

LONG BEACH EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROFILE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Originally formed in 1994, the Long Beach Education Partnership is comprised of Long Beach’s K-12, community college, and four year education systems. At the urging of prominent business leaders in the Long Beach community, education leaders worked with other local, state, and national partners to develop a seamless (preK-16) education system in Long Beach to prepare all students for success in college and work without need for remediation.

PARTNERS

EDUCATION	BUSINESS	GOVERNMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) Long Beach City College (LBCC) CSU Long Beach (CSULB) Orange Coast Community College Golden West College El Camino College Cypress College Cerritos College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Care The Port of Long Beach BP TABC JetBlue Denso Sales The Employee Community Fund of Boeing The Boeing Company Verizon & The Verizon Foundation Bank of America UPS LB Memorial Medical Center Southern California Edison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Beach City Council Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce State Senator Betty Karnette State Assemblyman Allen Lowenthal Governor Gray Davis CA Joint Committee on the Education Masterplan Congressman Stephen Horn Congresswoman Juanita Millender McDonald US Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer (CA) US Senator James Jeffords (I-VT) US Secretaries of Education: Richard Riley and Rod Paige The National Education Association National School Board Association National Foundation for the Improvement of Education National Science Foundation US Commission on National Security

SELECT PROGRAMMATIC COMPONENTS

Seamless Education Partnership: Developed as the signature initiative of the group, the Seamless Education Committee is made up of K-16 faculty from Mathematics, Science, English, History, and Foreign Languages. The committee sponsors initiatives and collaborative activities to improve the K-16 pipeline. The group also addresses policy and governance issues for the Long Beach Education Partnership.

Early Assessment Protocol (EAP): Launched in 2005, this program tests students’ college readiness in 11th grade and provides feedback regarding academic preparedness for entry and success in the CSU system.

Long Beach College Promise: Launched in 2008, this program includes the following components:

- LBCC guarantees a tuition free semester to every LBUSD high school graduate by 2011
- CSULB guarantees college admission to all students who complete minimum college preparatory or minimum community college transfer requirements
- All three institutions will begin student and family outreach services in sixth grade and continue them through college to ensure college entrance requirements are fulfilled and students are successful
- All three institutions will support the various college pathways students may choose based on their personal background and interests

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Long Beach Unified School District: 98,000 students

- 72% qualify for free and reduced lunch
- 45% Hispanic
- 20% White
- 18% African American
- 16% Asian & Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander
- 1% other

Long Beach City College: 30,000 students

California State University, Long Beach: 34,000 students

IMPACT

Researchers from LBUSD, LBCC, and CSULB work together to identify success indicators and track student achievement data to address students’ needs at all levels.

Positive results at this stage include:

- Fifth graders reading at grade level jumped from 6.7 percent in 1999 to 53.3 percent in 2002.
- Increased numbers and more diverse population of high school students taking college preparation courses.
- Reduced numbers of high school students needing remedial courses.
- Increased number of credentialed teachers from the university.
- Modest gains in standardized test results, especially at the elementary and middle school levels.