

Long Beach Unified School District
8th Grade High School Readiness Guide
 For First Name Last Name
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Dear Parent or Guardian,
 Through the School of Choice process, students in Long Beach Unified can apply to any of our 40+ high school pathways. A pathway is a small learning community, often within a larger high school, with a career or industry focus. Some of the pathways have special requirements for admission.

To help your family prepare for this important decision, we have designed this guide to teach you about your student's options, to share your student's current data and to match your student's interests with our different pathway programs. For additional information, please visit our [School of Choice](#) home page. To explore schools and pathways online, click [here](#).

Remember! You can check [ParentVUE](#) or [StudentVUE](#) for all your grades and test scores under the "Assessment and More" tab!



Your MS Counselor
 Name
 Phone
 Email

Key Data Related to School of Choice

MEASURE	YOUR DATA	WHY IT MATTERS...
HS Pathways	36	Congratulations! You are currently eligible for 36 different pathways!
Academic GPA	3.45	Your Academic Grade Point Average (GPA) excludes PE and electives. It is used for admission to 24 pathways, ranging from a low of 2.00 to a high of 3.60.
Smarter Balanced (SBAC) Math	Exceeded 2602	Meeting or Exceeding SBAC Math keeps you on track for taking Algebra in 8th grade. Why does Algebra matter? Taking Algebra in 8th grade makes you eligible for 9 additional, competitive pathways.
Math Placement	Math 7 Acc	Your math class has you on track to take Algebra in 8th grade. Make sure you pass your class with a C or higher to stay on track.
Smarter Balanced (SBAC) ELA	Exceeded 2650	A scaled score of 2550 or more makes you eligible for Lakewood Merit, Millikan Quest, Poly Pace and Wilson Wave.

