



LONG BEACH SCHOLARS

COLLEGE AND CAREER MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVE

OUR MISSION

To support students in acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to prepare them for success in college, careers and beyond.

LBS LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will explore/learn:

- > Academic and social skills for school success
- > Careers in the various industry sectors and their connection to LBUSD high school pathways
- > Multiple pathways to higher education
- > Postsecondary options: 2 year colleges, 4 year colleges, universities and trade schools
- > The benefits of higher education and lifelong learning

WHAT IS LONG BEACH SCHOLARS?

Long Beach Scholars (LBS) is an elective class designed to advance college and career awareness by assisting middle school students in understanding that they are living for their future.

LBS strives to build a movement in our district that supports school leaders in creating school-wide culture that promotes higher expectations. To achieve this worthy goal, we are committed to assisting every District team member in their efforts to implement research-based strategies that support LBS students in achieving both academic and social development through five major themes:

THE PROGRAM: LONG BEACH SCHOLARS STRATEGIES

College and Career-Ready Scholar

- > Learn the basics in organizational skills for success
- > Explore interests, passions and hobbies and their connection to academics, high school pathways and career industries
- > High impact college and career experiences

Critical and Innovative Problem Solver

- > Develop critical thinking skills through research inquiry, real-world projects and work-based learning experiences
- > Offer opportunities for youth to participate in activities that prepare them for advanced work in major career sectors
- > Participate in scholarly discussion and debate

Adaptable and Productive Citizen

- > Build a sense of respect for and responsibility to the broader community
- > Develop a foundation for respecting diversity
- > Learn the positive benefits of service learning

Ethical Decision Maker

- > Develop skills to support effective navigation of personal and professional relationships
- > Exposure to a variety of tools to develop coping and resiliency skills in challenging situations
- > Develop an awareness of academic and social networks of support

Effective Communicator and Collaborator

- > Develop effective verbal and nonverbal communication skills
- > Learn the power of collaboration through academic and social teambuilding exercises
- > Learn and build traits that will promote healthy relationships with friends, family members & classmates

COLLEGE CAREER EXPLORATION VISITS (CCEV)

College Career Exploration Visits (CCEV) are structured fieldtrips that provide students with an opportunity to visit local businesses, city agencies, community organizations, community colleges and universities.

Each LBS class will be funded for: ✓ 1 College Site Field Trip ✓ 1 Career/Business Site Field Trip

SCHOLARS SEQUENCE

6TH GRADE: SCHOLARS

Developing Academic and Social Skills: Foundation for the Future

6th grade Scholars will be exposed to best practices in organization and college planning while building genuine personal interest in future possibilities. Scholars will spend the year exploring: *How is aiming for college relevant to the day-to-day work I do in school?*

7TH GRADE: LEADERS

Building Leadership Skills: Envisioning the Future

7th grade Scholars will embark on a more in-depth journey of careers utilizing work-based learning experiences and multimedia to

strengthen and reinforce the connection between skills and career interests. Scholars will spend the year answering: *How can I utilize my knowledge and skills to build a plan for success in high school and quality postsecondary options?*

8TH GRADE: INNOVATORS

Fostering Creativity and Resiliency: Creating the Future

8th grade Scholars will design and publicly defend high-quality project solutions utilizing real-world scenarios. Scholars will take the lead on service-learning projects. They will be engaged in discovering: *How can I apply my new found skills to support an action plan that furthers my goals and benefits the broader community?*

CAREER EXPLORATION

CALIFORNIA'S CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION SECTORS

1. Agriculture and Natural Resources
2. Arts, Media and Entertainment
3. Building Trades and Construction
4. Education, Child Development, and Family Services
5. Energy and Utilities
6. Engineering and Design*
7. Fashion and Interior Design
8. Business and Finance
9. Health Science and Medical Technology*
10. Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
11. Information and Communication Technologies*
12. Manufacturing and Product Development
13. Marketing, Sales and Service
14. Public Services
15. Transportation

*Industries with lesson-level, project-based curriculum available

CAREER EXPLORATION THROUGH PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

LBS students will explore major California industry sectors through project-based learning, including skill building design challenges, that allows them to work collaboratively, think critically, apply knowledge, and demonstrate persistence and reflection. LBUSD is committed to supporting these endeavors by providing a variety of curricular and multimedia resources including, Career Pillar, a user friendly, web-based career exploration tool.

Example of Project-Based Career Curriculum:

Design Your Own App

This project utilizes the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's App Tutorial program, and a detailed supporting lesson plan for teachers, to guide students through the process of designing an app. Students design an app to meet a community need, then collect and analyze data on the effectiveness of the product. IT Design Teams create app descriptions along with pitch skits. Finally teams perform their skits and receive feedback using a checklist rubric.

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