

# 2025-26 OPENING OF SCHOOLS REPORT

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# First 100 Days: October 9

## Superintendent Report to the Board & Community

<b>Phase 1</b> July 2025	Relationship building, listening, and local understanding
<b>Phase 2</b> August 2025	Organizational assessment; 2025-26 opening of schools
<b>Phase 3</b> Sept.- Oct. 2025	Share insights, refine strategic direction
<b>Phase 4</b> Nov. 2025 →	Implement, monitor, and adapt



# Overview

- Enrollment & Demographics
- Class of 2025  
*College and career readiness outcomes*
- Summer Learning & Enrichment
- Early Learning & School Readiness
- People & Professional Growth
- Campus & Facility Enhancements



# Total PS -12 Enrollment: 2,333 Students

Laguna Beach Preschool	31
El Morro Elementary	414
Top of the World Elementary	533
Thurston Middle School	537
Laguna Beach High School	818

*\*Total school enrollment figures do not include the students receiving educational services through Speech Only School, Non-Public School (SPED), or Private School (SPED).*



## AVERAGE CLASS SIZES

Elementary School (K-3) | 18 Students

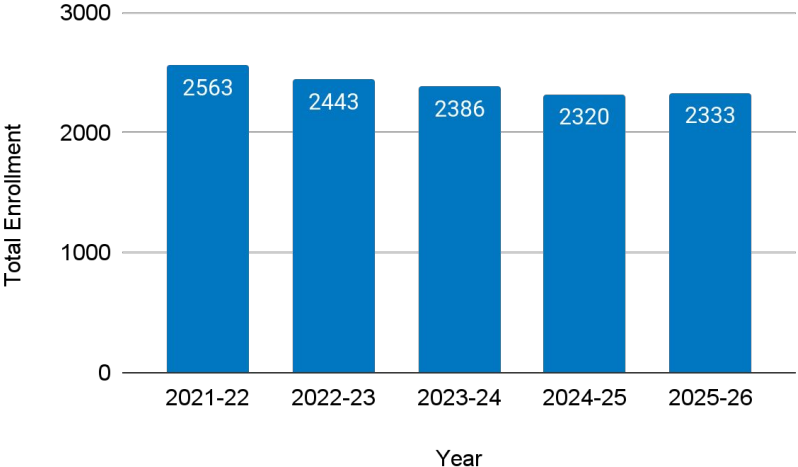
Elementary School (4-5) | 24 Students

Middle School (6-8) | 23 Students

High School (9-12) | 22 Students

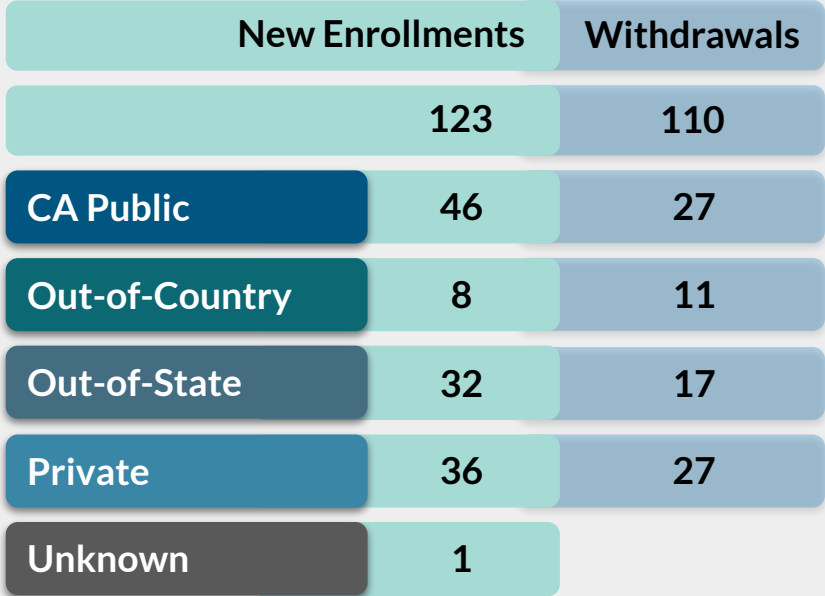
# Enrollment Trends

## Historical Enrollment (2021-2026)



*\*The phased implementation of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) in California, culminating in 2025-26 when all four-year-old children become eligible, along with the addition of a district preschool program, has contributed to recent increases in enrollment.*

## 2025-26 Transfers & Withdrawals



# Class of 2025

## College & Career Outcomes

**97%**  
graduation rate

- **87%** met UC/CSU A-G requirements
- **65%** earned a Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
- **69%** passed one or more AP exams
- **50%** earned a Seal of Biliteracy

