

The following documents explain the type of school options L.A. Unified offers, classes needed to obtain a high school diploma and/or attend college, information on financial aid, DACA and scholarship opportunities. Utilize this information and consult with a school staff member to get additional information.

## L.A. Unified Schools by Grade Level

At the Los Angeles Unified School District we provide students and families with multiple pathways to access a quality public education from our youngest learners in preschool to adults in our adult and career education programs. The following table describes the various types of schools by grade levels. To learn about the public schools available in your community visit the Resident School Identifier and type your home address into the text box: <http://rsi.lausd.net/ResidentSchoolIdentifier/>

Educational Programs	Overview
Early Education Centers (for children ages 2-5)	Early Education Centers are preschool programs. For more information call (213) 241-0415.
California State Preschool (for children ages 3-4) For more information call (213) 241-0415.	California State Preschool Part Day Programs operate 180 days per year in selected L.A. Unified elementary schools. Child protective service/at risk children have first priority if space is available for 3 to 4-year-old children.
Elementary Schools (for children ages 4-11/12)	Elementary schools are generally organized into grades. Transitional Kindergarten (age 4) through fifth grade or Transitional Kindergarten through sixth grade.
Middle Schools (for children ages 12-14)	Middle schools are generally organized into grades fifth through eighth grade or sixth through eighth grade.
High Schools (for children ages 14-18, up to 22 for special populations)	High schools are generally organized into grades ninth through twelfth grade. To graduate from the L.A. Unified, students must complete 210 credits within A-G courses plus additional L.A. Unified requirements.
Span Schools (various ages)	A span school spans multiple levels (elementary and middle, middle and high, or elementary through high school).
Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE) (for children ages 16 or older) For more information call (213) 241-3150.	The L.A. Unified DACE provide learning opportunities and employment training to adults and in-and out-of-school teens.
Special Education For more information call (213) 241-6701.	The Division of Special Education ensures that the unique needs of students with disabilities are met through additional services, supports, programs, specialized placements, or environments.
California School Age Families Education Program (CAL-SAFE) For more information call (213) 241-0415.	CAL-SAFE Program is a comprehensive, integrated, community-linked, school-based program that serves expectant and parenting students and their infants and toddlers.

# L.A. Unified Schools by Grade Level: Educational Options Programs

L.A. District is both a traditional school system and a choice-based system, which means ANY and EVERY student can choose to attend their neighborhood school of residence OR apply to schools of choice that offer specialized programs within the District.

