

Long Beach Unified School District

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50 Elementary Schools
24 Middle Schools
10 High Schools
1 Continuation High
1 Evening High
1 Adult School
3 Charter Schools
1 Outdoor Education School
K-12 Enrollment



100,143

Established in 1885 with fewer than a dozen students meeting in a borrowed tent, LBUSD now educates more than 92,000 students in 95 public schools in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Avalon on Catalina Island. The third largest school district in California, it serves the most diverse large city in the United States, according to Census 2000, with 46 different languages spoken by local students. The district employs more than 8,000 people, making it the largest employer in Long Beach.

LBUSD was the first public school system in the U.S. to require uniforms in kindergarten through eighth grade; the first to require any third grader reading below grade level to attend mandatory summer school; and the first to end social promotion. The district led the nation's first conversion of a public middle school from co-educational classes to separate classes for boys and girls. Known as the Jefferson Leadership Academies, the school's focus on academics has reduced distractions and produced higher student achievement.

Even with such excellent support, the district by the late 1990s struggled with one of its toughest challenges. Enrollment grew rapidly. Hundreds of students transferred to Long Beach schools from private and parochial schools. New schools and classrooms were needed urgently. Fortunately, strong community support assured the overwhelming passage of \$295 million in local school bonds in 1999. These bond funds are helping assure that students and teachers will have the facilities, equipment and technology they need for years to come. New schools and classrooms are being built on time and on budget.