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# **LA Unified 2025: *We Are One***

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
*January 28, 2025*

# Agenda

- Nondiscrimination Laws, California Attorney General Guidance, and State Laws
- We are One LA Unified Engagement
- Student Financial Aid Planning

# Nondiscrimination Law



- All students deserve and need a safe and supportive learning environment
- California is a Safe Place to Learn Act ([Education Code Section 234 -234.5](#)) all persons regardless of protected categories have equal rights and opportunities in schools
- LA Unified is committed to a learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, abusive conduct, or bullying
- [Non-discrimination Policy](#) describes the protected categories and complaint process
- [Complaint process](#) - if there are any complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, abusive conduct, or bullying, a process has been developed to receive and review the complaints. 5 C.C.R. Section 5600 *et seq.*
- [Safe Place to Learn Resource Guide](#)

- **Right to a Free Public Education:** All children have a right to equal access to free public education, regardless of their or their parents'/guardians' immigration status
- **Information Required for School Enrollment:** Variety of documents accepted to demonstrate proof of child's age or residency; schools not required to keep a copy of document used as proof of a child's age
- **Confidentiality of Personal Information:** Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information



# Sharing Student and Family Information



- Districts are **prohibited** from collecting citizenship or immigration status information
- Restrictions on Release of Personal Information or Educational Records
  - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): Written consent is needed before disclosure of information
  - California Education Code includes overlapping and additional protections against the disclosure of students' educational records



## FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act



# Existing State Policies

## Know Your Legal Rights

- TRUST Act
- Assembly Bill 60 (2013) | Drivers' Licenses
- Assembly Bill 699 (2017) | Educational Equity: Immigration and Citizenship Status
- Senate Bill 54 (2017) | Law Enforcement



# Reporting Hate Crimes and Bullying



## Support for Hate Incident & Crime Reporting

- Reporting through the [LASAR app](#) or LA School Police Department - (213) 625-6631

## Responding to Hate Crimes and Bullying Related to National Origin or Ethnicity

- District's non-discrimination policy
  - Prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on a student's actual or perceived characteristics, including nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status
  - Posted on website in multiple locations including the [We Are One webpage](#)
- LAUSD Office of Student Civil Rights handles receiving and investigating complaints based on immigration status among other protected categories







# Beware of Fraud

- Beware of “notary publics” who represent themselves as attorneys
- If you feel you have been or are being defrauded by an immigration consultant, contact the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs

File your complaint against a  
“Notario” or fraudulent provider:

Phone: (800) 593-8222

[File Online:](https://dcba.lacounty.gov/portfolio/immigration-services-fraud/)

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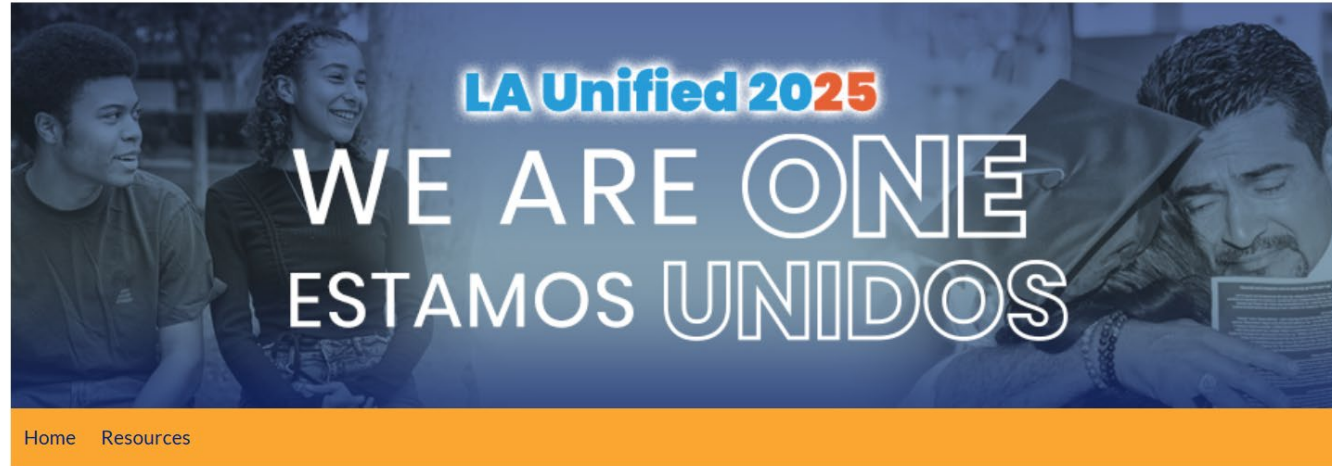