Programs	Contact Information
<p><b>Magnet</b> Magnet Programs vary by theme and are Court-Ordered voluntary integration opportunities available to students in grades K-12 living within the LAUSD boundaries. For more information visit: <a href="http://echoices.lausd.net/Magnet/MagnetHome.aspx">http://echoices.lausd.net/Magnet/MagnetHome.aspx</a></p>	<p><b>Student Integration Services</b> 333 S. Beaudry Ave., 25<sup>th</sup> Fl. • LA, CA 90017 Tel: (877) 4MAG-PWT or (877) 462-4798 Fax: (213) 241-8482</p> <p>Submit an electronic application via: <a href="https://apply.lausd.net">https://apply.lausd.net</a></p>
<p><b>Permits With Transportation (PWT)</b> PWT is a voluntary integration program that provides students with experiences in integrated school settings. For more information visit: <a href="http://echoices.lausd.net/PWT/PWTHome.aspx">http://echoices.lausd.net/PWT/PWTHome.aspx</a></p>	
<p><b>Zones of Choice</b> Matriculating 8<sup>th</sup> grade students living within a Zone of Choice may rank their high school program selections. For more information visit: <a href="https://achieve.lausd.net/zoc">https://achieve.lausd.net/zoc</a></p>	<p><b>Zone of Choice</b> 333 S. Beaudry Ave., 20<sup>th</sup> Fl. • LA, CA 90017 Tel: (213) 241-0466   Fax: (213) 241-4108</p>
<p><b>Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS)</b> SAS programs offer educational options designed to support the development of gifted and talented youth. For more information visit: <a href="https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2033">https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2033</a></p>	<p><b>Gifted/Talented Programs</b> 333 S. Beaudry Ave., 25<sup>th</sup> Fl. • LA, CA 90017 Tel: (213) 241-6500   Fax: (213) 241-8975</p>
<p><b>Inter-District Permits</b> Inter-District permits allow parents from one district to attend schools in another district. Incoming Inter-District Permits – Incoming inter-district permit applications are requested to allow students that reside within the boundaries of a school district other than the LAUSD to attend a school within the LAUSD. For more information visit: <a href="https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/1220">https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/1220</a></p>	<p>333 S. Beaudry Ave., 29<sup>th</sup> Fl. • LA, CA 90017 Tel: (213) 202-7547</p> <p><a href="https://lausd.permits@lausd.net">https://lausd.permits@lausd.net</a> Submit an electronic application via: <a href="https://apply.lausd.net">https://apply.lausd.net</a></p>
<p><b>Dual Language/Bilingual Programs</b> Parents may apply for designated open enrollment seats at specific campuses with available seats. For more information visit: <a href="https://achieve.lausd.net/apolo#spn-content">https://achieve.lausd.net/apolo#spn-content</a></p>	<p>333 S. Beaudry Ave., 25<sup>th</sup> Fl. • LA, CA 90017 (213) 241-2550 Submit an electronic application via: <a href="https://apply.lausd.net">https://apply.lausd.net</a></p>
<p><b>District K-12 Open Enrollment</b> Parents may apply for designated open enrollment seats at specific campuses with available seats. For more information visit: <a href="https://achieve.lausd.net/K12OpenEnrollment">https://achieve.lausd.net/K12OpenEnrollment</a></p>	<p><b>School Management Services</b> c/o Asset Management Branch 333 S. Beaudry Ave., 23<sup>rd</sup> Fl. • LA, CA 90017 Submit an electronic application via: <a href="https://apply.lausd.net">https://apply.lausd.net</a></p>

## L.A. Unified Individual Graduation Plan

### Graduating Students College & Career Ready Individual Graduation Plan

At the Los Angeles Unified School District (L.A. Unified), we are committed to preparing students to think about their future by building plan that helps them achieve their dreams for the future. All secondary schools are required to hold annual Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) conferences with every student. The IGP is a plan that organizes how students are provided support beginning in the middle school years to stay on track with meeting high school graduation requirements and to continuously update how the student will be supported to become college and career ready.



#### Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) Grades 5 and 6

The IGP conferences begin as a collaborative process in the spring of fifth or sixth grade when counselors from the receiving middle schools meet with students and parents/guardians to discuss goals, student interests and talents, plan the course of study and review expectations for middle school. This is an important opportunity for parents to express questions and share observations noticed about their child's adolescent development.



#### Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) Grades 6, 7 -12

The IGP conference is designed to document and monitor student and parent/guardian involvement in student course selections, postsecondary plans, and educational career goals. During these meetings parents and students will learn about the L.A. Unified graduation requirements, courses required for admission into a university, otherwise known as the A-G requirements, and discuss possible careers and college majors of interest to the student.

To schedule the IGP for your student contact your school site counselor.

## L.A. Unified Graduation Requirements

### What Are the Requirements to Earn a High School Diploma?

To receive a high school diploma from the Los Angeles Unified School District, students must earn 210 credits and a grade of “D” or better in all courses. A letter grade of “A” is the highest grade a student can earn followed by a B, C, D and F. A student earns 5 course credits for every course that is passed with a grade of “D” or better.

Of the 210 credits required to earn a high school diploma, a 150 of these credits must be met by passing one of the California State University and University of California admission requirements, otherwise known as the A-G requirements, with a grade of a D or higher. The course requirements are as follows:

<b>“A-G” Requirements</b>	A. History/Social Science	2 years (4 semesters)
	B. English	4 years (8 semesters)
	C. Math	3 years (6 semesters)
	D. Lab Science	2 years (4 semesters)
	E. Language Other than English	2 years (4 semesters)
	F. Visual & Performing Arts	1 year (2 semesters)
	G. College Prep Elective	1 year (2 semesters)

In addition to the A-G requirements, students must also complete additional requirements adopted by the L.A. Unified. The California Department of Education has also adopted additional requirements that surpass the credits required by the L.A. Unified. The following includes the additional years/semesters that students complete to earn a high school diploma:

<b>L.A. Unified Additional Requirements</b>	Health Course	+Half a Year (1 semester)
	Service Learning Requirement (must be completed in grades 9-12)	Students are expected to complete service learning experience.
	Career Pathway Selection (must be completed in grades 9-12)	Students shall be given the opportunity to explore an opportunity to identify the industries and careers that they would like to pursue.

