



LYNWOOD
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



2018

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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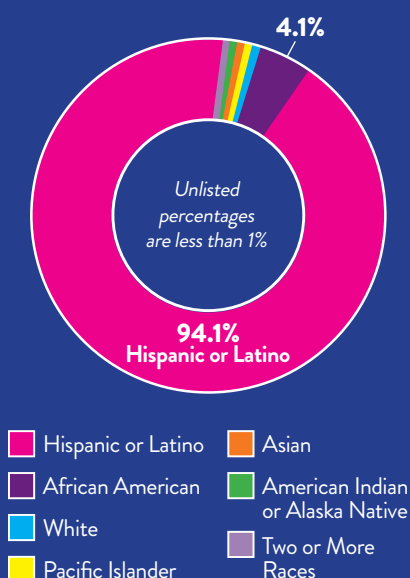
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DEMOGRAPHICS



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Lynwood Unified Community,

It is my pleasure to present our 2018 Report to the Community, which demonstrates the growing achievements of our ambitious students and staff and the impact of our diverse programs. At Lynwood Unified, we are committed to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to find their life's passion while reaching their college and career aspirations.

Lynwood Unified serves more than 15,000 students through 12 elementary schools, three middle schools and three high schools in addition to preschool, adult and independent study programs. Our programs give students the opportunity to delve deeply into their passions while pursuing a successful future of their dreams.

Our District's hard work was recognized by the College Board, which named Lynwood Unified one of just three 2017 National Advanced Placement Districts of the Year. The honor acknowledged our efforts to significantly increase the number of students taking AP exams while simultaneously increasing pass rates.

Our career technical pathways begin in our middle and elementary schools, helping students determine professions they might wish to explore in high school. Our high school pathways include manufacturing and engineering, biomedicine and nursing, media and design arts, performing arts, photography, culinary arts and automotive. In addition, our District's emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects has expanded to feature an elementary robotics course and a TK-2 iPad initiative, which gets younger students involved in computer coding through games and robots.

We are committed to enhancing the learning environment for all our students. Research shows that high-quality school facilities connect directly with increased academic achievement. Lynwood voters approved the \$93 million Measure K in 2012, followed by the \$65 million Measure N in 2016, allowing us to improve classrooms and facilities for our students.

From all of us at Lynwood Unified, we sincerely appreciate all you do to support us in our mission to help every student fearlessly achieve personal and academic goals. Let us continue to inspire the next generation of scholars who will carry the torch of success in our community.

Gudiel R. Crosthwaite, Ph.D.
Superintendent



MISSION

The mission of Lynwood Unified School District, the cultivator of innovative thinkers, is to ensure each student fearlessly achieves his or her highest academic and personal aspirations while contributing to the greater society through a unique system distinguished by people of great character who inspire and lead by example; the instilling of courage to be creative; the transformative uses of technology; safe and clean environments and the honoring of all voices of our community.

ACHIEVEMENT

"I've enjoyed so many experiences at Lynwood Unified that changed my life and helped me grow as a student and a person."
—Abieiden Lopez, class of 2018 graduate and Stanford University student

Lynwood Unified Named National AP District of the Year

Lynwood Unified achieved the highest honor for a school district when it became one of three districts in the nation – and the only one in California – to be named a 2017 College Board Advanced Placement District of the Year. The College Board leadership presented the award at Lynwood High School, celebrating the monumental achievement with students, teachers and district administrators.

The District received the honor for being the national leader among medium-size school districts – defined as having between 8,000 and 49,999 students – in expanding access to AP courses while simultaneously improving AP exam performance.

From 2014 to 2016, Lynwood Unified School District:

- Simultaneously and continuously raised the number of students taking AP classes while improving successful outcomes (a score of 3 or higher) on AP exams, with 42 percent of all AP students scoring a 3 or higher in 2016;
- Increased student participation in the AP program by 17 percent annually and the percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam by 4 percent annually;
- Increased the percentage of traditionally underrepresented minority AP students earning a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam by 5 percent annually – an increase of 101 students since 2014.

LUSD College and Career Readiness

AP Exams Taken by LUSD Students

2017-18: 1,863

2016-17: 1,535

2015-16: 1,472

LUSD Cohort Graduation Rates

2016-17: 86.20%

2015-16: 83.30%

2014-15: 81%

LA County Cohort Graduation Rates

2016-17: 80.8%

2015-16: 81.6%

2014-15: 78.7%

Lynwood Seniors Earn Prestigious Gates Scholarship

Firebaugh High School senior Kimberly Wenceslao and Lynwood High School senior Lesly Leon were among 300 students across the U.S. to receive the all-expenses-paid Gates Scholarship. Both students were valedictorians for their 2018 classes. Wenceslao, who finished with a 4.56 GPA, is using the honor to study psychology at Yale. Leon is pursuing molecular biology at Stanford.



Lesly Leon

Kimberly Wenceslao

ACHIEVEMENT

*"I felt challenged and supported by my teachers
in a way that pushed me to be my best."*

—Brian Vasquez, class of 2018 graduate and UC Berkeley student

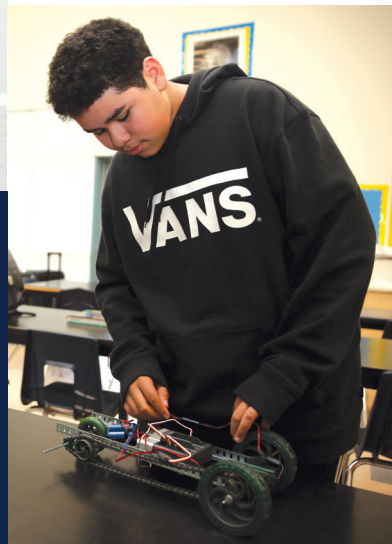
Immersing Students in a College-bound Culture

- A partnership with Compton College offers priority registration, guaranteed admission, financial aid assistance and programs to help with college readiness.
- A partnership with Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science allows students to apply for scholarships as early as the 10th grade.
- All students take the SAT at no cost. The registration fee is waived, removing a potential barrier to success.
- Emphasizing a college going culture, students in TK-8 are exposed to college and career fairs as well as projects that challenge them to learn about universities.