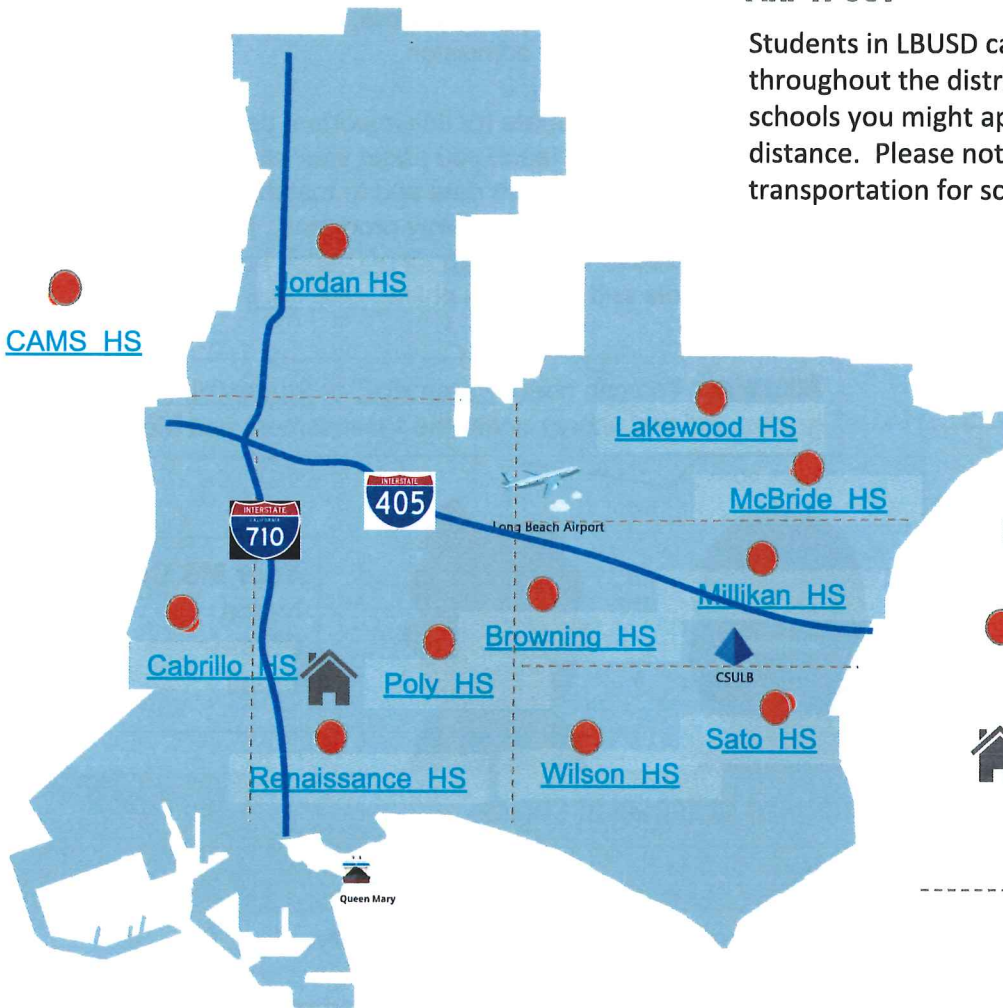
KNOW YOUR DISTRICT

This map of Long Beach Unified displays the location of 11 high schools for School of Choice. Six schools are residential schools and 5 are without boundaries. Consider the location of each high school and your available transportation options.


MAP IT OUT

Students in LBUSD can apply to any qualifying school throughout the district. Use the map to consider which schools you might apply to based on location and distance. Please note that the district does not provide transportation for school of choice.

If your home address has changed, please visit your school office to update your address.




UNDERSTANDING THE MAP

 All School of Choice options are marked with an orange dot.



The map also shows your home as well as popular city landmarks.

 The line indicates residential boundary areas for each comprehensive high school



Click me for transportation information!

BASED ON YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS, YOUR SCHOOL OF RESIDENCE IS:

Poly High School

SCHOOL COMPARISON

Recommended for 6th-8th

All of the LBUSD high schools are unique in their own way, whether it's because of their pathways, uniform policy, sports or visual and performing arts programs. Use the table below to compare different characteristics of the Long Beach Unified high schools. Explore HS Course Catalog [here](#).



Schools	Important Characteristics to Consider					
	School Size	# of Pathways	School Uniform Req'd	Sports	Distance from Home	Performing Arts
Compare Small Thematic HS to Large Comprehensive HS						
Browning High School (Small Thematic)	~400	2	No	Select Intramural Sports Only	Click Here	
Cabrillo High School (Large Comprehensive)	~2000	5	No	Full CIF*	Click Here (WRAP Program)	Choir, Dance, Guitar, Theatre, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Steel Drum
CAMS (Small Thematic)	~700	2	No	CIF: Track & Field, Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, Tennis	Click Here	Dance
Jordan High School (Large Comprehensive)	~2400	6	No	Full CIF* (No Lacrosse Team)	Click Here (WRAP Program)	Band, Choir, Dance, Guitar, Theatre, Orchestra, Piano
Lakewood High School (Large Comprehensive)	~3300	6	No	Full CIF* (No Lacrosse Team)+ Girls Gymnastics, Rugby	Click Here	Band, Choir, Dance, Guitar, Theatre, Jazz Band, Orchestra
McBride High School (Small Thematic)	~800	3	No	Select Intramural Sports Only	Click Here	
Millikan High School (Large Comprehensive)	~3300	5	Yes	Full CIF **+ Rugby, Girls Gymnastics, Surfing	Click Here	Band, Choir, Dance, Guitar, Theatre, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Vocal Jazz, Chorale
Polytechnic High School (Large Comprehensive)	~3800	7	No	Full CIF* + Surfing, Rugby	Click Here	Band, Choir, Dance, Theatre, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Vocal Jazz, Chorale
Renaissance School for the Arts (Small Thematic)	~400	1	No	Select Intramural Sports Only	Click Here	Choir, Dance, Theatre, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Piano, Vocal Jazz, Chamber
Sato Academy (Small Thematic)	~400	2	No	Select Intramural Sports Only	Click Here	Band, Orchestra
Wilson High School (Large Comprehensive)	~3700	5	Yes	Full CIF **+ Rugby, Girls Gymnastics, Surfing	Click Here	Band, Choir, Dance, Guitar, Theatre, Jazz Band, Piano, Orchestra, Chorale, Chamber