**85%** earned early college credit through CTE articulated courses, AP exams, or dual/concurrent enrollment

**81%**  
enrolled in one or more  
AP classes

**73%**  
enrolled in one or  
more CTE classes

**36%**  
earned college credit  
through dual or  
concurrent enrollment



# College Matriculation

## ALABAMA

University of Alabama

## ARIZONA

Arizona State University  
Northern Arizona University  
University of Arizona

## CALIFORNIA

American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA)  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
Chapman University  
California State University, Fullerton  
Golden West College  
Irvine Valley College  
University of La Verne  
Orange Coast College  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pepperdine University  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Saddleback College  
San Diego Mesa College  
San Diego State University  
University of San Diego  
San Francisco State University  
San José State University  
Santa Barbara City College  
Santa Monica College  
Scripps College  
UC Berkeley  
UC Davis  
UC Irvine  
UC Riverside  
UC San Diego

UC Santa Barbara

UC Santa Cruz  
UC Los Angeles  
University of Southern California

## COLORADO

Colorado Mountain College  
Colorado State University  
University of Colorado Boulder

## CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut

## FLORIDA

University of Florida

## GEORGIA

Georgia Institute of Technology  
University of Georgia

## ILLINOIS

Benedictine University  
University of Chicago  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

## LOUISIANA

Tulane University

## MASSACHUSETTS

Emerson College  
Harvard University  
Northeastern University  
Olin College of Engineering

## MICHIGAN

Michigan State University  
University of Michigan

## MISSISSIPPI

University of Mississippi

## MONTANA

Montana State University

## NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Stevens Institute of Technology

## NEW YORK

Columbia University  
Drew University  
Manhattan College  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Syracuse University  
United States Military Academy, West Point

## OKLAHOMA

University of Oklahoma

## OREGON

University of Oregon  
Warner Pacific University

## SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina

## TEXAS

Collin College  
Texas Christian University

## UTAH

Brigham Young University  
University of Utah  
Utah Valley University  
Weber State University

## WASHINGTON

Shoreline Community College  
University of Washington  
Gonzaga University

## WISCONSIN

University of Wisconsin-Madison

## INTERNATIONAL

Newcastle University (United Kingdom)  
Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom)  
University of St Andrews (Scotland)  
University of the Sunshine Coast (Australia)

## POST-HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAYS

96% of students expressed intent to continue their education in fall 2025

Percent of Students Attending a 4-Year College

72%

Percent of Students Attending a 2-Year College

22%

Percent of Students Attending Art, Design, or Conservatory Colleges

1%

Percent of Students Taking a Gap Year




2%

*\*Student self-reported data collected electronically by LBHS, June 2025*

# School Readiness

## Preparing Students for Success



Learning Link	Preschool Camp	TK/Kindergarten Readiness Camp
<p> 120 families in 2024–25</p>	<p> 32 students   5 weeklong camps</p>	<p> 92 students</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly hands-on workshops for <b>children ages 2–5</b> and their parents.</li> <li>• Strengthened early learning foundations (language, early literacy, and social skills) parent-child connections.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-day, play-based learning for <b>current and incoming preschoolers.</b></li> <li>• Helped families transition into the LBUSD community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helped incoming TK and kindergarten students practice routines and become comfortable with their new school setting.</li> <li>• Encouraged friendships and built confidence to ease the transition to school.</li> </ul>

# Summer ELO-P

## Expanded Learning Opportunities Program



### Key Highlights:

- Partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach.
- Extended day program, open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Integrated within the Boys & Girls Club summer camp to expand opportunities for students.
- Activities guided by student interests, from sports and arts to outdoor play and skill-building.

### Program Impacts:

- Keeps students engaged and active throughout the summer months.
- Builds connections with peers through shared activities and experiences.
- Offers families reliable, high-quality enrichment and supervision.

# Summer Academies Support and Enrichment



Grades 1–8	Grades 9–12
<p>🎓 120 students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 weeks of small-group instruction in reading &amp; math with co-taught classrooms.</li><li>• Enrichment courses included music, art, theater, STEAM, and Spanish culture.</li></ul>	<p>🎓 87 students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2-4 weeks of credit recovery, academic bridge, English language development, and college/career readiness.</li></ul>
Survey Feedback:	Survey Feedback:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 88% improved math skills</li><li>• 90% improved reading skills</li><li>• 84% felt it was a positive experience</li><li>• 84% felt ready for fall success</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 94% improved academic skills</li><li>• 76% made progress toward individual goals</li><li>• 88% reported a positive experience</li><li>• 76% felt ready for fall success</li></ul>

# Summer LEAD

## Learn, Enrich, Advance, Discover

*"We have been so absolutely impressed and grateful for the LEAD program! Our daughter has been able to delve into things she was already interested in, and also try new things she was nervous about (dance class!) and ended up absolutely loving it! She mixed it up with new friends, felt more confident, got to work with new and different teachers, and now feels at home on the Thurston campus! This is such a wonderful program and we hope it will continue."*



### Key Highlights:

- 2 weeks of enrichment classes in arts, sciences, sports, engineering, entrepreneurship, and career exploration.
- 556 students participated in 137 unique courses taught by 32 credentialed staff.
- Supported by 37 LBHS peer mentors and 2 Workability interns.
- 100% of surveyed parents said they would recommend the program to other families.

