



BACK-TO-SCHOOL REPORT



LAGUNA BEACH
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024



Topics of Discussion

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Total TK-12 Enrollment:

2,399 Students

El Morro Elementary

423

Top of the World Elementary

557

Thurston Middle School

520

Laguna Beach High School

888

School-Based Mental Health Specialists:

- District Nurses
- School Counselors
- Student Support Specialists
- School Psychologists

Teachers on Special Assignment (ToSA):

- K-5 Visual and Performing Arts
- English Lang. Development
- Instructional Coach
- Literacy
- Math
- Technology

Districtwide Coordinators:

- Career Education
- Community Liaison
- Environmental Literacy
- Family Engagement
- Transition Services

Student-to-counselor
ratio:

223:1

2.5%
are English
Learners

16.4%
are economically
disadvantaged

10.3%
receive special
education services

143
new students

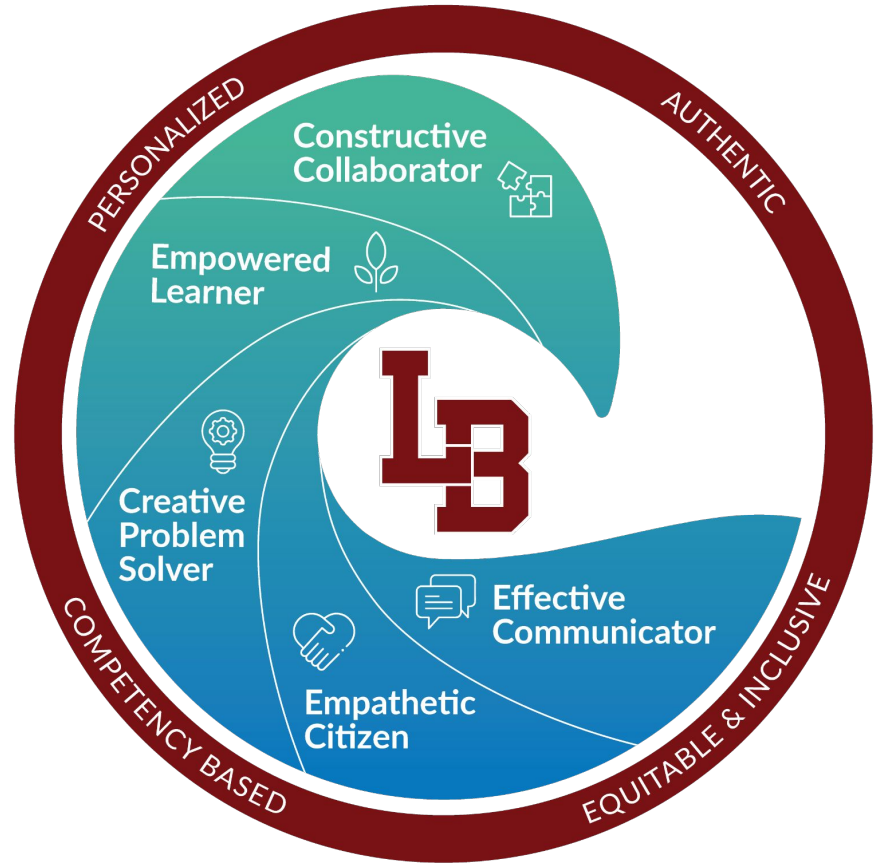
Profile of a Learner

FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE

- Common language and definitions support student ownership of learning and engages whole school community in learning experiences
- Real-world, relevant

NEXT STEPS

- Professional development
- Communications and marketing





CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS

- PD - Learner Centered Collaborative
- Using Happiness to our Advantage
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Social hour- All about relationships

Professional Development (PD)

SCHOOL SITE LEADERSHIP

- Two days engaged in continuous improvement process - review & reflect
 - data analysis, goal setting





PERSONALIZED & FLEXIBLE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- Course Unit Re-Designs
- Lunch & Learns
- On-Your-Own Learning
- School Visits and Learning Walks
- Communities of Practice
- Conferences & Workshops

86% of staff reported PD had a positive impact

Professional Development

ALL CERTIFICATED & CLASSIFIED STAFF

- Personalized & Flexible Design: breakfast, recognitions, keynote speaker, breakout sessions, lunch, and wellness activities
- 52 breakout sessions (avg. rating = 9.4/10)
- 25 LBUSD staff facilitated sessions
- 10 staff wellness sessions



Human Resources

HIRING AND RECRUITMENT

- Hiring process overview
 - 23-24 recruitment timeline
 - New hires
- Class size average:
 - **Grades K-3 | 18**
 - **Grades 4-5 | 26**
 - **Grades 6-8 | 25**
 - **Grades 9-12 | 22**

NEW PROCESSES

- 2023-24 Volunteer Requirements
- Goal setting for all certificated staff
- Launch of online evaluation system
- Continued focus on providing wellness resources for all staff