* Full CIF: Competitive Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Softball, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, Wrestling

PATHWAY SYSTEM

Used in schools throughout California, this integrated approach helps students build a strong foundation for success in college and career – and life. Combining rigorous and relevant college-prep academics with career based professional skills to prepare students for the future. To explore pathways by school or industry, click [here](#).

WHAT IT MEANS

Every pathway in LBUSD is a college-preparatory pathway, meeting the A-G requirements for college admission. Each industry-related pathway offers select courses connected to the industry. For example, a student in a medical pathway might take Health Concepts and Careers whereas a student in a law pathway might take Criminal Justice. Below you will find your survey results that can guide your pathway decision. Ultimately, please note that pathways are not meant to be college majors, but instead a means by which to explore potential careers.

WHAT PATHWAY IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

On **YOUR** career interest survey, here is how **YOU** answered some important questions that can guide your decision:

- Which careers might interest you?
 - **Medicine**
 - **Business**
 - **Culinary Arts**
- Is going to school close to home important to you and your family?
 - **Not very important**
- Is participating in music, theater and/or dance important to you?
 - **Somewhat Important**
- Is playing sports important to you?
 - **Very Important**



Based on your survey results, you may want to consider the following pathways:

- **Medical Pathways:** CAMS Biomedical (limited sports), Jordan AIMS, Lakewood HOSM, McBride Medical (limited sports), Poly MEDS, Sato Biomedical (limited sports), Wilson Medical/Biotech
- **Business Pathways:** Cabrillo AGL, Jordan IB with NAF, Millikan MBA, Poly PacRim
- **Culinary Arts Pathways:** Browning (limited sports)

Looking to explore other interests, consider the following community-based programs:

[Long Beach Public Library](#)
[Long Beach Parks & Recreation](#)
[Long Beach YMCA](#)
[Shared Science](#)

SCHOOLS AND CAREERS

Recommended for 7th-8th

Long Beach Unified high schools focus on different fields of interest. Below is a chart showing which schools offer pathways that relate to certain careers. Based on your most recent data, you currently qualify for 40 different pathways! The highlighted columns shows pathways based on your potential career interest in Medicine, Business and Culinary Arts. To see the admission criteria for each pathway, click [here](#). You can also [Explore by School](#) or [Explore by Industry](#).

Schools	Career Industries and Pathways							
Explore by Industry	Engineering Architecture	Health, Science and Medicine	Public Services (Govt. Law, Human Services)	Arts, Media and Entertainment	Technology	Business & Finance/ Marketing	Hospitality/ Tourism Culinary Arts	Non-Industry Pathways
Explore by School								
Browning High School							Hospitality Culinary Arts	
Cabrillo High School	CED Engineering		CAL-J Law	SACMAA Media Arts		AGL Global Logistics		
CAMS	CAMS Engineering	CAMS Biotechnology						
Jordan High School	ACE Building & Construction	AIMS Medical	LEAP Law & Education	JMAC Media		IB w/NAF International Baccalaureate		
Lakewood High School		HOSM(Medical) ODYSSEY (Marine Biology)		DMAC Media Arts	ATM Applied Technology			MERIT
McBride High School	Engineering	Health & Medicine	Justice & Investigation					
Millikan High School			PEACE Social Justice Law	COMPASS The Arts	MIT Technology	MBA Business		QUEST
Polytechnic High School	BEACH Engineering	MEDS Medical	JUSTICE Social Justice	POLY ARTS Media		PACRIM International Commerce		PACE/ CIC
Renaissance High School				High School for the Arts				
Sato Academy	SATO Engineering	SATO Biotechnology						
Wilson High School		Medicine & Biotech	Leadership & Public Service	School for the Arts	School of Technology			WAVE



Remember! You can sign up for clubs and other extracurricular activities that aren't related to your pathway. A pathway is a guide to help you grow, not a restrictive barrier, so feel free to participate in as many activities as you like and ask students from your school of choice about the clubs and activities offered.



