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Emerging 2027 Advocacy Agenda
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2026 Legislative Session

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Fast Facts

- Legislature introduced **1,846** bills in 2026
 - 1,160 bills made it out of the Legislature
 - Governor Newsom signed 1,040 bills and vetoed 120 bills
- Los Angeles Unified's Office of Governmental Relations (OGR) team tracked **521** bills



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OGR End-of-Year Legislative Report



2026 LEGISLATIVE
YEAR-END REPORT

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LAUSD Sponsored Legislation Signed Into Law

AB 1809 (Fong) Extends the sunset on the Job Order Contracting statute by 10 years, reducing costs and increasing project efficiency.

AB 2120 (Solache) Extends the flexibility within the merit system for Los Angeles Unified to hire and retain specified employees with specialized skills outside of the top three ranks.

SB 1107 (Stern) Expands current law to broaden the types of heat mitigating schoolyard shade structures that can be installed without triggering additional administrative costs; and allows design-build contracts for multiple shade structure projects to be awarded through a bundled solicitation.

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Significant Bills Signed into Law – Curriculum

AB 2555 (Patel) Streamlines the reclassification process for English Learners.

SB 1067 (Weber Pierson) Requires local educational agencies (LEA), starting in the 2028–29 school year, to assess each child in kindergarten, first and second grade for mathematics knowledge using a diagnostic assessment.

SB 1412 (Rubio) Requires schools to allow parents to attend parent–teacher conferences by phone or school–based web conferencing platform.

SB 1128 (Stern) Prohibits districts from requiring a student in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten to take home a school–issued electronic device.

AB 2440 (Muratsuchi) Amends the Arts and Music in Schools Act to allow LEAs to pool funds, requires each school site to post its school site plan online and commencing with the 2027–28 fiscal year, require a local educational agency to certify that all provisions of Proposition 28 have been implemented in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 28 at each of its school sites.

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Significant Bills Signed into Law – Operations and Staffing

AB 1578 (Jackson)/AB 1803 (Lowenthal) Adds anti-hate speech training to existing sexual harassment training for staff and elected officials.

AB 2490 (Valencia) Extends the authorization for a substitute teacher to 70 days.

AB 2017 (Haney) Adds Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha to the list of state holidays and allows community colleges and LEAs to observe them as a holiday.

AB 2467 (Committee on Education) Requires LEAs to report mis-assigned teachers to the California Department of Education (CDE) annually.

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Significant Bills Signed into Law – Student Safety

AB 1665 (Pacheco)/AB 1626 (Gabriel) Requires school coaches to receive mental health training covering specified topics.

AB 2667 (Hadwick) Prohibits the sale, marketing, advertising, or distribution of disguised vape products, including those that imitate candy, school supplies or are constructed into clothing.

SB 1119 (Padilla) Comprehensively regulates companion chatbots with regard to children's safety, including obligations and restrictions on operators that make such chatbots available in California.

AB 1705 (Lowenthal) Prohibits children younger than 16 from creating or keeping social media accounts on platforms that use "addictive features." Social media platforms must verify users' age and delete accounts of those younger than 16 or face a civil penalty if they do not comply.

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Significant Bills Signed into Law – Miscellaneous

AB 1381 (Muratsuchi) Prohibits hiring an employee without conducting the background check of each prior employer for egregious misconduct complaints and makes failure to comply a reason for “unprofessional conduct” and adverse action by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

SB 1083 (R. Pérez) Requires LEAs to upload information regarding complaints and investigations of egregious misconduct to a statewide database, going back to January 1, 2026. Creates investigative requirements for egregious misconduct investigations for classified employees.

AB 181 (Alvarez) Implements education governance reform, by creating the position of the Education Commissioner to assume management of the Department of Education. Makes the Superintendent of Public Instruction a voting member of the State Board of Education and adds two additional State Board members appointed by the Legislature.

SB 1349 (Gonzalez) Directs the Legislative Analyst’s Office to comprehensively assess the state’s major tax expenditures, including tax loopholes, and make recommendations to the Legislature.