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# We Are One Engagement

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Family  
Preparedness  
Plan



Family  
Resource  
Guide



Red  
Cards



School Enrollment,  
Placement &  
Assessment (SEPA)  
Center Flyers



Wellness  
Centers

## LAUSD.ORG/WEAREONE

# Coordination with Community Organizations



- Division of Communications, Engagement and Collaboration  
Convener of the LA Unified 2025: We Are One
- Coordinating with District offices and Region leadership

# Coordination with Community Organizations (Continued)





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# Student Financial Aid Planning

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# A-G Website FAFSA & CADAA Resources

*Helping families make informed decisions*

**A-G Intervention and Support**

Home About Us Students and Families Educators Community Members Resources

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**Your Future: FUNDED!**

**FINANCIAL AID COUNTDOWN**

College financial aid helps students and their families with expenses such as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. Seniors should apply now for the FAFSA or CADAA! The Financial aid deadline is March 3rd.

56 DAYS 9 HOURS 54 MINUTES 37 SECONDS

Apply Now!  
FAFSA  
CADAA

FOR MORE FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT CLICK HERE

**What's New**

Check out our Title IV Outcomes

[www.lausd.org/a-g](http://www.lausd.org/a-g)

**Financial Aid Success Toolkit (F.A.S.T.)**

Welcome to the FAST Guide

2025-2026: Better FAFSA/ Better CADAA

FAFSA/CADAA Talking Points

The Why of Financial Aid

FAQs for Stakeholders

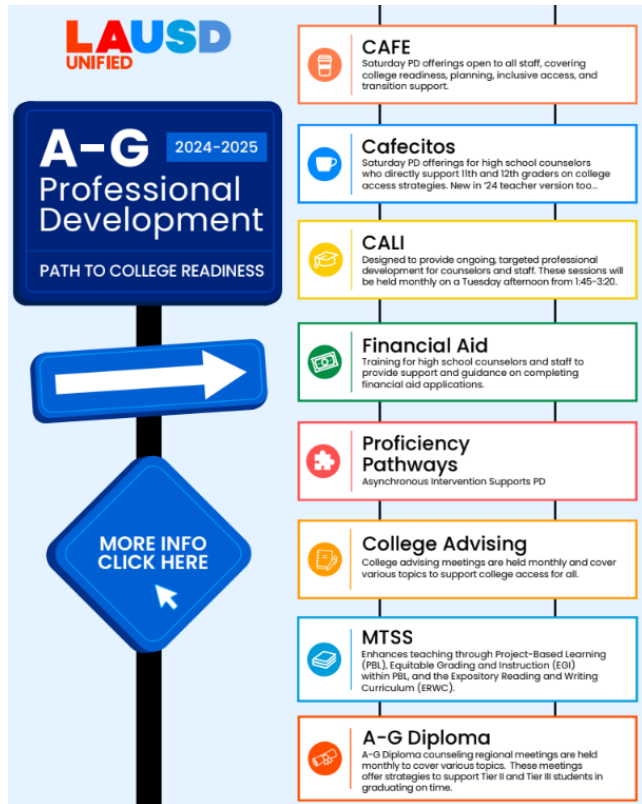
FAFSA/CADAA Resource Bank of Engagement Activities

[Download Full F.A.S.T. Guide](#)

**Financial Aid Success Toolkit**



# Professional Development/Trainings



- Professional development and training opportunities have included a focus on FAFSA and CADAA resources
- Trained personnel include certificated staff, elementary to adult school, and specifically targeted secondary high school counselors, and District Transition Teachers

# FAFSA/CADAA Office Hours

**Your Future: FUNDED!** 

**A-G**  
Financial Aid  
Office Hours



Join the A-G team for the return of "Office Hours," an informal opportunity to get together with peers supporting financial aid at their school. We can share tips and frustrations and learn from each other and expert guests.

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

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Every Thursday  
(except holidays)  
1:30 to 2:30 pm

[bit.ly/A-Gofficehours](https://bit.ly/A-Gofficehours)  
Meeting ID: 416 323 6157



LAUSD counselors available via Zoom to support seniors and their families with FAFSA and CADAA

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# Partnerships Supporting FAFSA & CADAA



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