PATHWAYS AND INTERESTS

Based on your career interest survey, your top three career choices are listed below along with high school pathways that support that career/interest.



CAREER INTEREST

YOUR #1 CAREER CHOICE ON YOUR SURVEY WAS HEALTH, SCIENCE AND MEDICINE :

SCHOOL AND PATHWAY	CRITERIA <small>(Note: May change annually)</small>	Average # of AP Classes Taken 9-12 (2 Yr Average)	2 YR + 4 YR College Attendance Rate (2 Yr. Average)	AM I PREPARED FOR THIS PATHWAY?	A FEW WORDS ABOUT...
CAMS Biomedical*	GPA 3.0 Algebra	5	93%	★ ★ ★	"CAMS is..."
Jordan AIMS	GPA 2.0	2	61%	★ ★ ★ ★	"AIMS is
Lakewood HOSM	None, but Knights requires GPA 3.30	1	59%	★ ★ ★ ★	"In HOSM, we..."
Lakewood Odyssey	None, but Knights requires GPA 3.30	1	67%	★ ★ ★ ★	"I love Odyssey because..."
McBride Medical*	GPA 2.25	5	74%	★ ★ ★ ★	In McBride's Health Medical pathway, you ...
Poly MEDS	None	1	68%	★ ★ ★ ★	MEDS is...
Sato Biomedical	GPA 3.0 Algebra	3	__%	★ ★ ★	Wilson's new medial pathway is...
Wilson Medical	None, but DS requires GPA 3.30, Algebra	3	66%	★ ★ ★ ★	Wilson's new medial pathway is...

Well Prepared



Prepared



More Work to Do



My Preparedness

Based on your GPA and math scores, you are competitive for many high school pathways.

Improving your GPA and SBAC scores could help increase your chance of getting into the pathway you want.

If you feel that the three career choices do not align with your interests, you can explore take these additional career surveys:

- [Career Coach Survey](#)
- [Do 2 Learn Career Survey](#)

PATHWAYS AND INTERESTS

CAREER INTEREST

YOUR #2 CAREER CHOICE ON YOUR SURVEY WAS **BUSINESS**:

SCHOOL AND PATHWAY	CRITERIA (Note: May change annually)	Average # of AP Classes Taken 9-12	2 YR + 4 YR College Attendance Rate	AM I PREPARED FOR THIS PATHWAY?	A FEW WORDS ABOUT...
Cabrillo AGL	None	1	57%	★ ★ ★ ★	AGL is ...
Jordan IB/NAF	GPA 2.80	2	75%	★ ★ ★ ★	In Jordan's IB/NAF program , you ...
Millikan MBA*	GPA 3.00 Algebra	2	61%	★ ★ ★ ★	MBA is...
Poly PACRIM	GPA 2.60	1	70%	★ ★ ★ ★	PACRIM is...

GIVEN YOUR HIGH GPA & TEST SCORES, CONSIDER OUR **NON-INDUSTRY PATHWAYS**:

SCHOOL AND PATHWAY	CRITERIA (Note: May change annually)	Average Profile of Incoming Students	Average # of AP Classes Taken 9-12	2 YR + 4 YR College Attendance Rate	AM I PREPARED FOR THIS PATHWAY?	A FEW WORDS ABOUT...
Lakewood Merit*	GPA 3.00 Algebra SBAC ELA 2500	GPA 3.70 Algebra SBAC ELA 2633	8	84%	★ ★ ★	Merit is...
Millikan QUEST*	GPA 3.60 Algebra SBAC ELA 2550	GPA 3.94 Algebra SBAC ELA 2677	9	90%	★ ★	Quest is ...
Poly CIC*	GPA 3.50 Algebra	GPA 3.75 Algebra	7	85%	★ ★	CIC is...
Poly PACE*	GPA 3.60 Algebra SBAC ELA 2550	GPA 3.97 Algebra SBAC ELA 2689	10	95%	★ ★	PACE is...
Wilson WAVE*	GPA 3.60 Algebra SBAC ELA 2550	GPA 3.85 Algebra SBAC ELA 2670	11	94%	★ ★	Wave is

