

Los Angeles Unified: Year in Review 2024–25



PILLAR 1: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

State Assessment Gains

Los Angeles Unified achieved its highest-ever ELA, Math, and Science scores—surpassing 2023-24 and pre-pandemic performance levels in all grades. Students gained over 10 points in ELA and nearly 12 points in Math.

Increases in AP Participation

In 2024-25, the total number of Advanced Placement (AP) exams taken by students in Los Angeles Unified increased by 9%.

UTK Expansion

The District's preschool enrollment climbed to over 32,000 students, including more than 5,800 preschoolers with special needs.

Adult Education Impact

The Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE) served over 75,000 students, expanded CTE enrollment by 9%, and boosted ESL and academic gains by 24%.

iDREAM + Esports Labs

Mobile labs introduced hands-on learning in robotics, 3D printing, and game design at dozens of schools. The Esports Championship engaged 700 students from 53 campuses in competitions and hands-on STEAM career exploration.

PILLAR 2: JOY AND WELLNESS

5000 Role Models of Excellence

Launched at 50 secondary schools, this mentorship program pairs male students with role models who reflect their lived experiences—fostering connection, confidence, and pathways to college and civic leadership.

Mental Health Support Expansion

School-based mental health services grew through partnerships with over 50 external providers. Students accessed care both in person and virtually, and the District launched a 24/7 mental health referral line.

Commitment/College Signing Day + 5K Wellness Festival

Over 5,000 students and families gathered at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for a Districtwide college commitment celebration and 5K featuring health screenings, live performances, and wellness resources.

iAttend and Absenteeism Reduction

Through efforts like iAttend and the Attendance Champions program, the District conducted more than 69,000 home visits and reduced chronic absenteeism by 5% year-over-year.



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PILLAR 3: ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

We Are One

Los Angeles Unified continued its nationally recognized We Are One initiative, connecting immigrant and undocumented families to legal aid, emergency planning tools, and multilingual support—ensuring families feel safe, informed, and supported.

Family Academy Expansion

The Family Academy hosted over 32,000 unique participants through workshops focused on academics, wellness, college readiness, and civic engagement.

Record-Breaking Volunteer Participation

The School Volunteer Program hit a new milestone with over 40,000 approved applications—a 15% increase from 2023-24.

Student Homelessness and Clothing Boutiques

Through expanded services and new school-based clothing boutiques, the District supported thousands of unhoused students with essentials like uniforms and hygiene items—reducing barriers to learning with dignity and care.

Community Challenge Grant

The District invested \$1.1 million in neighborhood-led projects—funding 24 community organizations to strengthen family-school partnerships and enhance student well-being.

Emergency Fire Relief Support

Following the January 2025 Los Angeles wildfires, the relaunched LAUSD Education Foundation raised nearly \$8 million to aid affected students, families, and schools.

Municipal and Government Partnerships

With 10 Education Compacts—including Lomita—the District secured five legislative wins, directed \$2.5M toward an inclusive playground, launched its first 60-member school nurse cohort, and introduced the Safe Kids Alliance, a community-based safety collaboration.

PILLAR 4: OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Eco-Sustainability Progress

Solar contracts were executed for 15 MW of renewable energy across 21 schools, and 55% of the District's electricity now comes from clean sources.

\$1.64 Billion in School Upgrades

403 new school improvement projects totaling \$1.64 billion were approved this year, funding classroom upgrades, ADA improvements, solar installations, outdoor classrooms, and green schoolyards across Los Angeles Unified.

Maintained Bond Credit Ratings

Moody's, Fitch, and KBRA reaffirmed the District's strong bond credit ratings, reflecting confidence in its long-term financial planning and facilities investments. Maintaining these ratings helps secure favorable terms for future bond-funded improvements.

Approval of \$9B Facilities Bond

In November 2024, Los Angeles Unified voters approved a historic \$9 billion facilities bond to modernize schools, enhance safety, and expand access to 21st-century learning environments.

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PILLAR 5: INVESTING IN STAFF

