



LYNWOOD

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



2015 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY





Superintendent's Message

Dear Friends of the Lynwood Unified School District,

I am proud to present Lynwood Unified's 2015 Report to the Community, which provides an overview of our programs and services, as well as upcoming projects and goals that will contribute to the success of our District.

First and foremost, we are thrilled to report tremendous strides in student achievement. More of our graduates are attending institutes of higher education than ever before. Graduation rates at our comprehensive high schools have soared – with Firebaugh High climbing to 89.2 percent and Lynwood High reaching 80.9 percent in 2013-14.

Our goal remains to ensure all students are ready for college and careers, and we are committed to creating lifelong learners who are equipped for success beyond our schools. This means offering rigorous courses and programs that develop vital career technical skills required for the jobs of tomorrow.

We are also modernizing our campuses and facilities with technological upgrades – including wireless internet access at all schools, new computer labs and additional technical support for students and teachers. To encourage a well-rounded educational experience for all of our students, we continue to revitalize our athletic facilities.

With the support of our community, our parents, our Board of Education, our dedicated and high-quality educators and staff, our District leaders and our growing partnerships, we will continue to see Lynwood Unified thrive.

Sincerely,
Paul Gothold
Superintendent



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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
- the honoring of all voices of our community

OBJECTIVES

- All students graduate college-ready to achieve their highest academic and personal aspirations.
- All students possess character.
- Each student fulfills his or her vision of personal and professional success.
- Each student actualizes his or her true identity through leading a purposeful life.
- All students exceed grade level achievement and college readiness assessments.



Measure K Update

In November 2012, the community voted to support Lynwood Unified with approval of a \$93 million facilities bond, which is providing vital funding to renovate and repair existing buildings, and construct new classrooms and facilities.

Most recently, a \$2.5 million artificial turf football field and new running track surface were installed at Lynwood High. The new field, which is used by both Lynwood and Firebaugh high schools for home athletic competitions and for District events, will save LUSD thousands in maintenance costs and 40,000 gallons of water a week. A ribbon-cutting for the new field was held Sept. 11, before the District's third annual Wood Bowl game.

The District has also completed the following projects:

- Roofing repairs at Helen Keller and Will Rogers elementary schools and at Lynwood Middle School.
- Six campuses across the District received concrete and asphalt repairs.
- Installed new fencing at Abbott Elementary, Lindbergh Elementary and Lynwood High schools.
- New classroom facilities at Washington and Lincoln elementary schools.

Current projects include:

- New drop-off zones at Washington and Mark Twain elementary schools, which will improve student safety and traffic flow. The \$850,000 project is expected to be completed this November.

- Revitalization of District's Pathway Independent Studies campus began with demolition of older buildings this summer to allow for construction of new classroom facilities.

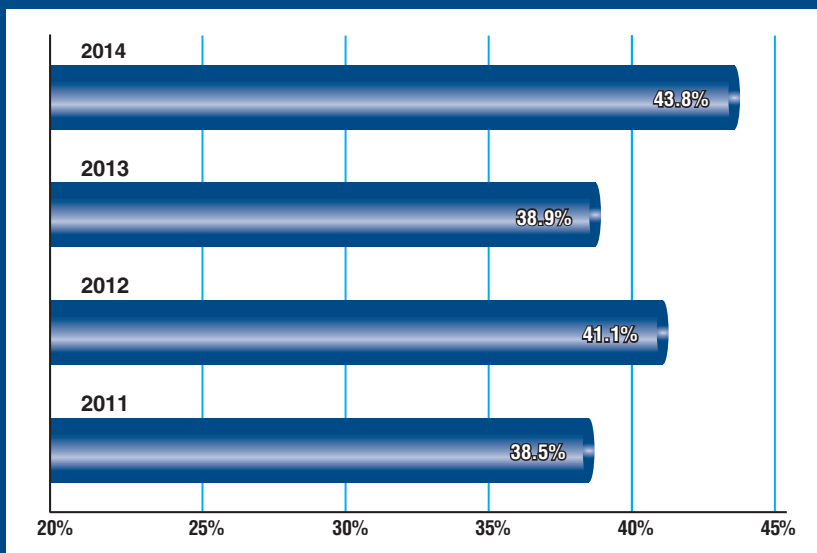
"Having clean, modern and safe facilities is crucial to our children's educational experience," said Lynwood Unified Superintendent Paul Gothold. "We are grateful and excited to see our community's Measure K investment at work throughout our District – one that will continue to benefit generations of Lynwood children to come."



