High School Choice Process

For the 2026–2027 School Year

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High School Choice Timeline of Events

Date	Events
Prepare and Explore October – November	• **10/13**: Enrollment opens for Private /Charter / Non-Public school 8th grade LBUSD residents • **11/4:** Parent U High School Choice Webinar 6-7pm www.lbschools.net/Youtube • **11/12-12/10:** Site Visits (see blue handout for dates) • **12/5**: Last day to make address changes for SOC Application
Apply November – December	• **November 10:** Online Application Opens • **December 12:** Online Application Closes
Assign January	• **January 23:** HS Placements posted at 4pm. Appeals window opens • **January 28:** Appeals window closes

High School Site Visits & Pathways



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High School Choice Site Visits

LEARN ABOUT PATHWAYS AND PROGRAMS AT EACH OF THE LBUSD HIGH SCHOOLS

Thursday, November 13 5:00pm – 8:00pm	**Renaissance High School for the Arts** 235 E. 8th St. LB, CA 90813
Saturday, November 15 10:00am – 12:00pm	**California Academy of Math and Science (CAMS)** 1000 E. Victoria St. Carson, CA 90747 (CSUDH Campus)
Monday, November 17 5:00pm – 8:00pm	**Wilson High School** 4400 E. 10th St. LB, CA 90804
Tuesday, November 18 5:30pm – 7:30pm	**Browning Early College High School** 2180 Obispo Ave. LB, CA 90804
Thursday, November 20 5:00pm – 8:00pm	**Jordan High School** 6500 Atlantic Ave. LB, CA 90805
Tuesday, December 2 5:00pm – 7:00pm	**Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science** 1100 Iroquois Ave. LB, CA 90815
Wednesday, December 3 5:00pm – 7:00pm	**Cabrillo High School** 2001 Santa Fe. Ave. LB, CA 90810
Thursday, December 4 5:00pm – 8:00pm	**Polytechnic High School** 1600 Atlantic Ave. LB, CA 90813
Monday, December 8 5:30pm – 7:30pm	**McBride High School** 7025 E. Parkcrest St. LB, CA 90808
Tuesday, December 9 5:00pm – 8:00pm	**Lakewood High School** 4400 Briercrest Ave. LB, CA 90713
Wednesday, December 10 5:00pm – 8:00pm	**Millikan High School** 2800 Snowden Ave. LB, CA 90815

HS APPLICATION WINDOW: NOVEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 12, 2025

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2026–2027 LBUSD Pathway Programs

School	Program / Pathway Industry Focus	Academic GPA Minimum	Grade7 minimum SBAC Score *	8th Grade Math Level**	Residential priority?***	Placement Method
Browning	Early College, Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation	—	—	—	No	Number of available spaces
Cabrillo	CED: Engineering and Design CALJ: Law and Public Services HM: Health Medical SACMAA: Media & Arts	—	—	—	Yes	Number of available spaces
CAMS	CAMS: Engineering and Biotechnology	3.0	2552 ELA 2567 Math	Algebra	No	High to low STEM Index for number of spaces available
Jordan	ACE: Construction and Engineering AIMS: Health Medical JMAC: Media and Communication LEAPS: Public Service	—	—	—	Yes	Number of available spaces
Lakewood	ATM: Technology DMAC: Digital Media and Arts HOSM: Health and Sports Medicine Odyssey: Marine Industries	—	—	—	Yes	Number of available spaces
McBride	CJI: Criminal Justice & Public Services	2.25	—	—	No	High to low GPA
	ENG: Engineering	3.0	—	—	No	High to low GPA
	HM: Health / Medical	2.25	—	—	No	High to low GPA
Millikan	COMPASS: Fashion Design, Visual and Performing Arts MBA: Marketing and Business PEACE: Law and Public Services SEGA: Computer Gaming and Technology	—	—	—	Yes	Number of available spaces
	QUEST: Specialized Program	3.5	2552 ELA	Algebra	No	High to low GPA
Poly	MEDS: Medical and Health Care NOVA: Technology and STEM PACRIM: Business Academy Poly VMA: Media and Arts	—	—	—	Yes	Number of available spaces
	CIC:Specialized Program - Research Communication and Global Citizenship	3.0	—	—	Yes	Residential Priority first then high to low GPA for remaining spaces
	PACE: Specialized Program	3.5	2552 ELA	Algebra	No	High to low GPA
Renaissance	Fashion Design, Film, Visual and Performing Arts	—	—	—	No	Number of available spaces
Sato	SATO: Engineering and Biomedical Sciences	3.0	2552 ELA 2567 Math	Algebra	No	High to low GPA
Wilson	School of the Arts School of Leadership & Public Service School of Medicine & Biotechnology School of Technology	—	—	—	Yes	Number of available spaces
	WAVE: Specialized Program	3.5	2552 ELA	Algebra	No	High to low GPA

