

The background of the entire page is a photograph of children at an outdoor event, possibly a school fair or sports day. In the foreground, a boy with dark hair and glasses is looking down. Behind him, a girl with a flower in her hair is smiling. Other children are visible in the background, some wearing hats. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

## **Revolutionizing Learning for ALL Students**

The Los Altos School District inspires a passion for learning and prepares all K-8 students to thrive in our rapidly changing global community.



Los Altos School District

# Revolutionizing Learning

for **ALL** Students



**empowering** our teachers to challenge students to actively discover curriculum



**igniting** a passion for learning



**preparing** our children to become creative problem-solvers and collaborative learners





Consistently ranked in the  
**1 TOP ONE PERCENT**

of all school districts in California

**9 out of 10**

parents report they moved to  
Los Altos School District for the  
**public schools** (LAEF survey)

**9 of 9**

schools have been recognized as

**CALIFORNIA  
Distinguished Schools**

**100**

% of LASD teachers participate in  
**professional development**

**9** Number of points by which  
**LASD graduates**  
**6** **outperform**  
**3** the national average on the  
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Percentage of 7th grade students  
**scoring proficient or advanced**  
on the California Writing Test

Percentage of former LASD students  
passing the **high school exit exam**  
**their sophomore year**

## **INSPIRE Passion**

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## **CELEBRATE Achievement**

All nine of our schools have been recognized  
as California Distinguished Schools, and three  
as National Blue Ribbon Schools. The **Los Altos  
School District** is consistently ranked among the  
**top one percent** of the over 1000 school districts  
in all of California, demonstrating excellence in  
math, science, language and history.

While we take great pride in test scores, they  
are only a part of how we measure success.  
LASD is passionate about providing the  
**best education possible** for our students –  
one that shapes them into **creative thinkers,**  
**collaborative problem solvers, and**  
**responsible young citizens.** We achieve  
this through a rigorous academic program,  
a nurturing environment and a commitment  
to character development.

## REVOLUTIONIZE Learning

LASD believes the student experience extends beyond content knowledge and must include a strong emphasis on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills development. Our curriculum blends critical thinking and creativity into the core academic subjects and across interdisciplinary studies.

Today's digital tools make it possible to expand the walls of the classroom and enable the integration of resources – scientific data, library collections, video and film archives – from across the globe into the curriculum.

Using the following research-proven strategies our teachers weave art, music and technology into everyday classroom experiences.

**Project-Based and Problem-Based Learning** – an instructional method to help students understand how to collaboratively identify problems, research information, and present findings and solutions.

**Collaborative Learning** - a practice of grouping students in well-structured teams that promote collaboration, leadership and other life/career skills, while enhancing student academic performance.

**Blended Learning** – working closely with Khan Academy, LASD developed a blended learning approach that allows teachers to provide individualized student instruction and feedback. Our program is recognized internationally and across the US as an example of innovative 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

**Inquiry-based Learning** - involves students in a form of active learning that emphasizes questioning, data analysis, and critical thinking. In science, this instructional practice places students in the role of a scientist and enables them to discover knowledge through scientific experiments.

*"...one of the best school districts in America..."*

Sal Kahn, *The One World School House: Education Reimagined*



*"The blended learning environment in Los Altos schools allows for seamless targeted intervention and flexible groupings, as well as real collaboration among students..."*

Forbes Magazine 2/29/12

### Program Highlights



**cSTEM** – This LASD developed program teaches **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)** through the 3 C's: creativity, collaboration and computer science.



**The Living Classroom** – utilizes school gardens to provide children with **hands-on learning** experiences by teaching them engaging, garden-based lessons.



**Project Cornerstone** – this program provides a common language for students, teachers and parents, helping to build a **positive, nurturing and safe** learning environment.



**Art Docent Program** – provides a comprehensive visual arts education through appreciation and hands on participation.





## EMPOWER Teaching

LASD recruits exceptional teachers from top universities and invests in their continuing development. We take great pride in our teachers and trust in their abilities to actively engage students in learning.

### Our teachers:

- ◆ Receive continued education through mentoring programs and ongoing staff development and training.
- ◆ Are committed to creating a challenging educational environment while continually working to actively engage students in their own learning.
- ◆ Work closely with and listen to the needs of both students and parents.
- ◆ Collaborate with colleagues in their field to ensure students are provided the very best learning opportunities.

## ENGAGE Community

LASD has a supportive and vibrant partnership with our parents, neighborhoods and broader communities.

### Our nine school communities:

- ◆ Work together for the success of each child.
- ◆ Foster lifetime bonds between families and students.
- ◆ Contribute over 170,000 PTA volunteer hours inside and outside the classroom.
- ◆ Provide financial support for enrichment programs and innovation in the classroom through the Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF).



## Highlights

### K-6 Elementary school students

Enjoy math, art, music, drama, computer programming, PE, hands-on science, individualized learning, language arts and history.

#### Afterschool enrichment highlights:

athletics, chess, robotics, creative writing, sports, foreign languages, drama, debate, mathletes, science, and running clubs.

### 7-8 Middle school students

Enjoy seven periods each day, individualized learning, honors math courses, industrial technology, foreign languages, leadership, computer programming, art, music, drama, afterschool athletic program, yearbook and journalism.





Seven elementary schools and two junior high schools serving Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and Palo Alto students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

### Elementary Schools

#### Almond School

550 Almond Avenue  
650 **917-5400**  
almondschool.org

#### Covington School

205 Covington Road  
650 **947-1100**  
covingtonschool.org

#### Gardner Bullis School

25890 Fremont Road  
650 **559-3200**  
gardnerbullis.org

#### Loyola School

770 Berry Avenue  
650 **254-2400**  
loyolaschool.org

#### Oak School

1501 Oak Avenue  
650 **237-3900**  
oakschool.org

#### Santa Rita School

700 Los Altos Avenue  
650 **559-1600**  
santaritaschool.org

#### Springer School

1120 Rose Avenue  
650 **943-4200**  
springerschool.net

### Junior High Schools

#### Blach School

1120 Covington Road  
650 **934-3800**  
blachschool.org

#### Egan School

100 W. Portola Avenue  
650 **917-2200**  
eganschool.org



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