LUSD High School Students Meet UC/CSU Course Requirements

Lynwood Unified is committed to providing students the support they need to successfully complete courses required for admission by University of California and California State University systems. LUSD is ranked in the top 25 percent of districts statewide with similar demographics in graduating students of color who pass all these classes, known as A-G courses. More than 43 percent of students who graduated from Lynwood Unified's comprehensive high schools in 2014 met these UC/CSU entrance requirements, depicted here.

**Comprehensive High School Four-Year Comparison:
Graduates with UC/CSU Required Courses (A-G)**



LUSD Budget Update

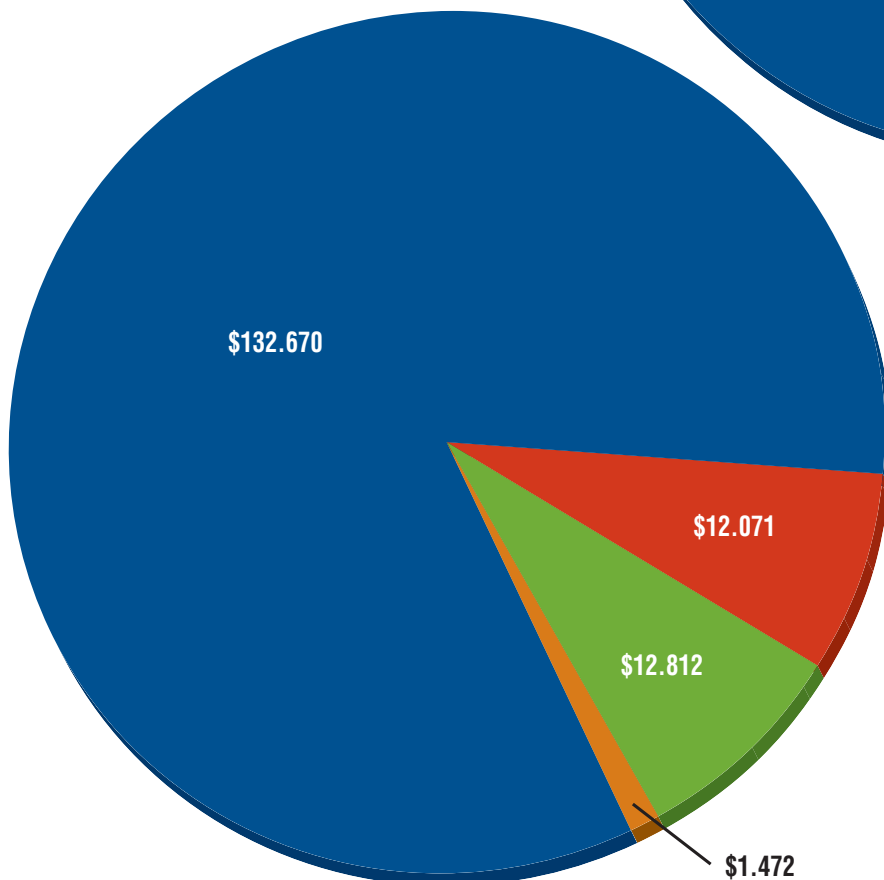
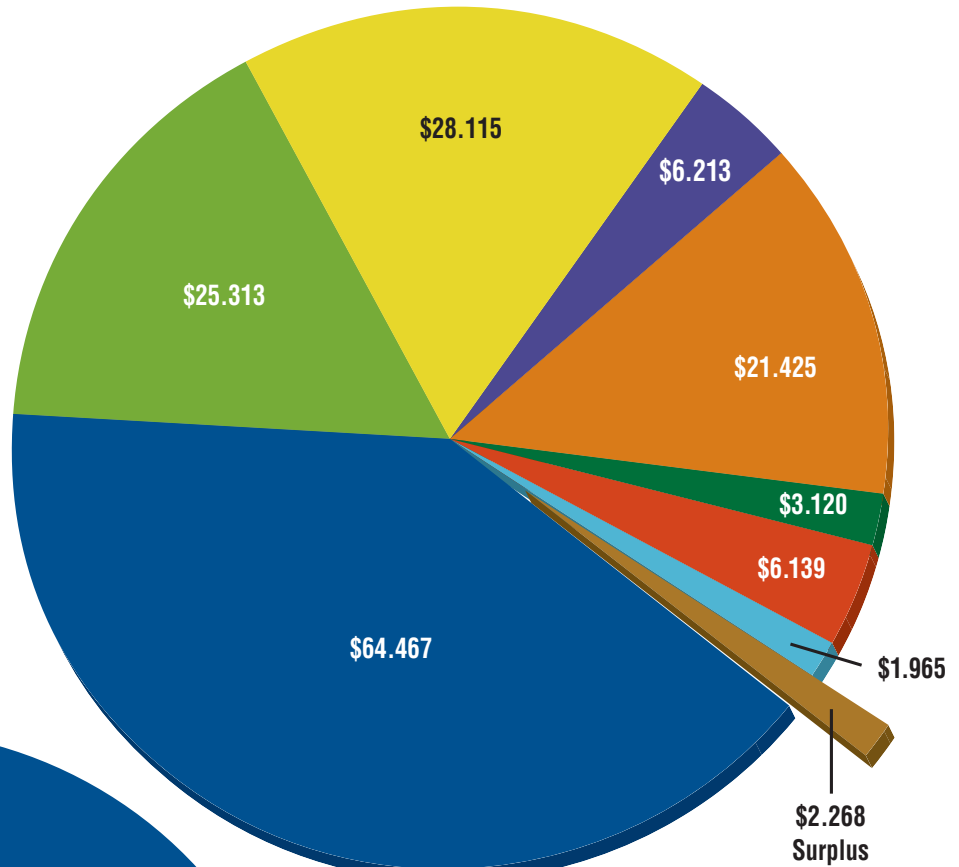
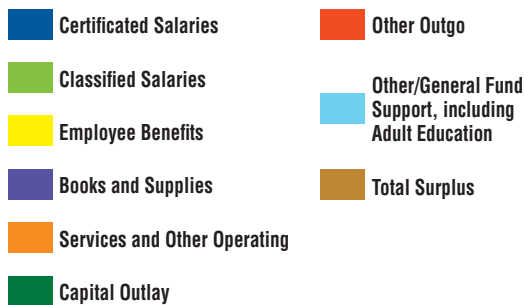
The Board of Education recently passed a \$159 million fiscally responsible budget. The District is projected to have a more than \$2 million surplus this year, bringing its “rainy day” reserve to more than \$10 million.