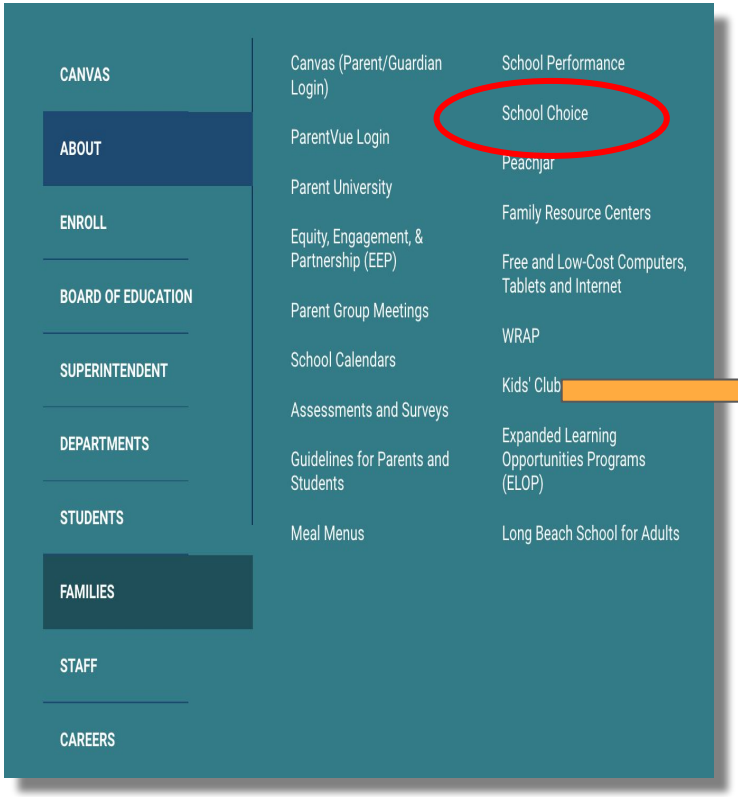
*SBAC: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium scores. www.smarterbalanced.org
**Math level of Algebra: Student is enrolled in Algebra I or a higher level class for the entire eighth grade year.
*** Residential priority: Students with residential priority are placed before students that live outside of the school's boundary.