Principal and Assistant Principal Recognition

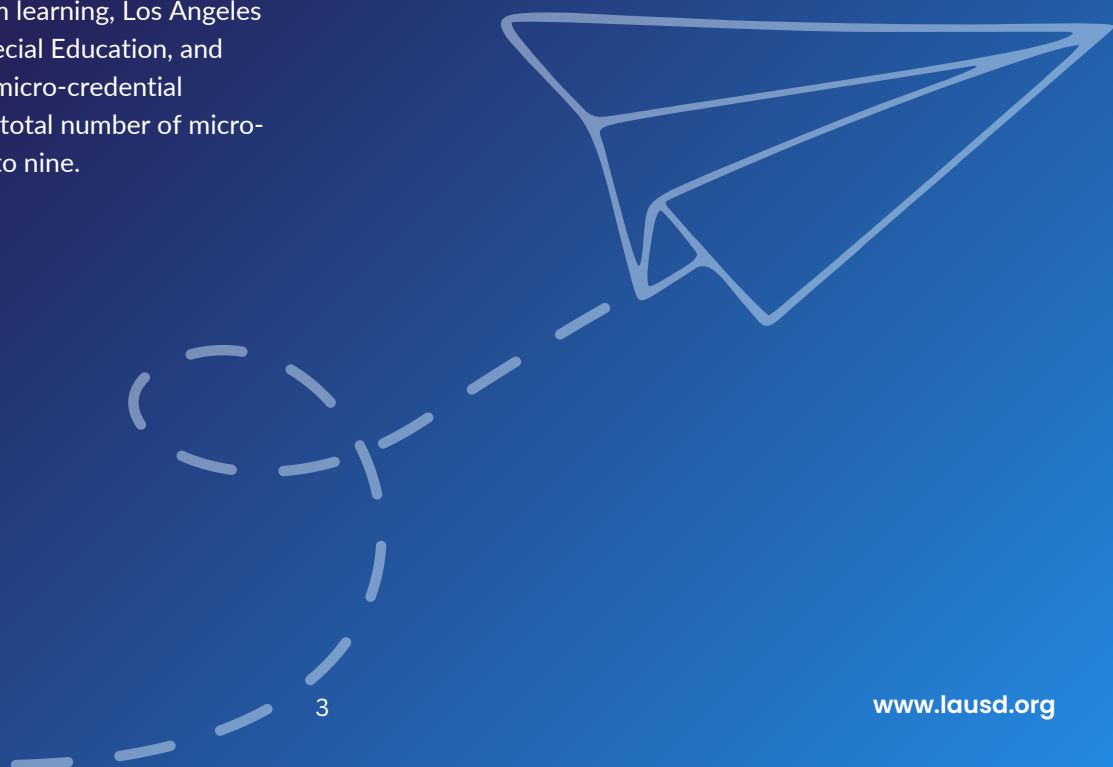
2025 marked the first-ever District-wide honors for Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year—recognizing exemplary site leadership and the vital role administrators play in fostering student success, staff support, and thriving school cultures.

Pipeline and Residency Programs

Staff development initiatives continued to grow, with expanded support for credentialing pathways such as Paraeducator to Teacher, the Teacher Residency Program, and the inaugural cohort of 60 school nurses pursuing certification.

Increased Micro-Credential Programs

To further empower educators and staff to strengthen instructional practice and transform learning, Los Angeles Unified added Linked Learning, Special Education, and Equitable Grading and Instruction micro-credential programs in 2024-25, bringing the total number of micro-credential offerings in the District to nine.



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Awards and Distinctions

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National Magnet Honors: 89 magnet programs earned national recognition—a District record. Grover Cleveland Charter High School was named Best Magnet School in the Nation.

National Blue Ribbon Schools: Dr. Richard A. Vladovic Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy and Renaissance Arts Academy achieved this recognition.

California Distinguished Schools: 51 schools were recognized as 2024 California Distinguished Schools for closing achievement gaps.

PILLAR 2: JOY AND WELLNESS

2024 Green Ribbon School: San Pedro High School was honored by the U.S. Department of Education for its leadership in sustainability and student wellness.

PILLAR 4: OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Sustainability Bond of the Year & LADWP Sustainability Excellence Award: Recognized by Environmental Finance and LADWP for a \$384M bond supporting electric buses, infrastructure upgrades, and leadership in energy efficiency.

Art Caple President's Award (NAGDCA): The District's Retirement Investment Advisory Committee was honored for excellence in retirement plan administration and participant support.

AIA|LA (American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles) Award: LAUSD was recognized for creating design-forward, safe, and sustainable learning environments that inspire students and uplift communities.

American Green Zone Association (AGZA) Level 2 Green Zone Certification: The District transitioned 100% of garden maintenance equipment from gas-powered to all-electric.

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2025 California Teachers of the Year: Arby Jean Wolkov, an American Sign Language (ASL) teacher at William Howard Taft Charter High School, was named one of the 2025 California Teachers of the Year for her impact on language access and student connection through inclusive instruction.

Principal of the Year: Rebecca McMurrin, principal of Ulysses S. Grant Senior High School, received the prestigious Principal of the Year award, recognizing her outstanding leadership and dedication to student success. McMurrin was also named Principal of the Year by Magnet Schools of America.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching: Jennifer Trochez Maclean received the nation's highest honor for STEM educators, recognized for her outstanding teaching and for inspiring students to find joy and passion in scientific discovery.

Assistant Principal of the Year: Kelly Caudillo, Assistant Principal at Nava College Preparatory Academy, was honored as the 2024 Assistant Principal of the Year for her exceptional contributions to school administration and student achievement.

Classified Employee of the Year: Rosa Quintero, a light bus driver, was recognized not only as one of Los Angeles Unified's Classified Employees of the Year, but also as the sole District representative advancing to the Los Angeles County level.

Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award: Van Nuys High School History and AP African American Studies teacher Aditi Doshi was recognized for her exemplary commitment to history education with a \$10,000 cash prize.