Thanks to the help of the new Local Control Funding Formula and the state’s economic recovery, District revenues will rise by 7 percent this year. Additionally, student enrollment is steady, contributing to the overall well-being of the District.

In accordance with its Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), the District is investing its funds in programs and services that continue to bolster academic success. This includes career technical programs,

educational pathways, technology and facilities upgrades, professional development and enhanced communication with parents and community members.

2015-16 Projected General Fund Budget Expenditures
(in millions)



2015-16 General Fund Revenue Sources
(in millions)



Local Control and Accountability Plan Goals Align with District's Strategic Plan

The District is committed to lifting student performance at all levels. This year, LUSD is investing \$30 million to strengthen technology infrastructure, expand summer programs and hire social workers and case managers to support students as part of its 2015-18 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The plan, an element of the state's school funding system, guides District efforts to improve student achievement by setting annual priorities and strategies to achieve those goals. Some programs funded under the District's LCAP target all students, while others focus on the state's three high-needs groups: economically disadvantaged students, foster children and English learners. All goals are

aligned with LUSD's Strategic Plan to achieve greatness.

"We are committed to the success of every student in our District and our LCAP process gives us and our stakeholders a progress report ensuring that we are on course and serving our students' needs," said LUSD Superintendent Paul Gothold. "We are expanding programs and adding services to provide students with the necessary support to graduate prepared for college and competitive careers."