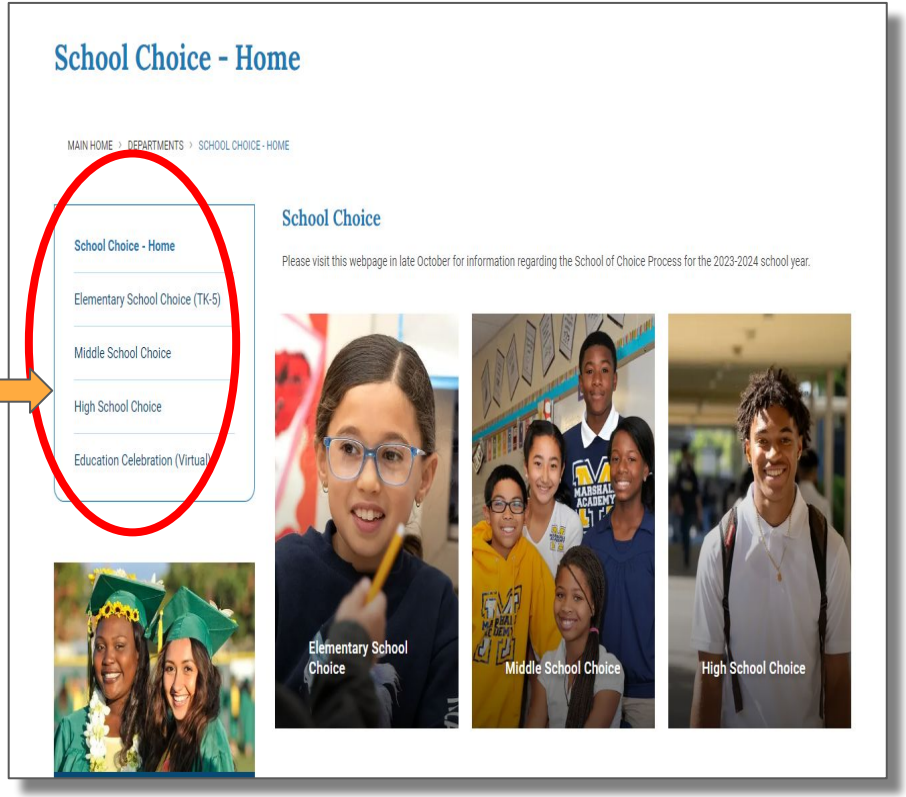
SOC Website



LBUSD Website: www.lbschools.net

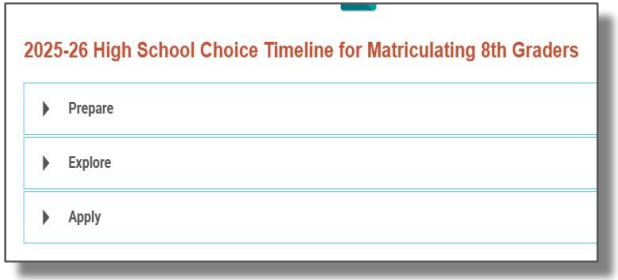
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Where do I learn about PATHWAYS??









To Prepare Current LBUSD 8th Grade Students: Login to ParentVUE Before SOC Application

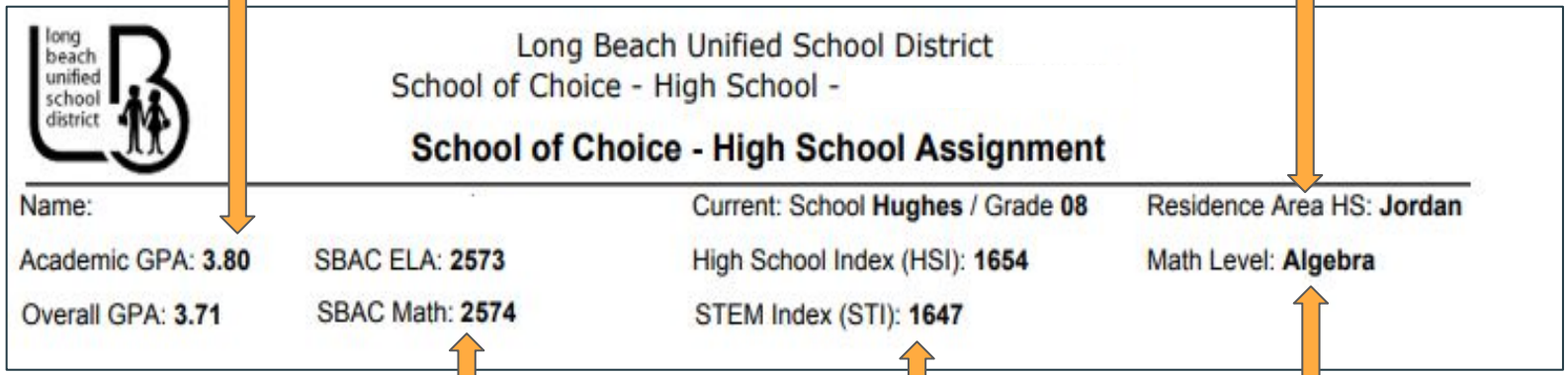
- Ensure student address is correct and make any updates
- Make sure siblings are linked / connected
- Ensure that IDPs are current and updated
- Check GPA and SBAC

