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
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LACOE supports students and serves communities by:

- Providing direct classroom instruction to some 15,000 students annually, including juvenile offenders, children with disabilities, and others with special needs or talents
- Administering the nation’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

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- 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 $22.6 billion.
- We support the nation’s largest juvenile justice system, educating 11,193 young offenders in our Juvenile Court Schools during the 2011-12 school year.
- We help meet the special educational needs of over 2,300 young people with disabilities each year, and operate 339 classes on 150 public school campuses to educate students with severe disabilities.
- We helped 595 young people at high risk of dropping out complete their high school education during the 2011-12 school year, through our Juvenile Court Schools and Alternative and Special Education programs.
- We oversee the nation’s largest Head Start grantee program, serving 23,000 preschool children and their families.
- We help nearly 80% of graduates of our Regional Occupational Program go on to post-secondary schools or advanced training in an average year.
- We provide more than 155,000 monthly payroll warrants for school employees.
- We annually inspect some 571 low-performing schools in at least 41 districts serving more than 524,000 students to ensure they have sufficient textbooks and that facilities are safe, clean, and functional.
- We reviewed the records of 27,105 teachers at low-performing schools in 2011-12 to ensure that they had proper assignments and certifications.
- We maintain more than 352,892 teaching credential registrations for payroll purposes and issue nearly 3,000 temporary teaching certificates annually.

2012-13 LACOE Budget – $708 million (Including Reserves)

LACOE administers an annual budget of $708 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, Regional Occupational Program (ROP)
3. Includes Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, School Transportation Services
### Ethnic/Racial Distribution of Students, 2011-12

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### English Learner Students, 2011-12

- Los Angeles County: 373,790
- Statewide: 1,387,665

### Number of Different Languages Spoken by Students in Los Angeles County Schools: 92

### Students Receiving Free/Reduced Price Meals

- 1,017,249

### Certificated Staff in Los Angeles County, 2011-12

- Teachers: 71,495
- Administrators: 6,156
- Pupil service personnel: 6,467

### Average Pupil-to-Teacher Ratio, 2011-12

- County: 22.2
- State: 23.1

### Enrollment, Los Angeles County, 2011-12

- Kindergarten: 122,149
- Grade 1: 128,933
- Grade 2: 117,310
- Grade 3: 115,216
- Grade 4: 115,339
- Grade 5: 104,918
- Grade 6: 116,761
- Grade 7: 117,660
- Grade 8: 118,936
- Grade 9: 138,080
- Grade 10: 131,819
- Grade 11: 124,524
- Grade 12: 121,157
- Ungraded: 1,736

**Total Enrollment (K-12): 1,574,538**

### Total Enrollment, California, 2011-12: 6,214,204