

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Greetings Parent Advisory Committee Members,

We are excited to share a variety of programs we are hosting for students and families as we approach the close of the 2024–25 school year.

Before highlighting upcoming engagements, the Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement would like to address concerns regarding recent public comments made via the chat and during the public comment segment. According to Robert's Rules of Order, public comment is intended to facilitate respectful input and is centered on topics added to the agenda. Unfortunately, some participants have made slanderous and intimidating remarks toward committee members and staff. Rules of Decorum for Members of the Public specifically state the following: A. Persons Addressing the Committee. Each person who addresses the committee shall not make personal, impertinent, slanderous, or profane remarks to any committee member, staff, or public. Any person who makes such remarks, or who utters loud, threatening, personal or abusive language or engages in any other disorderly conduct will be barred from further audience before the committee during that specific meeting. This will be done at the discretion of the Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement (SFACE)'s staff especially if this conduct disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any committee meeting or training.

Please note that our office investigates these incidents and will take appropriate action to maintain a safe and welcoming environment. If a speaker resorts to name-calling or threatening statements, their speaking time will be immediately ended. Violations of the Rules of Decorum, Member Code of Conduct, or Guidelines for a Safe and Welcoming Environment may result in offering the individual alternate methods to submit public comments. This is also the case for membership who may be suspended if they do not follow our District procedures included here and District policy.

We are committed to stopping behavior that targets individuals and will refocus public comment strictly on agenda topics. We invite all participants to review the referenced documents and to help us maintain a space for respectful dialogue and learning.

Rules of Decorum: Click Here
 Code of Conduct: Click Here



Guidelines for Safe and Welcoming Environment: <u>Click Here</u>

Family Academy Parent and Family Hybrid Summit

All District parents and our District parent committee members are invited to Join the Parent and Family Engagement Hybrid Summit on May 16, 2025, from 8:30am-11:30 am. The topics include:

- Accessing and Understanding your Child's i-Ready Report for Reading and Math
- Making the Reading and Writing Connection for Literacy Success
- 2025 We Are One: Know your Rights Family Guide
 Please share the flyer with parents in your network and ask
 they join us based on the type of engagement format that
 is most comfortable for them. Families may participate as
 follows:
 - In-person with the conference hosts at 1081 W.
 Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
 - On Zoom from their location of preference by using https://bit.ly/familyacademywebinar and webinar ID: 886 6726 7600.
 - The third option is to contact your child's school to ask if they will be hosting a
 watch party from their Parent and Family Center.

Click on the flyer link below to register today! Participants who log on for the two hours will receive a Family Academy bag with instructional resources supporting literary for our students.

Download Flyers: English | Spanish

Summar of Learning

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we continue to elevate the opportunities available for students during the summer school term. Last month we shared highlights about the importance of summer learning from a study at Brown University. In the study it is said that "students, on average, do indeed lose meaningful ground during the summer period in both math and ELA." They also find that half of the students who they followed saw a loss of gained learning from the academic year. We encourage you to explore signing up to summer school. Visit the following page to sign up and learn about various programs offered by Los Angeles Unified:





https://www.lausd.org/summeroflearning. Summer learning at Los Angeles Unified includes programming hosted at selected school sites and through <u>dual enrollment learning with our Community Colleges</u>.

During the month of May, the Family Academy will feature learning about partnership with libraries, museums and other organizations providing families with enrichment opportunities: English | Spanish.

District Parent Committee End of Year Reception

Our office is also pleased to host our District parent committee's end of year reception that will feature brunch on May 30, 2025. The program will be hosted at our former building located at 1081 W. Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012 and will run from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **The program is for members only and is not open to the public**. The RSVP form will be circulated to the membership very soon. During the program the membership receive recognition for their time as volunteers on District parent committees: CAC, DELAC and PAC.

Enjoy your learning this month.

Sincerely,

Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement



SFACE and District Highlights

Equity Course Pathways: The Family Academy, in partnership with the Division of Adult and Career Education, offers cohort-centered courses known as Equity Course Pathways. The curriculum is organized as a 7-class course experience where families engage in culturally relevant curriculum in a cohort learning environment, define family engagement, and develop their action plan to stay engaged in their child's education. Choose from one of four pathways: multilingual learners, Black and African American learners, youngest learners, and learners with exceptional needs. Click on the link to join the interest list and someone will contact you to enroll: LAUSDAdultEd.org/HelpYourChild



The Family Academy is hosting valuable learning opportunities centered on Know Your Rights Information, as well as health, housing and education. The content is available for viewing by visiting https://www.lausd.org/familyacademy. This site also includes PDF copies of the course catalogues for Region in-person engagement and the central office webinars scheduled.



Region Family and Community Engagement teams continue to complement central office Family academy webinars by offering in-person workshops. Learn about the dates, locations and times at https://www.lausd.org/familyacademy.

The Parent Portal is available for all parents and guardians to learn more about the progress of their children in a variety of different areas. Over 88% of Los Angeles Unified families are already connected to student accounts! Learning about the different features of the Parent Portal allows parents to partner with their school communities to celebrate student achievement, ask focused questions and identify needed support. Call the Los Angeles Unified Hotline at 213-443-1300 for help getting connected or for assistance with using the features.

The School Volunteer Program is a resource available for families and the community to offer their time, skills and knowledge to support Los Angeles Unified students. This year, Los Angeles Unified had over 37,000 processed volunteers serving in District schools. For more information about the School Volunteer Program, visit https://www.lausd.org/volunteer.



Special Education Workshops: The Division of Special Education has various resources available for parents to take advantage of every opportunity as an active partner in their child's education. Workshops and training are offered covering various topics related to the needs of students with disabilities and the many ways parents can support their child both in and out of the classroom. In addition to workshops and training sessions, Districtand community-sponsored events supporting of students and parents are available. For more information, visit https://www.lausd.org/spedParents.

Additional Resources

Los Angeles Unified Student Wellness and Family Hotline: Please continue to direct parents and students to this service provided for families. Trained District personnel are available to help on all health-related topics and are accessible by dialing the following number: 213-241-3840.

Los Angeles Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services Hotline: For more information on services to support students with special needs, call (213) 241-6701.

Region Office Leadership: Each child's school sits in a geographical Region in the Los Angeles Unified. To connect with District leaders in a specific Region or to learn more about the specific services offered in the Region, visit https://www.lausd.org/regions.

Board of Education Meetings: The Los Angeles Unified Board of Education hosts meetings in person and will continue to broadcast meetings online. Visit the following webpage to learn how to speak during public comment: https://www.lausd.org/boe.

Responsibilities Assigned to the PAC

The PAC shall advise the LAUSD Board of Education and the Superintendent on the following tasks:

California Education Code ("Ed. Code") sections 52062 and 52063, which are attached as Attachment A, require the establishment of a district-wide parent advisory committee to review and comment on the Local Control and Accountability Plan ("LCAP") for the governing board and the superintendent of a school district. (Ed. Code, § 52060) California Code of Regulations ("CCR") section 15495 defines "Parent Advisory Committee," as used in Ed. Code sections 52063 and 52069. A "Parent Advisory Committee" shall be composed of a majority of parents, as defined in subdivision (e), of pupils and include parents of pupils to whom one or



more of the definitions in Education Code section 42238.01 apply." (5 CCR§ 15495, subd. (f))