Due date for any corrections: December 5, 2025

Application Elements

Academic GPA

HS of School of Residence

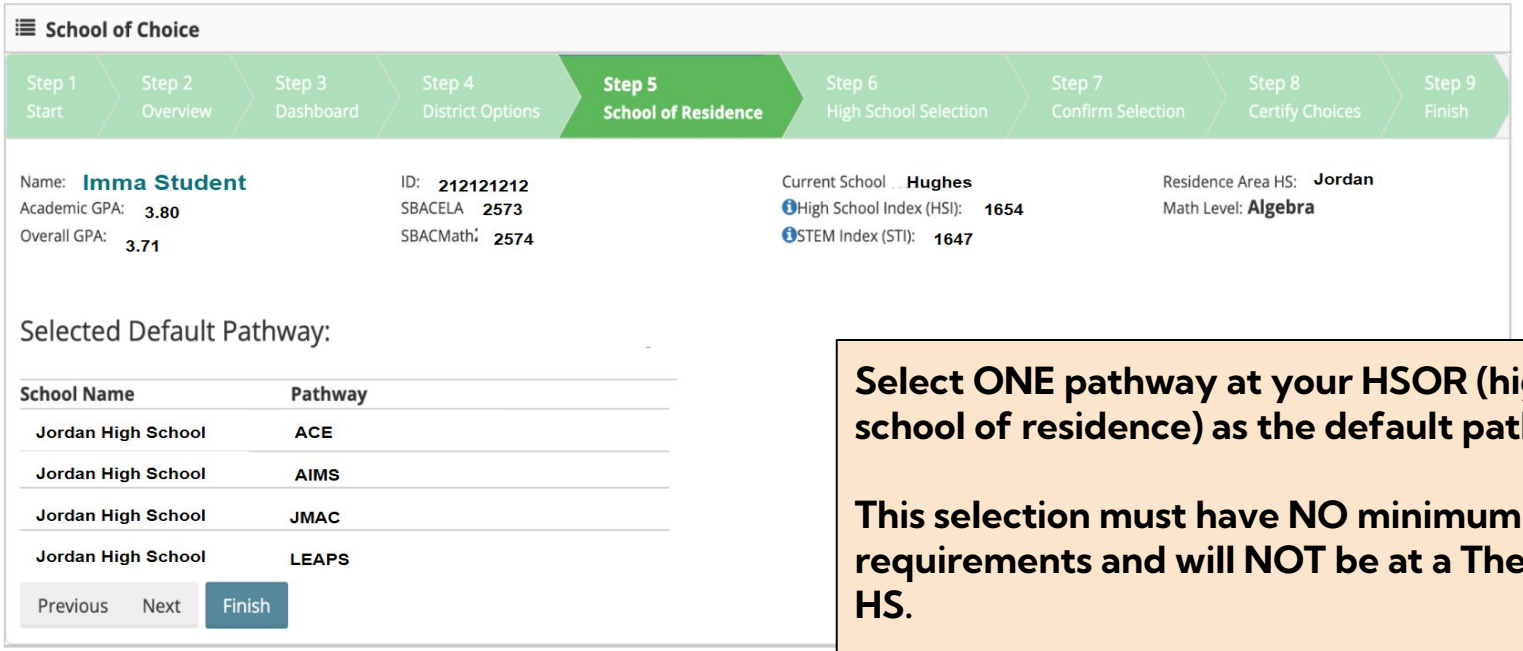


SBAC Math / ELA

STEM Index (CAMS)