### Program Impacts:

- Helped students explore new interests and deepen existing passions.
- Provided opportunities to strengthen skills and try new challenges.
- Encouraged connections across grade levels, with high school mentors supporting younger students





# All Staff Professional Development Day

*Staff participated in a full day of professional learning through a combination of required sessions and opportunities to select topics connected to their roles and areas of focus.*

Positive impact on  
professional growth

80%

Session facilitated  
by LBUSD staff

75%

## Session Overview

- A total of **52 breakout sessions** were offered with an average rating of 8.1/10.
- Sessions spanned content areas, personalized learning & AI, assessment, safety, and student engagement.
- 79% of staff reported they gained strategies they plan to implement this year.

# Recruitment & Hiring

- **Early Learning Expansion:** Added a TK and kindergarten class at El Morro Elementary; expanded TK Extended Day Program with more morning/afternoon options.
- **Special Education Leadership Transition:** Program director on leave; interim director and interim program specialist appointed to ensure continuity of services and support for students and families.
- Welcomed 29 new staff (16 classified, 13 certificated) to support students across schools.



**Jennifer Moss**  
*Interim Director,  
Special Education*



**Jaye Lynn Thompson**  
*Interim Program Specialist,  
Special Education*



**Courtney Crenshaw**  
*School Psychologist,  
Top of the World*



**Katie Treat, Ph.D.**  
*Coordinator, Career  
Education*

# Nutrition Services

## Fresh, Scratch, Local



Elementary Schools	Middle School	High School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fresh-cut fruits &amp; vegetables to encourage eating and reduce waste.</li><li>● No syrup/honey (reduces sugar &amp; bee issue).</li><li>● Breakfast includes fresh berries; lunch includes steamed vegetables.</li><li>● Meals require a fruit or vegetable, incorporated into entrees for smoother service.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● New breakfast &amp; lunch menus.</li><li>● Whole-grain entrees replace packaged items, in eco-friendly trays.</li><li>● A la carte offerings include whole grain-rich, organic, and gluten-free items.</li><li>● A la carte beverages are limited to boxed water.</li><li>● Gina's Pizza Fridays.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chipotle-style Build Your Own Bars where students choose their own fresh toppings and combinations.</li><li>● Fruit, salad, vegetable bars</li><li>● Whole-grain entrees replace packaged items, in eco-friendly trays.</li><li>● Boxed water only; select organic &amp; gluten-free items.</li><li>● Gina's Pizza Thursdays.</li></ul>
Across All Schools		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Student-driven menus with scratch-prepared components (e.g., homemade marinara).</li><li>● No plastic wrap or heat-and-serve packaging.</li><li>● Plain Greek yogurt &amp; gluten-free cereal available daily.</li><li>● Local produce from Dickinson Farms, Aziz Farms, Sunny Cal Farms, and Bluebird Canyon.</li></ul>		

# Summer 2025 Capital Improvement Projects

School Site	Projects
Laguna Beach High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upgrades to stadium included new turf field, resurfaced track, and new fencing on Short St.</li> <li>● CTE Makerspace</li> </ul>
Thurston Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building B student restroom modernization</li> </ul>
El Morro Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upper parking lot fenced, striped, and converted into staff parking</li> <li>● New kindergarten restroom built adjacent to the playground</li> <li>● Portable restroom removed; single portable added to support TK Extended Day (P4)</li> </ul>
Top of the World Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Playground refurbished with new equipment</li> <li>● Baseball infield regraded, reshaped, and topped with new infield mix</li> </ul>



# Safety and Security Upgrades

## Volunteer/Visitor Management System

- Replaced the Raptor system with **Visitor Aware**, a new visitor and volunteer management system that screens and tracks all campus visitors.
- Provides added capacity to efficiently manage large-scale events.

## Video Surveillance Systems

- Upgraded video surveillance systems at Thurston Middle School and Top of the World Elementary.
- New features include 360° cameras, enhanced license plate recognition, and facial recognition capacity.
- Cloud-based system allows secure, real-time sharing with first responders.

## Wildlife Safety Improvement

- Installed protective snake fencing at elementary schools to reduce the risk of wildlife entering campus.





THANK YOU.



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