Annual Guiding Principles and Priorities

LAUSD Advocacy Guiding Principles and Priorities



- Adequacy of Funding
- Adult Education
- Charter Schools
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Before- and After-School Programs
- Data-Driven Practices
- Digital Access and Safety
- Early Childhood Education
- English Learners and Language Acquisition
- Federal Policies
- Post-Secondary Attainment and Success
- School Facilities
- School Personnel Pipeline
- Special Education
- State Mandates
- Student Safety
- Supporting the Whole Child

Tentative 2027 Legislative Calendar

- January 1 – New laws take effect
- January 4 – New Governor sworn in
- January 10 – Deadline for Governor to propose State Budget
- February 22 – Last day for bills to be introduced
- May 15 – Deadline for Governor to release May Revision to State Budget
- June 15 – Budget must be passed by midnight
- September 10– Last day for each house to pass bills
- October 10 – Last day for Governor to sign/veto bills



Emerging 2027 District- Sponsored Bills

LAUSD 2027 Advocacy Agenda – State

TENTATIVE Sponsored Legislation

- Mandatory Kindergarten
- Enrollment-Based Funding
- Increase LCFF funding through increases to the base grant or supplemental grant
- Provide additional flexibilities for physical education requirements
- Increase funding for moderate and severe special needs
- Civic Center Permits
- Workforce Housing – Professional License Clarification
- Workforce Housing – Family Preference
- Surplus Lands Act – Land Swaps
- Additive or Deductive Bid Alternates



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TENTATIVE Sponsored Legislation*

**May be able to implement through Budget, Omnibus or other vehicle*

- Permanently authorize serving 2-year-olds in State Preschool
- Clarify that all absences require a parent notification
- Authorize school districts to request social media companies to take down sensitive content
- Add schools to the list of “exempted settings” permitting Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) to perform an expanded list of respiratory tasks



State Budget Priorities 2027-28

Budget Advocacy

- Protect and fully fund the Proposition 98 guarantee, including the release of the \$3.9 billion Prop. 98 withholding.
- Protect the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) by maintaining flexibility and local control and opposing additional categorical programs; and engaging leaders on ways that LCFF can be strengthened.
- Increase awareness of the fiscal challenges posed by unfunded mandates and “supplement, not supplant” requirements, which limit schools' ability to make necessary budgetary adjustments in response to declining enrollment.



Budget Advocacy

- Increase funding to adequately reimburse school districts for costs associated with special education services.
- Request the State to invest funds received from the META settlement for school districts to locally determine how to address youth mental health needs.
- State revenue solutions, including consideration of statewide tax policies such as closing the Water's Edge election loophole and considering a tax on the sale of personal data.
- *Respond to impacts of immigration enforcement.*



Local Priorities

Local Issues

- **Crossing Guards:** Maintain City of Los Angeles and other municipal funding for crossing guards serving LAUSD schools.
- **Community School Parks(CSP):** Expand CSP to additional LAUSD school sites.
- **Gang Reduction & Youth Development (GRYD):** Maintain funding in the City of LA's annual budget.
- **Enrollment:** Continued intergovernmental collaboration to expand the District's enrollment campaign efforts.
- **Homelessness:** Advocate for increased County funding to support youth experiencing homelessness and continued efforts to address homeless encampments near school campuses.



Federal Priorities

Key Ongoing Issues

Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations

- Support language stopping the implementation of proposed regulations politicizing the federal grants process.
- Support supplemental disaster funding for Palisades wildfire recovery.
- Reject the President's proposed elimination and consolidation of education programs.

E-Rate Program

- Oppose the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proposed changes to the E-Rate program (WC Docket No. 26-133), which could result in the program's weakening or elimination.

Federal Grants Changes

- Oppose efforts by the Trump Administration to politicize the federal grants process:
 - General Services Administration's (GSA) proposed changes to SAM.gov certification
 - Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) proposed changes to Uniform Guidance
 - Department of Education's proposed administrative regulation to codify OMB changes
- These efforts could jeopardize LAUSD and other entities' eligibility for competitive grants and entitlement grants.

Looking Ahead to 2027

- Advocate for robust funding for education programs in the Fiscal Year 2028 appropriations bills, including:
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
 - Title I-A – Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies
 - Title II-A – Supporting Effective Instruction
 - Title III-A – English Language Acquisition
 - Title IV-A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
 - Title IV-B – Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers
 - Early childhood education programs (including Head Start and the Child Care and Development Block Grant)
 - Child nutrition programs
 - Unhoused student support (McKinney-Vento Act's Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program)
- Advocate for legislation supporting immigrant students, families, and staff.
- Oppose school voucher programs and other efforts to redirect public resources away from public schools.



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