Why do educators, students and communities depend so much on the Los Angeles County Office of Education?

Because of all we do for public schools.
The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is a state-funded public agency that promotes the academic and financial stability of the county’s 80 K-12 public school districts and 2 million preschool and school-age children.

**LACOE helps save, and safeguard, taxpayer dollars by:**

- Ensuring fiscal solvency and compliance with state laws
- Pooling resources for cost-effective school business and financial services
- Monitoring and reporting on low-performing schools so that all students have the basics of a quality education: textbooks, safe and clean facilities, and qualified teachers

**LACOE provides leadership and support to schools and districts in the areas of:**

- Curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- Technical assistance and support strategies for student achievement and school improvement
- Professional development for teachers, administrators, and other school staff
- Technology-related services, including online learning programs
LACOE supports students and serves communities by:

- Providing direct classroom instruction to students not well served in regular public schools, including juvenile offenders, children with severe disabilities, and others with special needs or talents
- Administering the state’s largest Head Start grantee program
- Providing early childhood programs, parenting and literacy classes, job development services, and work and career preparation programs
- Organizing countywide honors and scholastic competitions

About the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education:

- The Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools is the top education leader of the nation’s most populous and diverse county.
- Appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the superintendent serves as chief executive officer for LACOE and as secretary of the County Board of Education. The superintendent also provides general leadership and support to top school administrators and officials across the region.
- LACOE is governed by the seven-member Los Angeles County Board of Education, also appointed by the County Supervisors.
- The Board exercises overall policy oversight and budget approval, hears appeals on student expulsions and interdistrict attendance decisions, and authorizes charter schools.
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- We monitor the fiscal solvency of county school districts, and review annual budgets worth $29.9 billion.

- We support the nation’s largest juvenile justice system, educating at least 1,160 young offenders daily in our Juvenile Court Schools.

- We help meet the special educational needs of some 825 young people with severe disabilities, operating 106 special day classes on 30 public school campuses. Speech therapy, adapted physical education, and other services are provided to 2,400 students with special needs enrolled in district classes.

- We identified and served some 55,000 homeless students across the county and worked with school districts to ensure they have needed educational materials.

- We provide 175,000 payroll warrants for school employees and 74,000 commercial warrants for school districts each month.

- We annually inspect 540 low-performing schools in at least 38 districts serving more than 445,000 students to ensure they have sufficient textbooks and that facilities are safe, clean, and functional.

- We reviewed the records of 22,034 teachers at low-performing schools in 2015-16 to ensure that they had proper assignments and certifications.

- We maintain more than 374,150 teaching credential registrations for payroll purposes and issue nearly 5,000 temporary teaching certificates annually.

- We oversee the state’s largest Head Start grantee program, serving more than 13,000 preschool children and their families.

2016-17 LACOE Budget – $631 million (Including Reserve Requirement)

LACOE administers an annual budget of $631 million. Most of the money is used for classroom instruction and a variety of cost-saving educational programs and business services for school districts.

1. Includes Head Start, Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN Jobs Program), Migrant Education

2. Special Education, Alternative Education, Juvenile Court Schools, Career and Technical Education (CTE)

3. Includes Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, School Transportation Services
Los Angeles County Population, January 1, 2015: 10.2 million
Los Angeles County Area: 4,084 square miles
Number of Cities: 88
Largest District/Enrollment, 2015-16
Los Angeles Unified: 639,337
Smallest District/Enrollment, 2015-16
Gorman School District: 94
Public School Districts in L.A. County
Elementary ................................................. 28
High school ................................................... 5
Unified ................................................................ 47
Community college ............................................. 13
Total Districts ..................................................... 93
Public Schools in L.A. County
Elementary schools (K-5 or K-8) .................... 1,293
Middle schools ................................................. 328
High schools .................................................... 333
K-12 schools .................................................... 35
Alternative schools ......................................... 52
Continuation schools ....................................... 85
Other (including special education) ................. 157
Total Number of Schools ................................. 2,283
Enrollment, Los Angeles County, 2015-16
Kindergarten ............................................... 130,046
Grade 1 .......................................................... 107,360
Grade 2 .......................................................... 112,970
Grade 3 .......................................................... 114,167
Grade 4 .......................................................... 116,648
Grade 5 .......................................................... 114,631
Grade 6 .......................................................... 113,541
Grade 7 .......................................................... 113,647
Grade 8 .......................................................... 113,088
Grade 9 .......................................................... 124,140
Grade 10 ......................................................... 124,591
Grade 11 ......................................................... 116,062
Grade 12 ......................................................... 121,303
Ungraded ....................................................... 1,018
Total Enrollment (K-12) ................... 1,523,212
Total Enrollment, California, 2015-16: 6,226,737

Ethnic/Racial Distribution of Students, 2015-16

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English Learner Students, 2015-16
Los Angeles County ............................................ 349,878
Statewide ...................................................... 1,392,263

Number of Different Languages Spoken by Students in Los Angeles County Schools: 99

Students Receiving Free/Reduced Price Meals
1,023,956

Certificated Staff in Los Angeles County, 2015-16
Teachers .............................................................. 71,735
Administrators ............................................... 7,053
Pupil service personnel .................................... 6,764

Average Pupil-to-Teacher Ratio, 2015-16
County ............................................................. 21.5
State .............................................................. 21.7

K-12 Students
L.A. County 2015-16
1.5 million

Students Receiving Free/Reduced Price Meals
66.5%

English Learners
22.7%