POTENTIAL MENTORS

Students from your current middle school, _____, are attending high school all throughout the Long Beach Unified School District. The list below identifies students from your middle school that are enrolled in pathways that may interest you.

MENTOR STUDENTS YOU CAN CONTACT

Student	Grade	School	Pathway	Mobile #	Email
Jaime	11	Poly	MEDS	562-555-5555	
Laura	11	McBride	Health Medical	562-555-5555	
Thomas	12	Wilson	Medical DS	562-555-5555	
Steven	12	Poly	PACRIM	562-555-5555	
Lisa	10	Browning	Culinary Arts	562-555-5555	
Shannon	12	CAM	Biomedical	562-555-5555	
David	12	Jordan	IB with NAF	562-555-5555	
Monica	12	Cabrillo	AGL	562-555-5555	
Michael	11	Millikan	MBA	562-555-5555	



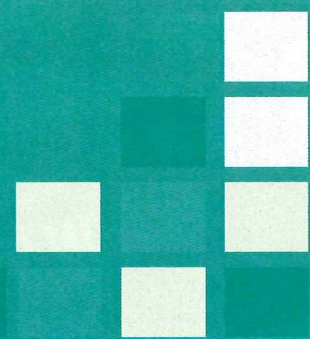
QUESTIONS YOU MAY WANT TO ASK THE MENTOR

- 1) How do you like your school and pathway?
- 2) Why did you choose this pathway?
- 3) What courses have you taken that you really liked?
- 4) What other pathways did you consider?
- 5) How would you describe the culture and climate of the pathway?
- 6) How much homework do you generally have in this pathway?
- 7) What else can you tell me about your school and pathway?



MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESS

Monitoring your grades is important. In high school, your grades keep you on-track for graduation, college entrance requirements (A-G) and getting accepted into college. Passing your classes with a C or higher is very important!



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
HISTORY	D	A				
ENGLISH	B	A				
MATH	C	F				
SCIENCE/HEALTH	B	A				
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	C	A				
ELECTIVES	A	D				
FINE ARTS/SPANISH 1-2						

SUMMARY

Semesters passed with C or higher:

11

Semesters not passed:

3

Remember! You have **3** D/F's in middle school. Current grades tend to reflect future grades, so if you get in the habit of passing all your classes now, the trend will likely continue through high school and beyond.

YOUR CURRENT ACADEMIC GPA IS 3.45

YOUR MOST RECENT PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST RESULTS: PASS

Wondering how your GPA is calculated or why the physical fitness test matters, [Click Here](#)



Take these suggestions to help you plan for middle school and beyond!

Recommendation 1:

Explore your Interests

Think about what programs and extracurriculars your school offers that you might want to be a part of. Look into summer activities and clubs as well.

Recommendation 2:

Check your G.P.A

Now that you are in middle school, G.P.A matters. High schools will take this into consideration. Strive for strong grades to make you highly competitive.

Recommendation 3:

Look into Test Prep

Testing scores are just as important as grades. Check out Khan Academy to get SBAC practice and more!

Recommendation 4:

Consider your values

Think about what matters most to you when picking a high school: Location, Transportation, Sports, Clubs, etc. This will help you narrow your options.

Recommendation 5:

Visit High Schools

Visit High School Open House events in May, visit the High School Summit in fall or select High School Site Nights.

Recommendation 6:

Work on Organization

Get ready for more classes and more homework by keeping a schedule or planner.

PREPARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL – A TIMELINE