Math Level

Sample Application

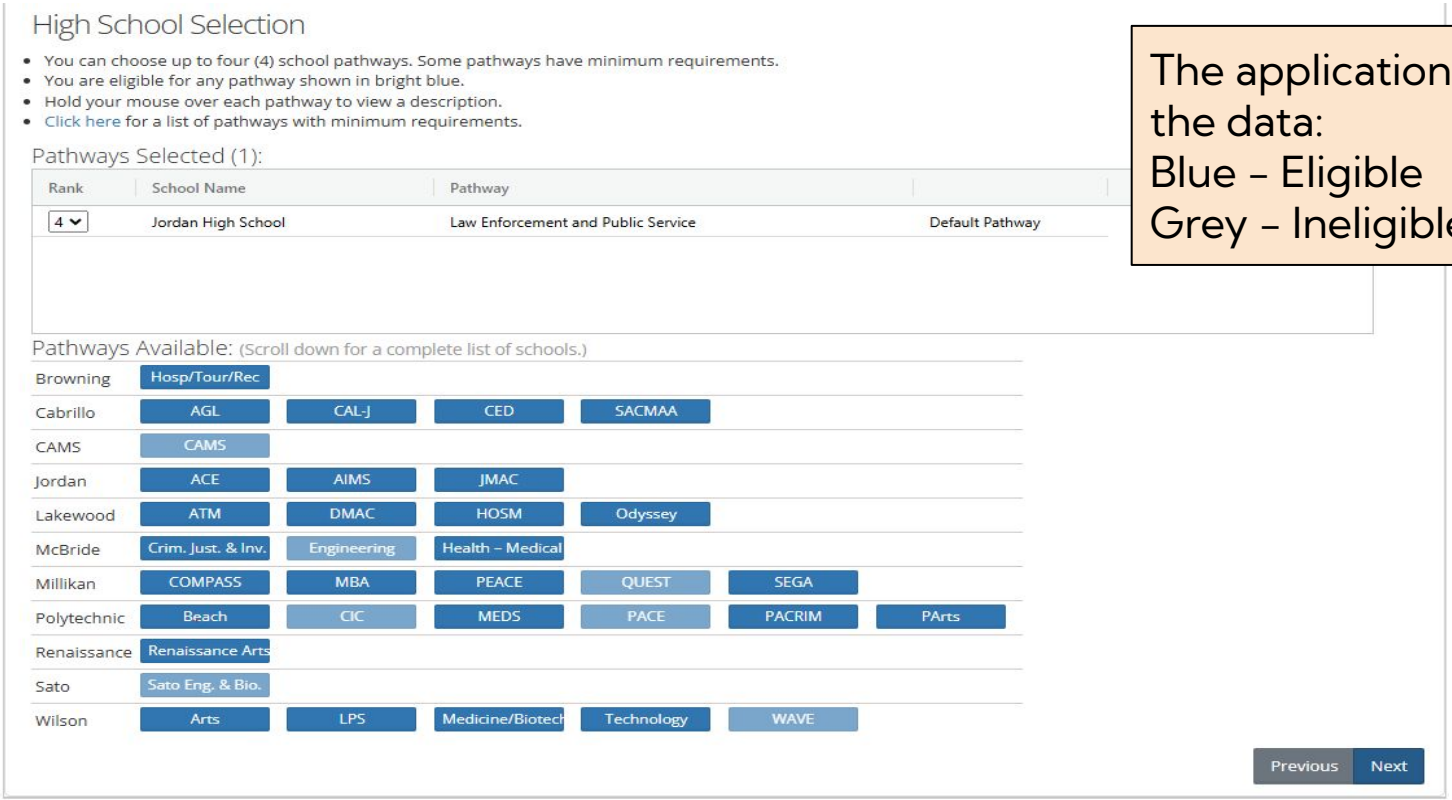


Select ONE pathway at your HSOR (high school of residence) as the default pathway.

This selection must have NO minimum requirements and will NOT be at a Thematic HS.