Expanded Learning Opportunities

LEAD

Grades 1-12

- 418 Participants
- 2 Weeks
- 60 Course Offerings



ELOP

- Full-day summer program offered in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach
- 74 participants

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

- Specialized 4-Week Academic Program
- Participation Determined Annually By IEP Team
- 16 Students PK-8



Expanded Learning Opportunities

SUMMER SCHOOL

Grades 9 - 12

- 18 Course Options
- 96 Students
 - 100% Pass Rate
 - 435 Credits Earned

Grades 1 - 8

- 126 students
- ELA & Math Intervention
- Arts, STEAM & SEL Integration
- 100% of Students Evidenced Academic Growth

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

- Fall athletics saw an increased turnout for tryouts this year, demonstrating higher rates of interest among students
- An additional home game scheduled for most sports this year to increase exposure
- Updated athletics page on TMS website to improve communication





Early Learning

KINDERGARTEN

- 69 students enrolled at TOW
- 53 students enrolled at EMS
- 30 students participated in the summer Kindergarten Readiness Camp

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)

- 19 students enrolled at TOW
- 18 students enrolled at EMS
- 10 students participated in the summer TK Readiness Camp

2023-24 TK eligibility | September 2 - April 2

2024-25 TK eligibility | September 2 - June 2

PRESCHOOL READINESS

- 1 Special Education Preschool Classroom
- Learning Link Program provides weekly workshops for parents and children ages 2 to 5 years old; 39 families participated in 2022-23



Career Exploration

10 SECTORS

23 PATHWAYS

In 2022-23, 38% of high school students engaged in early career exploration through CTE courses across 8 different pathways. New in 2023-24:

- Medical lab equipment; EMT ambulance and anatomage table
- Expansion of Spyder Student Run Enterprise - Artists Design Shop
- Direct Film to Garment Printer in LBHS Multimedia Lab
- Roland Vinyl Printers at TMS & LBHS

New CTE Pathways at TMS:

- Graphic Design
- Professional Theatre



Work-Based Learning

36% of high school seniors participated in work-based learning opportunities in 2022-23, including internships, student-led enterprises, and simulated work experiences in the classroom.

College Readiness

ADVANCED COURSEWORK

- 26 Honors courses (LBHS)
- 24 Advanced Placement (AP) courses
 - New AP Human Geography and AP Chemistry classes

DUAL-ENROLLMENT COURSES

- Irvine Valley College | College & Career Advantage Courses
 - Sociology, Business, Entrepreneurship
 - Counseling 1; integrated into Global Studies (1.5 credits)

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS (VAPA)

- LBHS | 33 courses
- TMS | 13 courses



POST-HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAYS

- Ninety percent of the LBHS class of 2023 self-reported post-secondary plans via the annual LBHS Senior Survey. Of the 245 survey respondents, 94% of students expressed intent to continue their education in fall 2024 and 4% of students have planned a gap year for 2023-24.
 - Four-year colleges & universities | 66%
 - Two-year colleges | 26%
 - An additional 2% of students expressed plans to enroll in trade schools, adult transition programs, or military academies.

Digital Student Resources

GRADES TK-3

- World Book - Early Learning
- NetGeo Kids
- Pebble Go

GRADES 3 - 6

- World Book - Kids
- Kiddle Robot
- Pebble Go Next

GRADES 6-8

- World Book- Student
- Discoverer & SIRS
- PBS Video Library

GRADES K-12

- Britannica
- Sora & Destiny
- Paper Tutoring
- Grammarly
- Ask Our Librarians (AOL)



- **Credible Information**
- **Curricular Supports**
- **Continuous Access**

*These digital resources are available to our students **anytime, anywhere, and on any device**. They support our students with engaging **projects**, completing **homework**, and pursuing their **personal interests** that empower a lifelong **love of learning**.*

Transportation

BUS ZONE

- GPS tracking system for parents to monitor children's routes
- Access to multiple stops

CURRENT RIDERSHIP

EMS • 275 passes (66% of enrollment)

TOW • 307 passes (54% of enrollment)

TMS • 243 passes (47% of enrollment)

LBHS • 0 passes (available, but none requested yet)



Nutrition Services

UNIVERSAL MEALS

- Students receive free breakfast and lunch

	Breakfast	Lunch
2018-2019	29,000	96,000
2022-2023	141,000	117,000
Increase	386%	22%

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

- **Menu Planning Mondays** and **Taste Test Tuesdays** are held monthly at each school site
 - Student groups at each school help to develop menu options and sample new items



Facilities

Summer Capital Improvement Projects

- Family Resource Center
- Annex at 811 Manzanita Drive
- LBHS Well Space



Top of the World Elementary

- Solar panel replacement
- Kitchen circulation improvements

El Morro Elementary

- Garden improvements
- Installed bottle fill drinking fountains

Thurston Middle School

- Repair and replacement of interior finishes at classrooms C1-C9

Laguna Beach High School

- Artist Theatre safety enhancements
- 80's student restroom modernization



THANK YOU.



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