The 10 Elements of Black Excellence

Cultivating Beauty and Joy

Celebrating and reflecting Black beauty and Black joy

Encouraging Authenticity

Creating an environment in which students, families, and community members feel safe, valued, and supported in being their true selves

Uplifting the Community

Supporting efforts and projects that strengthen the Black Community through acts of service

Centering Health and Well-Being

Enhancing personal and collective wellness

Promoting Advocacy and Awareness

Being well informed about critical issues impacting the Black Community and well equipped to advocate for change

Empowering Genius

Recognizing and nurturing the inherent brilliance of Black students

Overcoming Systemic Barriers

Addressing and dismantling obstacles that have historically and persistently limited Black families' access to opportunities and resources

Embracing Black Identity

Celebrating and elevating the importance of cultural education and awareness

Liberating Greatness

Striving to be exceptional in all endeavors

Elevating Intergenerational Wisdom

Exchanging knowledge and experiences across different generations

*NOTE: The 10 Elements are not displayed or presented in particular order. Each shares equal importance. These elements were identified and named based on the expressed envisioning of representative voices of LBUSD's Black Community.

The Center

of Black

Student

Excellence

Community Aim: By representing and elevating the 10 Elements of Black Excellence through center staffing, resources, programs, and design, the Center aims to be a beacon of empowerment, joy, opportunity, and positive change. It strives to create an environment where individuals are encouraged to reach their highest potential, overcome challenges, foster community growth, and celebrate Black identity. It seeks to engage the community in mutually beneficial partnership, programming, and decision making based on their needs. It is a place where the doors of opportunity and advancement are open for all who enter.

-Voices of the Black Community