



LAUSD
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2025 FEDERAL PRIORITIES

AT A GLANCE



Nation's second-largest school district.



Operates over 1,300 schools and centers across more than 710 square miles, with approximately 4.8 million people living within these boundaries.



Second-largest employer in Los Angeles County, with over 78,800 employees.



Serves more than 450,000 students in early education, TK-12 grade, and adult education:

- ◆ 81% of students live in low-income households
- ◆ 72,000+ students learning to speak English proficiently
- ◆ 60,000+ students with disabilities
- ◆ 14,000+ students experiencing housing insecurity
- ◆ 3,500+ students in foster care

FEDERAL FUNDING BREAKDOWN

- ◆ Approximately 10% of LAUSD's Fiscal Year 2025 budget is made up of federal funds.
- ◆ For Fiscal Year 2025, LAUSD received **\$1.26 billion in support from the federal government.**
 - ◆ Title I: \$460 million
 - ◆ IDEA: \$177 million
 - ◆ Titles II, III, and IV: \$143 million
 - ◆ Federal Meal Reimbursement Programs: \$363 million
 - ◆ Other Federal Revenues: \$120 million
- ◆ Federal funds support targeted interventions for low-income students, services for students with disabilities, internet connectivity, medical services, mental health practitioners, college advising, infrastructure improvements, school nutrition programs, services for students who are in foster care or are experiencing homelessness, initiatives to promote graduation and reduce dropout rates, and more.

TOPLINE PRIORITIES



Appropriate supplemental disaster funding. LAUSD is seeking approximately \$1 billion in reimbursements from FEMA's Public Assistance program for the wildfires that occurred in Los Angeles in January 2025. These funds would allow LAUSD to rebuild three schools that were destroyed and/or damaged by the fires and reimburse the District for eligible costs related to emergency response, student relocation, cleanup activities, and lost or damaged books and inventory.



Increase or maintain funding for education programs. These programs include Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV-A, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Career and Technical Education, and the Magnet Schools Assistant Programs. Much of this funding supports our most vulnerable students, including those who are low income and have special needs.



Increase or maintain funding for E-Rate and technology programs. LAUSD is projected to receive \$23.8 million in Fiscal Year 2025 from the E-Rate program, with an annual average of \$42.6 million over the past five years. A reduction in E-Rate and other programs could harm student performance by impacting students' access to internet connectivity, network equipment upgrades and equipment maintenance at schools, and District efforts to bridge the digital divide and to protect sensitive data with cybersecurity initiatives.



Oppose cuts to Medicaid. LAUSD receives \$50 million annually in combined state and federal reimbursement. Some branches of the District's Medical Services Division providing health and mental health services, support services for students to succeed academically, and assisting families in health insurance enrollment are 100% funded with these federal reimbursements. This funding source allows the District to sustain these services without impacting the budget for educational services. A reduction in funding would impact all areas of health and mental health in the District and lead to a reduction or elimination of staff and services. As a District with over 200,000 students who rely on Medi-Cal (more than 50% of the student population), this funding is critical to students' academic success and societal contributions.



Protect school nutrition programs. LAUSD is 100% Community Eligibility Provision District and its cafeteria program is primarily funded by federal dollars. Instituting funding cuts, eligibility changes, or additional burdensome documentation requirements for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Community Eligibility Program, TANF, SNAP, or other nutrition programs would hamper LAUSD's ability to continue providing more than 500,000 meals to students daily.



Preserve prior funding commitments. LAUSD has been awarded grants from numerous additional federal programs whose funding disbursement has been paused or threatened. This includes community project funding appropriated by Congress as well as over \$40 million from the Clean School Bus Program and other grant programs created through the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These grants would allow LAUSD to purchase 100 electric buses and 50 charging stations.

2025 FEDERAL ADVOCACY AGENDA

The Office of Government Relations will continue to advocate for the following issues at the federal level

- ◆ Work with partners to protect and support newcomers, immigrant students and families, including support for permanent legal protections and a pathway to citizenship for undocumented youth.
- ◆ Additional funding to increase access to high-quality preschool programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds, including support for increased reimbursement rates, teacher preparation and facilities renovations.
- ◆ Continue to work with national partners and build support for the bipartisan IDEA Full Funding Act.
- ◆ Increase connectivity funding to provide students and teachers access to devices and internet services for off-campus use and support changes to the E-Rate program to use funds to strengthen IT security infrastructure.
- ◆ Advocate for increased spending for special education, Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, and Magnet Schools Assistance grants in the annual FY 2025 and FY 2026 spending bills.
- ◆ Support and explore programs, partnerships and legislation that combat homelessness and remove barriers to success for unhoused youth.
- ◆ Advocate for the federal recognition of the Gabrieleno Tongva and Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians as the First People of Los Angeles County.

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