students partake in hands-on, real-world learning experiences designed to spur their career interest in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.





K-12

Long Beach College Promise

The Promise is a guarantee to provide all Long Beach Unified students with the opportunity to go to college. Our partners work together to support and guide students from pre-K to college. The Promise includes elementary student visits to Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach, a free first year of courses at LBCC, and guaranteed admission to CSULB for qualifying students.

Technology Enhancements

The school district now provides WiFi access at all campuses and has purchased more than 50,000 computer tablets to help provide 21st Century learning experiences for students.

All In Campaign

All In is a year-long citywide effort to improve attendance and reduce chronic truancy and chronic absenteeism rates in all K-12 schools in the Long Beach Unified School District. While the All In campaign focuses on attendance rates at all schools, it has been initially aimed at schools located in the most vulnerable areas of the city. A large part of the success of All In relies on the support and participation of all key stakeholders, including local businesses, parents and residents.

Safe and Civil Schools

The Safe and Civil Schools Initiative promotes positive interactions among adults and students at schools. This initiative helps improve attendance, reduce tardiness, lower suspension rates, improve student behaviors, and foster a safe, welcoming, respectful and rigorous learning environment.

Male and Female Leadership Academies

Male and Female Leadership Academies seek to empower young men and women by providing them with the academic, cultural and social-emotional support that leads to graduation and postsecondary success. The Academies use a rigorous curriculum tailored to the needs of the participating students.

High School

Linked Learning and Pathway Programs

LBUSD's Linked Learning Initiative provides rigorous academics, career-based learning, work-based learning and personalized support so that students can prepare for college, career and life success. High schools provide more than 40 pathways focused on specific careers and industries. Students have access to inspiring work-based learning opportunities in growing and emerging career sectors (complementing what they learn in class) so that they gain the skills and knowledge needed to be successful members of our local economy. Activities include career surveys, career fairs and internships, among many others.



Dual and Concurrent Enrollment

LBUSD offers tuition-free dual and concurrent enrollment opportunities with higher education institutions, allowing students to earn college credits while still in high school. One notable program features California State University, Long Beach's entry-level Ethnic Studies class (US Diversity and Ethnic Experience).

Family Resources

to support academic achievement

Academic Achievement

Kindergarten Festivals, Education Celebration and High School Choice Summit

LBUSD provides highly popular Saturday events to assist with transitioning to each level of the school system. Transitioning students and their families enjoy workshops and learn about school programs.

ParentVUE

ParentVUE is a website that allows parents to view their child's current and historical information, including daily attendance, grades, report cards, test scores, discipline, graduation status, college preparation, and more. It is also a one-stop location for links to other parent services including School Loop and MySchoolBucks (school meal accounts). With one simple activation, parents can view information on all of their children, from elementary school to high school.



School Loop

School Loop makes it easy for you to use your home computer or mobile device to stay informed about what's going on in your child's classroom and throughout the school district. School Loop lets teachers post homework assignments, classroom news and reminders. Middle school and high school parents can check their child's grades, assignments and class schedule. You'll also receive the latest school district news.



Homework Helpline

The Long Beach Unified School District provides homework help to students who are striving for excellence and achievement. Homework Helpline consists of teachers who guide students through homework assignments via the telephone. The service is free to all Long Beach Unified students. Homework Helpline is a unique service furnishing on-demand, personal tutoring. Students can call the Homework Helpline at (562) 437-2859 Monday through Thursday between 4 and 6:30 p.m.

SAT Prep / Advanced Placement

To reduce financial barriers to college and career readiness, LBUSD covers most of the cost of Advanced Placement exam fees. While each AP test typically costs \$93, the district pays \$88 so that students pay only \$5. The PSAT is offered for free to all 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th graders, and the SAT for free to all 11th graders (as well as to select 12th graders who need an extra opportunity). A free 38-hour SAT preparatory program is also available to eleventh grade students.

Customized College Readiness Guides

High school students and their parents receive customized College Readiness Guides, which provide an overview of readiness for various California public colleges and universities. These reports also provide suggested next steps, which might include taking the SAT, using online Khan Academy SAT prep tutorials, attending college fairs, revisiting college planning and learning more about financial aid. Counselors, college advisors and other school staff are available to discuss the reports in detail.

Technology: Free Resources

Khan Academy

LBUSD encourages students to link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts so that they can have access to the Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy. This free, personalized resource includes video lessons, interactive practice questions, full-length exams and test-taking tips and strategies.

ST Math

ST Math is an online instructional program that uses a visual approach with games to build a deep conceptual understanding of math and strengthen problem-solving skills. This technology allows a more diverse range of students to achieve success.

Type to Learn

Type to Learn is a computer program that helps students learn proper keyboarding techniques. By developing these skills, students can better navigate the Smarter Balanced computer adaptive online assessments.



Community Resources

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Long Beach Public Library

LearningExpress

With your Long Beach Public Library card you can get all the practice you need. LearningExpress Library offers practice sets for:

Elementary:

- Math, from numbers to measurement and data
- Language Arts, from reading to writing and language
- Learning plans to strengthen your skills

Middle School:

- Subjects from Algebra to Geography and History
- High school entrance exams like SSAT
- Writing and language tutorials

High School:

- Subjects from Biology to U.S. History
- ACT, SAT and AP exams
- College placement exams

To access LearningExpress online:

Go to www.lbpl.org

Click on Databases (on the left)

Scroll down and click on LearningExpress Library

Register and/or **Login**

Brainfuse

Elementary:

- Live online tutoring
- Create interactive quizzes and flashcards
- Practice tests for Math, Reading & Writing, from grades 3 to 5

Middle School:

- Live online tutoring (including Algebra)
- 24-hour writing lab
- Create interactive quizzes and flashcards
- Practice tests for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies

High School:

- Live online tutoring
- 24-hour writing lab
- Create interactive quizzes and flashcards
- SAT, ACT, and AP exam practice

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Go to www.lbpl.org

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Scroll down and click on Brainfuse Help Now

Enter your library card number

Additional Online Resources and Useful Links

The following resources are available on the District Website, **www.lbschools.net**. To access the resources below, click on the Menu, and A-Z index.

Academic Resources

- Click on E then English/Language Arts, then click, Family Resources.
- Click on M then Mathematics, then click, Family Resources.
- Click on T then Test Schedules

Family Resources

- Begin at the District Home Page and click Parents for access to ParentVUE log in, Parent University, School Calendars, Parent Guidelines, Meal Menus and more.
- Begin at the District Home Page and click Students for access to StudentVUE log in, Homework Help, Transcripts and more.

Community Resources

- Click on C then Community Resource Guide, for community agencies and organizations.
- Click on P then Parent University, click on Dept. Menu and plus sign and then click, Online Resources and Useful Links.



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For more information, contact Parent University at
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