<b>CDE- CA State Requirements</b>	History/Social Science	+1 year (+2 more semesters)	World History, US History, Government, Economics
	Physical Education	2 years	

<b>Total Credits Required</b>	A-G Courses   LA Unified Requirements   CDE-CA	<b>210</b>
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**English Learners** English Learners who are newcomers enrolling in high school as their first school experience in the United States may remain in high school until graduation requirements are met or through the age of 21, whichever comes first, as long as the academic progress sufficient to meet the graduation requirements is made.

# Requirements to Apply to Colleges & Universities (LACC, CSU, UC)

## Subject and Non-Course Requirements

The chart below lists the minimum courses that are required for freshman admission to the California State University, the University of California, Private and Community Colleges.

Subject	California State University (Grade of "C" or better is required)	University of California (Grade of "C" or better is required)	Private Colleges (Grade of "C" or better is required)	Community College
<b>"A" Social Science</b>	<b>2 years</b> 1-year-World Hist., Geog., Culture from "A" or "G" 1 year- US Hist. or ½ US Hist. and ½ Prin. Am Dem	<b>2 years</b> 1-year-World Hist., Geog., Culture from "A" or "G" 1 year- US Hist. or ½ US Hist. and ½ Prin. Am Dem	<b>2-3 years</b> World History US History Prin. Am Dem	<p><b>No Subject Requirements</b></p> <p>Must be 18 years of age, a high school graduate OR Possess a high school proficiency test certificate</p> <p>Students are most successful when they continue to take college preparatory courses.</p> <p>Students are also encouraged to enroll in honors, Advanced Placement and other rigorous courses.</p>
<b>"B" English</b>	<b>4 years</b>	<b>4 years</b>	<b>4 years</b>	
<b>"C" Mathematics</b>	<b>3 years</b> Algebra 1 Geometry AB Algebra 2AB  Validation rules apply*	<b>3 years</b> Algebra 1 Geometry AB Algebra 2AB  Validation rules apply* Geometry AB must be attempted to use an ADV Level math course to validate the entire math requirement.	<b>3-4 years</b> College Preparatory mathematics each school year.	
<b>"D" Science</b>	<b>2 years</b> 1 year- Biological from "D" or "G" 1 year- Physical from "D" or "G"	<b>2 years</b> 2 out of 3 categories of Biology, Chemistry and Physics	<b>3-4 years</b> Lab Sciences	
<b>"E" Language other than English (LOTE)</b>	<b>2 years</b> Same Language Validation rules apply*	<b>2 years</b> Same Language Validation rules apply*	<b>3-4 years</b> Same Language	
<b>"F" Visual &amp; Performing Arts (VPA)</b>	<b>1 year</b> Same discipline	<b>1 year</b> Same discipline	VPA courses may count as electives	
<b>"G" College Prep Elective</b>	<b>1 year</b> No introductory courses	<b>1 year</b> No introductory courses	College preparatory courses in area of interest	
<b>Additional Requirements</b>	<b>Min GPA:2.0</b> <b>SAT or ACT</b> <b>EPT/MPT</b>	<b>Min GPA: 3.0</b> <b>SAT or ACT</b> <b>SAT Subject Tests</b>	<b>Min GPA: varies</b> <b>SAT or ACT</b> <b>SAT Subject Tests</b>	

\*Validation applies only with marks of "C" or better

# California Dream Act & AB 540 Forms

## Paying Student Fees: Community College, California State University & University of California

### Process for Undocumented Students

#### Step #1: Paying In-State Fees at Public Community Colleges & Universities (AB540)

- California Assembly Bill 540 was passed by the California Legislature on October 12, 2001. This law established guidelines for undocumented students to pay resident fees in public colleges and universities.
- To learn about the eligibility guidelines visit the California Student Aid Commission website: [http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream\\_act.asp](http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp)
- The AB 540 California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Form is available at: [http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt\\_frm/ab\\_540\\_affidavit.pdf](http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/ab_540_affidavit.pdf).