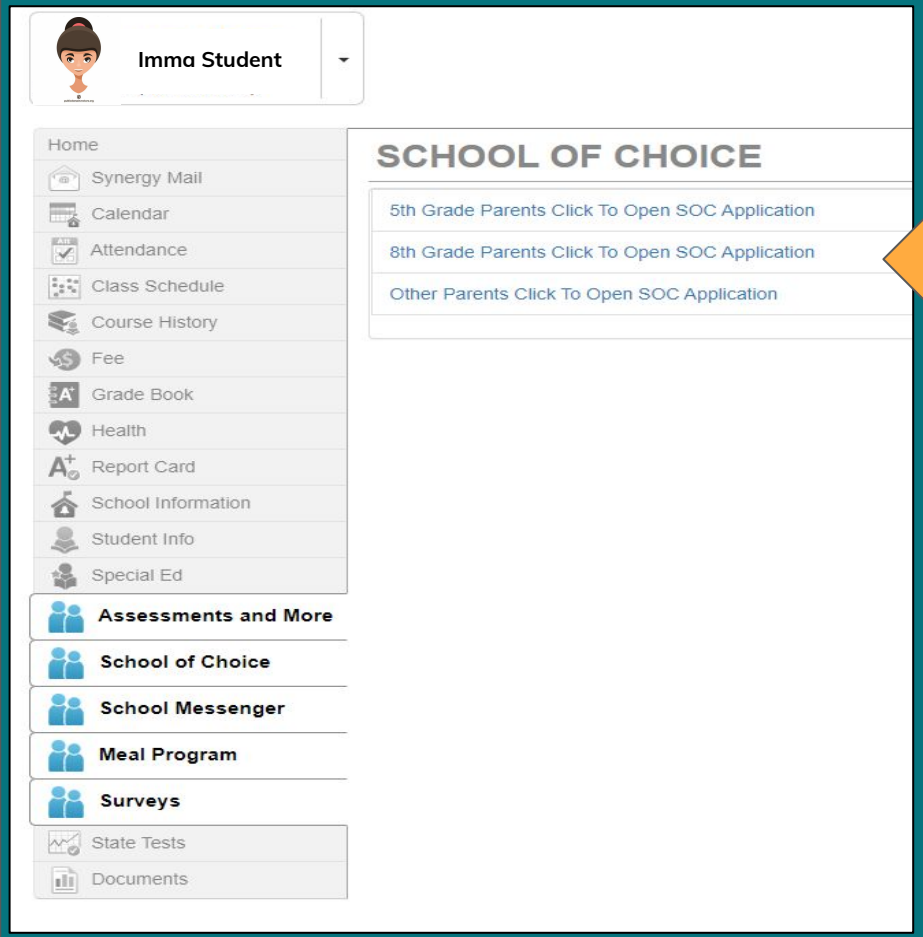
You can re-rank in the next step.

Application:



The application pulls the data:
Blue – Eligible
Grey – Ineligible

Placement and Notice of Assignment



ParentVUE will display student placement on:

January 23

Resource to Support Students

Questions to Ask Yourself / Preguntas Para Ti Mismo

- [ ] Which is your school of residence? (scan school finder below) Escanee el buscador de centros escolares) / ¿Cuál es su escuela de residencia?
- [ ] Where are the schools you are thinking about located? / ¿Dónde están ubicados las escuelas en las que está pensando?
- [ ] Do you want to go to large or a small school? / ¿Quieres ir a una escuela grande o pequeña?
- [ ] How do you plan to get to and from school? / ¿Cómo irás y volverás de la escuela?
- [ ] Is there a pathway program with electives that interest you? ¿Hay algún programa con asignaturas optativas que me interesen?
- [ ] What are your areas of strength? What are your areas of growth? / ¿Cuáles son sus puntos fuertes? ¿Cuáles son sus áreas de crecimiento?

Questions to Ask a School Representative / Preguntas Para El Representante Escolar

- [ ] What makes your school or pathway program unique? / ¿Qué hace que su escuela o programa sea único?
- [ ] What are some reasons why students choose this school / pathway program? / ¿Por qué elegiste esta escuela /programa?
- [ ] What AP courses can students take? /¿Qué cursos AP se ofrecen?
- [ ] What types of support are available? / ¿Qué tipos de ayuda existen?
- [ ] What sports / clubs / activities are available? / ¿Qué deportes / clubes / actividades hay disponibles?
- [ ] What kind of college counseling or career guidance services are provided? /¿Qué tipo de servicios de asesoramiento universitario y orientación profesional se prestan?

Placement Changes

Based on space availability

School of Choice Office Appeals: (up to 4 days after placements post)

- Attend with current sibling
- Return to high school of residence (HSOR)
- GPA/SBAC hardship (only for pathways with min GPA)

Secondary Schools Office :

- Spring of Freshman Year for 10-12th grade

Pick a Pathway program that you can live with.

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