An Emphasis on Technology to Produce 21st Century Scholars

- Students have access to computer coding clubs at elementary and middle schools.
- The District received a \$250,000 science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) mobile classroom. It features Mac computers, coding programs and two 3-D printers. The mobile classroom will be accessible to Rosa Parks Elementary School students for the 2018-19 school year.
- Washington Elementary School launched a robotics computer lab to inspire students to pursue STEAM-focused learning.
- The District summer science camp combines chemistry and entrepreneurship.



District Expands Dual-immersion Program at Will Rogers Elementary School

Will Rogers Elementary School expanded its popular Spanish-English dual-immersion program during 2018-19 to include fourth-grade instruction by providing a mix of 150 English speakers and English learners with the opportunity to develop biliteracy for lifelong learning and cultural understanding.

The school's dual-immersion program was started during the 2014-15 school year with one kindergarten class. In subsequent years, it has added first, second and third grades as students progressed. The District also expanded kindergarten to two classes to accommodate surging parent interest.

This year, the program offers two kindergarten classes, two first-grade classes, one second-grade class, one third-grade and one fourth-grade class.



*Lynwood Unified
has achieved*

GOLDEN RIBBON AWARDS

*for outstanding
educational practices
and programs:*

Helen Keller Elementary
Janie P. Abbott Elementary
Mark Twain Elementary
Roosevelt Elementary
Will Rogers Elementary
Wilson Elementary

FACILITIES REPORT



Enhancing Lynwood Schools, Propelling Student Achievement

Measure K & Measure N:

In 2012, Lynwood voters approved the \$93 million Measure K. In 2016, the community supported the \$65 million Measure N so that Lynwood Unified could continue the much-needed work to renovate, repair and refurbish classrooms and athletic facilities, while upgrading the District's technology infrastructure. Over the last six years, the facilities team has protected taxpayer dollars by ensuring projects are completed on time, on budget and to the highest quality.



Citizens' Oversight Committee

Lynwood Unified's Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) is a group of community volunteers who meet quarterly to review bond expenditures to ensure funding is solely used for projects that enhance Lynwood's school facilities.

COC Members

Paulette Bradley • Rajen Dhaliwal • Jackie Espinoza
Edwin Hernandez • Mariela Menendez • Edith Ornelas • Mayra Scott

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- **New classroom buildings** at Lincoln and Washington elementary schools. The District replaced outdated portable classrooms with energy-efficient buildings that feature state-of-the-art technology and furniture, large windows for natural light and quality acoustics.
- **New media centers** at Will Rogers and Washington elementary schools and Lynwood Middle School. Libraries were converted into media centers featuring updated technology and internet infrastructure, flatscreen monitors, computers, new bookcases, student group tables and chairs, librarian desks and new carpeting and paint.
- **Refurbished baseball and softball fields** at Lynwood Middle School and Firebaugh High School.
- **New District stadium** at Lynwood High School. CIF-rated artificial turf and rubberized track were installed to create a District stadium, which has been in use by student-athletes from Lynwood High and Firebaugh High.
- **Gym improvements** made at Lynwood and Hosler middle schools as well as Firebaugh High. Middle school gyms were enhanced with new interior paint, sports wall pads and game lines, refurbished wood floors, installation of motorized bleachers and basketball backstops.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- **Lynwood High School gym** is receiving new motorized bleachers and has had its locker rooms renovated.
- **Pathway High School** – Independent Study campus renovation; construction of three modular classroom buildings, student and staff restrooms, a lunch shelter, basketball court and parking lot. Each classroom will be equipped with energy-efficient air conditioning and LED lighting.
- **Restroom renovation** at Lugo and Rosa Parks elementary schools, Lynwood High School and Pathway.
- **Roof repairs and replacement** at 14 schools and exterior painting at nine schools.
- **Interior painting** at Thurgood Marshall Elementary and Chavez Middle School.
- **Asphalt and concrete improvements** at Lincoln, Lindbergh, Roosevelt, Washington and Will Rogers elementary schools, and Hosler Middle and Lynwood High.
- **Lynwood High marquee** replacement.
- **Reconfiguration of drop-off zones** at Washington and Lugo elementary schools.
- **New security entrances** at Lincoln, Washington and Wilson elementary schools.
- **Fencing replacement** at 13 schools.
- **Upgrade of elevator systems** at Lynwood Middle School, Lynwood High School and Lynwood Community Adult School.
- **Upgrade of all fire alarm systems** at all District facilities.

ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



LCAP HIGHLIGHTS

LUSD's LCAP is committed to lifting student performance on all levels.

- Every student will improve one performance band on the California Standards.
- All English learners will become proficient in English and reach high standards, at a minimum, attaining proficiency or better in reading, language arts, and mathematics.
- All students will be taught by highly qualified teachers and personnel.
- All students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug-free, and conducive to learning.
- All students will graduate from high school.
- All students will receive access to meaningful learning activities as evident through an A-G curriculum, setting personal college and career goals, and by establishing career pathways.
- Parent participation at school and District events will increase annually.

