



Key Updates: Lompoc Unified School District

Santa Barbara County Board of Education
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8,955

TK-12 Students



Student Demographics



Latino



White



Black



2+ Races



Asian



Filipino

Employees



1,091

employees



532

certificated
staff



504

classified staff



55

administrators

Schools



16

schools

9 elementary schools

9 middle schools

2 high schools

1 continuation school

1 adult learning center



OUR VISION

Each student graduates from high school prepared to meet the challenges of post-secondary education and the demands of a successful career

OUR MISSION

We are a community of learners that provides educational experiences for each of our students to meet high expectations.

OUR GOALS



Each of our students will graduate and will be college and career ready.

OUR BELIEFS



Each of our students can meet high expectations.



Each of our students will be on grade level in English Language Arts and math.



Educational partners will work together to ensure systems and plans meet the diverse needs of each of our students.

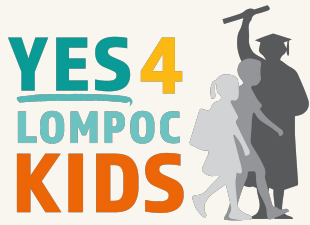


Trusting and respectful relationships are at the heart of effective educational systems.



Schools are the center of wellness, creativity, and continuous learning cycles for staff and students.

Investments in the Future of Lompoc



Measure M: \$160M

+48M State Matching Funds



We have pressing facilities needs...

- Age of Schools: 60 years-old; not improved in 20+ years
- Modern Permanent Classrooms
- Hazardous Waste Removal: Asbestos, Lead
- Repairs: Plumbing, Sewer, Gas, Electrical
- Safety & Security: Fencing, Cameras, Fire Alarms, Emergency Communications
- ADA Access for Students with Disabilities
- Updated Science Labs and Technology



Manzanita Public Charter School

\$54.5M

\$43.6M

Public School on Military
Installation (PSMI) grant

\$10.9M

State + LUSD +
Manzanita funding

- New state-of-the-art kitchen with farm-to-table meals
- New seating for student
- New HVAC system
- New flooring
- New ceilings
- New walls
- New roofing

Education Workforce Housing

**LUSD
TEACHERS**

58%

Income spent on rent

\$51,288

Average **beginning** salary
in LUSD

Many LUSD
employees far
exceed the

30%

“rent rule.”

\$2,500

Median rent
in Lompoc

**LUSD CLASSIFIED
EMPLOYEES**

87%

Income spent on rent

\$34,451

Average **beginning** salary
in LUSD

LUSD employees agree that the high cost of housing in Lompoc...

81%

has a negative impact on employee **recruitment and retention**

38%

has caused them to **consider leaving**

68%

has a negative impact on the **quality of education** students receive

Programs Unique to Lompoc Youth

- **Dangermond Preserve**
- **The Teen Center**
- **Future for Lompoc Youth**

Dangermond Preserve



Recent History: Jack & Laura Dangermond Preserve

- 1850s: The Bixby family (from Maine) purchased land in LA and OC for ranching and farming
- 1912: The Bixby family purchased Coho Ranch (9,000 acres)
- 1939: The Bixby family purchased adjacent Jalama Ranch (16,000 acres)
- 2017: The Nature Conservancy purchased the Bixby Ranch thanks to the largest philanthropic gift in its history to made by Laura and Jack Dangermond, founders of *Ersi*



The Place: An Undeveloped Biodiversity Hotspot



- 24,329 total acres
- 5,000 acres of native grasslands
- 6,000 acres of woodlands
- 300 acres of wetlands
- 8 miles of undisturbed coastline
- 78 miles of streams
- 200 wildlife species
- 600 plant species

Environmental Education Program

Vision

Cultivate the next generation of leaders to solve the world's complex environmental challenges

Methodologies

- Place-based
- Hands-on
- Inquiry-based

Impact

271

LUSD middle and high school students served in spring 2024



1,700

Students and adults served since 2019

26

Adults served in spring 2024



"Dear me, I am writing to reflect upon my experience at the Dangermond Preserve. I enjoyed my time in nature today. I believe nature is important for everyone to experience, it leaves important time for thought. Today, I discovered within myself the ability to enjoy something regardless of how physically uncomfortable I may feel! Looking forward to coming again. Sincerely, me."

~ Student, Lompoc High School





Lompoc Teen Center



Lompoc Teen Center

- Created in summer 2022
- Addressing limited access to out-of-school academic support programs
- Run by teens for teens
- Offers private classrooms, a common study area, library, games zone, and a media lounge

MISSION

Provide a safe-space for at-risk teens (7th-12th grade) to achieve academic success and college readiness

VISION

Empower at-risk teens to reach their full potential and become successful, independent young adults

Programs

- Leadership Fellows (includes scholarships)
- Yes-I-Can / Si-Se-Puede (middle school academic support and scholarships)
- Activities (DIY Piñatas, Chemistry Lab)
- Events (A Night of Jazz & R&B)
- Excursions (La Purisima Hiking)



Impact

2022-2024

- Lompoc Teen Center students: 135
- Leadership Fellows*: 15
- Yes I Can-Si Se Puede program students: 60
- Scholarships Awarded: \$41,750

- Approximately 75% of student members demonstrated improvement in their grades and GPA between the fall and spring semesters in the 2023-2024 academic school year.*
- Student members who received one-on-one tutoring services consistently throughout the school year improved their academic performance by an average of 0.43 GPA points within the same time frame*

"The Teen Center really helped me get my life on track. Before the Teen Center, my grades were horrible and I originally joined only because my friends did. But when I started getting help and time to do homework, my grades went up a lot to the point I started getting rewards for academics. Personally, the friends I made there really made me more social and obviously I love the staff."

- High School Sophomore

*Evaluation of the Yes I Can-Si Se Puede Program (spring 2024)



Future for Lompoc Youth



Future for Lompoc Youth

- Launched in 2021
- Supporting junior and senior high school students in Lompoc
- Equipping students with the skills for a thriving future

MISSION

Youth are safe and valued in our community and confident in advocating for their FUTURE.

VISION

Foster connections in an innovative environment for Lompoc Valley youth to feel empowered in building their legacy.

Programs

- Career Readiness Academy to prepare students for college and career
- Customer Service Academy to learn communication, problem-solving, and customer service skills with guidance from local business leaders
- California Freedom Summer Participatory Action Research Project to collect and use data to make informed decisions about policies in their community, in partnership with UCLA



Impact

- 250 students to date
- 93% agreed that Future eased their **transition** from high school to college*
- 86% agreed that Future helped them achieve their **academic and career/job goals***
- 93% agreed that Future increased understanding of **workplace expectations***
- 86% agreed that Future increased knowledge of **job opportunities in Lompoc***

*WestEd Evaluation (March 2024)

"Amazing going to UCLA in Los Angeles. I see myself in the future going into college, with more of an open mind, and how I'll step forward once I'm on the college campus"
-Guadalupe D.

"I changed my mind about school when I graduate. I actually want to go to college and be successful"
-Jojo A.