



Integration Programs: Magnets and PWT

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) offers exciting educational choices through its voluntary integration programs to students in kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) living within the District.

The LAUSD's integration programs were established by court order to address the five harms of racial isolation:

- Low Academic Achievement
- Low Self-Esteem
- Overcrowded Conditions
- Lack of Access to Post-Secondary Opportunities
- Interracial Hostility and Intolerance

The District currently offers two integration choices: the Magnet Program and Permits With Transportation (PWT) Program. Both are open to all District students, K-12.

All participating students take the required course work necessary for promotion and graduation, and have the opportunity to meet all requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State Universities.

Magnet Programs

There are 155 magnet programs in all geographic areas of the District. Some magnet programs occupy entire school sites (full magnet schools.) Others are magnet centers located on regular school campuses with access to activities and experiences shared by the host school and the center.

These programs are open to all students in the District including English Language Learners, Special Education and Gifted/Talented youngsters.

Only gifted/high ability and highly gifted magnets require that applicants meet specific criteria for selection. No other screening, including grades, placement tests or auditions may be used as criteria for admitting or eliminating a student from a magnet program.

As part of the selection process, a priority point system for magnets has been created based upon the court-ordered reduction for the harms of racial isolation. Once information on the application is verified, the District's Information Technology Division automatically assigns priority points to each applicant through a computer process. "Priority points" are awarded on the basis of: matriculation (12), waiting list (4-12), Predominantly Hispanic, Black, Asian and Other Non-Anglo (PHBAO) resident schools (4), overcrowded resident schools (4) and a sibling enrolled at the desired magnet school (3).

District transportation is available and provided to students who participate Magnet programs who live outside a two-mile radius or outside the magnet school attendance boundary.



Magnet schools and centers have instructional specialties. Some of these are:



- Architecture • Business • Centers for Enriched Studies
- Communications • Visual/Fine/Performing Arts
- Gifted/High Ability • Highly Gifted • Medical Careers
- Humanities • Law/Government/Police Studies/Public Administration
- Math/Science/Technology • Foreign Language/International Studies



PWT Program

The Permits With Transportation (PWT) Program provides students with integrated experiences by placing Hispanic, Black, Asian and Other Non-Anglo students in integrated settings while providing opportunities for Other White (OW) students to attend Predominantly Hispanic, Black, Asian and Other Non-Anglo (PHBAO) schools. School assignments for PWT applicants are the responsibility of the District.

Students participating in the PWT program may continue to go to schools within the same feeder pattern of the school they are enrolled in from elementary through high school. PWT students enrolled in the regular school program may take part in all programs and activities available to resident students. Parents are also encouraged to participate in these activities.

The LAUSD provides transportation to and from school for all students enrolled in the PWT program regardless of where they live within the District.

The Office of Student Integration Services administers both the Magnet and PWT programs.