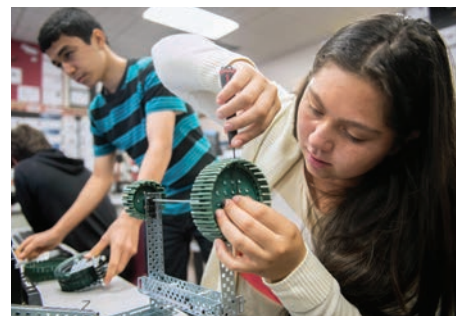
LCAP HIGHLIGHTS

Improving access to technology:

- The District is partnering with Time Warner Cable to install fiber optic lines to increase bandwidth and connectivity at five times the current speed.
- Additional wireless internet access points are being installed in elementary and middle schools.
- Educators and students will have greater access to web-based professional tools, including Google Apps, to develop and complete assignments.
- Mobile computer labs and computer labs for parents are being added.

Increased student enrichment opportunities

- A new math curriculum, books and materials, aligned with the new California



Standards, will be instituted at all grade levels this fall.

- Summer programs will be expanded for all grade levels and after-school enrichment programs will integrate arts and STEM subjects.
- The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, previously available in the District's high and middle schools, is being expanded to all elementary schools.
- Enhanced career technical educational opportunities are being offered to high school students, making them more competitive in our 21st century marketplace.

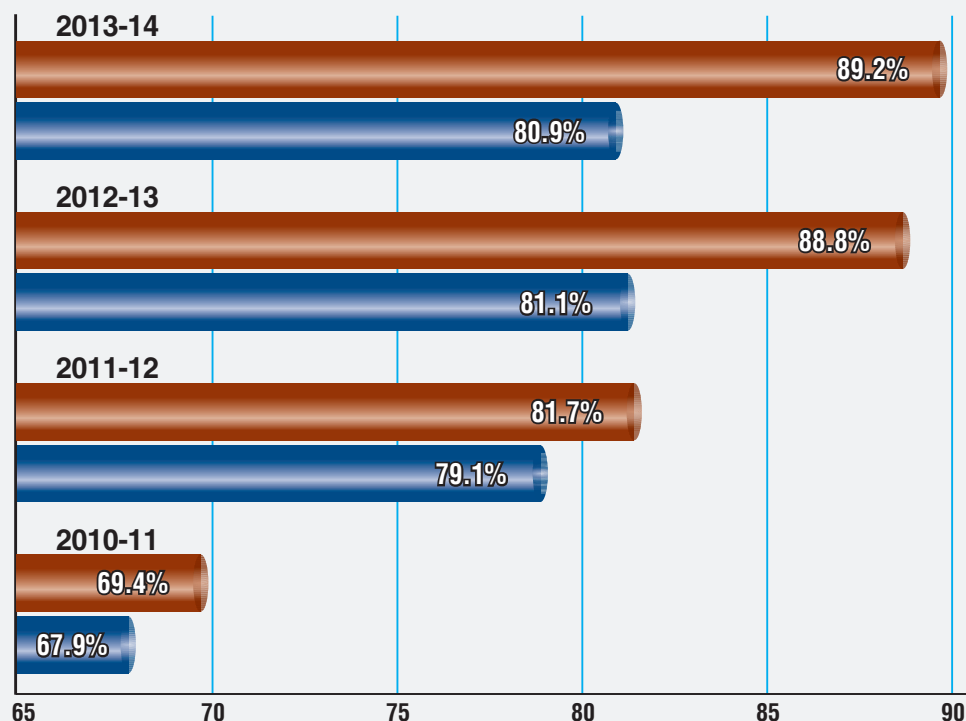
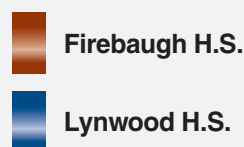
Other additions include a dedicated library media assistant at every school library, improved safety measures and additional security personnel.



2014 Academic Achievement By The Numbers

GRADUATION RATES

Both of Lynwood Unified's comprehensive high schools, Lynwood and Firebaugh, have seen graduation rates soar since 2010-11.



LUSD's Career Pathways

Lynwood Unified is committed to helping students achieve college and career goals.

Pathway courses at both Lynwood and Firebaugh high schools provide engaging curriculum, real-world application and give students a competitive edge for life after high school.