#### Step #2: Paying for College and The California Dream Act

- The California Dream Act is a law passed by the State of California Legislature allow some undocumented students to apply for and receive state-based financial aid and institutional scholarships.
- Students that meet the guidelines established for the AB 540 are eligible to apply for the financial aid programs offered by the State of California.
- To learn about the eligibility guidelines visit the California Student Aid Commission website: [http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream\\_act.asp](http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp)
- The application deadline for the California Dream Act is generally the first week in the month of March. Submit the application before the deadline to qualify for grants.
- For questions about submitting the application contact your school counselor or the California Student Aid Commission at 1 (888) CA-GRANT (888) 224-7268.





# Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program & Transcripts

## L.A. Unified DACA Request Form Process

DACA is a federal program announced in 2012. Under this process if a person came to the United States as a child and they meet several key guidelines, they may request consideration of delaying removal action of an individual. DACA may be granted for a period of two years and may be renewed. For more information on renewing your status or if you are considering applying DACA, it is important that you consult with a reputable legal organization or attorney. Legal resources are included in this guide. For updates on the status of DACA, please see link below published by National Immigration Law Center (NILC): <https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/> and <https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/daca-after-trump-q-and-a/>

The L.A. Unified has created a centralized process for records requests by individuals applying for consideration for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Effective September 17, 2012, you may apply online to request records for Deferred Action at: <http://www.DACArequest.lausd.net>. The paper form is also available and can be obtained by clicking on the following: [DACArequestform.pdf](#). There is a \$5 fee per copy. Your request will be researched and if it is available, you will receive an email notification requesting payment through PayPal or money order. Once payment is received, your documents will be sent via U. S. mail. Please allow 7-10 days for U.S. postal delivery after receiving your e-mail notification.

		<b>LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>			
		<b>STUDENT RECORDS AND DATA MANAGEMENT BRANCH</b>			
		<b>DEFERRED ACTION REQUEST FORM</b>			
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<b>Relationship to Student*</b>					
<input type="radio"/> -Self <input checked="" type="radio"/> -Parent/Legal Guardian					
<b>1. NAME (Current):</b>					
Last: *		<input type="text"/>	First: *		<input type="text"/>
Middle:		<input type="text"/>			
<b>2. Name Used in School (if different from Current Name)*</b>					
Last:		<input type="text"/>	First:		<input type="text"/>
Middle:		<input type="text"/>			
<small>* If you have changed your name since attending an LAUSD school, please provide a copy of the legal document(s) showing both your former name and new name. Your request will not be processed without this required documentation. A legal document may be a copy of Marriage Certificate, Naturalization Certificate (copy of both sides) or Court document indicating the name change.</small>					

Contact or Mail:  
**Student Records Center**  
P.O. Box 3307  
Los Angeles, CA 90051-1307  
Phone: (323) 224-5950 | Email: [transcripts@lausd.net](mailto:transcripts@lausd.net)  
Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 4:30 pm

## Scholarship Resources

- Fast Web: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund: [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org)
- Get Ready for College: [www.getreadyforcollege.org/gPg.cfm?pageID=1586](http://www.getreadyforcollege.org/gPg.cfm?pageID=1586)
- Latino College Dollars: [www.latinocollegedollars.org](http://www.latinocollegedollars.org)
- Scholarships for Hispanics: [www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org](http://www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org)
- Genesco Migrant Center: [www.migrant.net](http://www.migrant.net)
- Mexican Scholarship Fund: <http://mexicanscholarshipfund.org/>
- SADCO Scholarship Program: <http://sadco.org/sadco-scholarship-program>
- National Scholarships for Highschool/ Community College graduates: <http://www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/>
- Refugee/Immigrant Scholarships: <https://www.scholarships.com>
- California Student Aid Commission: [http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream\\_act.asp](http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp)
- Cash for College: <https://www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov/>
- California Career Center: <http://www.calcareercenter.org/>
- Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund: <https://www.salef.org/>
- Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard Scholarship Information: <https://roybal-allard.house.gov/issues/issue/?IssueID=42779>