- Culinary Arts
- Medical Bio-Science

- Engineering Design
- Building Construction
- Drafting and Design
- Automotive Technology
- Commercial Photography
- Film and Video Production
- Microsoft IT Academy



Film and Video Production



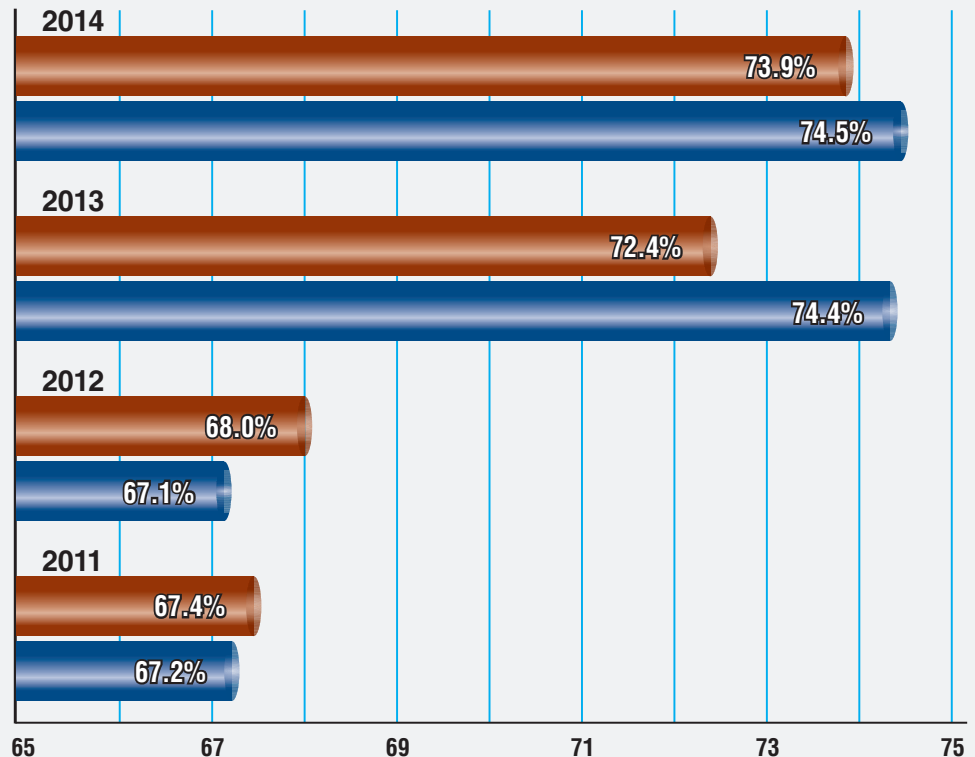
Medical Bio-Science

2014 Academic Achievement By The Numbers

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE) PASS RATES

The CAHSEE was designed to ensure that graduates demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing and math, and served as a requirement for graduation. For the past five years, Lynwood Unified worked diligently to ensure more students passed the exam. While the state no longer administers the CAHSEE, these numbers illustrate the gains our students are making to demonstrate academic aptitude.

English Language Arts Math



Notice of Non-Discrimination – The Lynwood Unified School District is committed to providing a safe school environment where all individuals in education are afforded equal access and opportunities. ■ The District's academic and other educational support programs, services and activities shall be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any individual based on the person's actual race, color, ancestry, national origin or nationality, ethnic group identification, age, religion, political affiliation, family status, marital status or parental status, veteran status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender, gender identity, or gender expression; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. ■ Specifically, state law prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in enrollment, counseling, and the availability of physical education, athletic activities, and sports. ■ Transgender students shall be permitted to participate in gender-segregated school programs and activities (e.g., athletic teams,

sports competitions, and field trips) and to use facilities consistent with their gender identity. The District assures that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission or participation in District programs. ■ LUSD prohibits harassment on the basis of a sex. Sexual harassment consist of any unwelcome sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, made by someone from or in the work or educational setting. Please reference Education Code section 212.5 for further information on this topic. ■ Complaints of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying are investigated through the Uniform Complaint Process. Such complaints must be filed no later than six months after knowledge of the alleged discrimination was first obtained. To file a complaint or additional information, employees contact Title IX Coordinator and CC of R Title V Compliance Officer: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources 11321 Bullis Road Lynwood, CA 90262 (310) 886-1490; students contact Title IX Coordinator and CC of R Title V Compliance Officer: Director of Student Services 11321 Bullis Road Lynwood, CA 90262 (310) 886-1618.