



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Academic School Year & Summer Program

### How do I apply online?

Please go to <https://lasbest.org/family> and follow the link to apply in English, Spanish and other languages. You will be able to apply for Summer Program 2024 and School Year 2024-25 at the same time!

### What are the important DATES? When can I apply? When will I know if my child is accepted?

#### SUMMER 2024 (June 17, 2024 - July 27, 2025)

- Applications are being accepted starting **Monday, May 1, 2024.**
- All guardians will be notified if their child is accepted beginning **Monday, May 8, 2024.**

#### 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

- Applications are being accepted starting Monday, May 1, 2024.
- All guardians will be notified if their child is accepted beginning Monday, May 19, 2024.

### Can someone help me fill out the application online?

Yes! Please connect with your Site Coordinator. Only legal guardians can complete the application.

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone, we encourage you to use the device your child was given from the school and connect with the Site Coordinator to schedule the time and date for support in completing the online application. Physical applications will be available during LA's BEST hours at your school location (Please refer to the Summer Site List [here](https://lasbest.org/sitelist/) <https://lasbest.org/sitelist/> for selected 2024 locations).

### How do I know if my application was received?

When you complete the online application, you will receive a text message or an email. This function is only available if you provide an email and accept to receive text messages. If you do not receive either within 2 business days of submitting your application, please contact the Site Coordinator. All guardians will be notified if their child is accepted.

If you completed a physical application, your LA's BEST Site Coordinator will be in communication with you.



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### **How do I know if my child was accepted to the program?**

You will be notified by LA's BEST staff if your child was accepted. If you do not receive a call or notification please contact the Site Coordinator at your site. Site Enrollment list will be placed in the main office and at LA's BEST sign out location or LA's BEST office.

### **Can I make changes to the application?**

Yes, if you need to change your contact information, the name or birthdate of your child or change the school, please contact the Site Coordinator immediately. For all other changes, you can make them once your child is accepted.

### **Will my child need to be vaccinated? Will my child be required to wear a mask and be tested? Where can I get my child tested?**

LA's BEST follows all LAUSD COVID pandemic rules and regulations. For updates please go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/covidfaq> or call the LAUSD Family Helpline at (213) 443-1300 or speak with your school staff.

### **What will my child do every school day after school until 6pm?**

Every school day, your child will be supervised by caring adults who are members of LA's BEST staff. Your child will receive:

- A substantial nutritious snack (called "supper"). It is served immediately after the regular school day ends.
- Help with their homework.
- 30-minutes of physical activity outside (except on rainy, really cold or really hot days).
- The opportunity to choose enrichment activities (that are both educational and fun) to do with other LA's BEST students. Activities can include arts and crafts, science projects, dance, sports, and learning about healthy habits.
- Opportunities to build relationships with their peers.

### **Will my child be picked up from their last class?**

After the last bell rings, all students enrolled in LA's BEST will stay on campus and line up with an LA's BEST staff member. The location will be clearly marked. Kindergarten students are picked up daily. First grade students will be picked up the first week from their classrooms to support student awareness of the LA's BEST sign in location. When your child starts LA's BEST, please make sure your child and their teacher are aware they are going to be attending LA's BEST afterschool program.



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### **Does my child need to attend the program every school day until**

**6pm?**

LA's BEST sites receive funding from either the After School Education and Safety Program (ASES), or 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC). The California Department of Education requires that all schools receiving after-school funding adhere to certain rules and regulations. In order for your child to have an extraordinary experience at LA's BEST we encourage your child to attend daily, Monday through Friday until 6:00pm. If your child is going to be absent, please notify the Site Coordinator. Please note: During the school year children who are absent for the day from school cannot attend the program.

### **Does every school offer LA's BEST Summer Program?**

Not every school is fortunate to have LA's BEST Summer Program experience, [click here](#) for LA's BEST sites. If your child's school is not reflected on the list, please note we are working in collaboration with Community Based Organizations (CBO's) to ensure all students have access to summer programming (more info to come). Times vary at each site.

### **Can students who attend Summer of Learning: Summer school 2023 attend LA's BEST summer program?**

Yes, students may attend LA's BEST. Students will transition to LA's BEST summer program at the conclusion of the summer learning session. Summer of Learning: Summer School 2023, is scheduled for June 26th - July 25th, 2023. If not enrolled, a list of available LA's BEST summer sites can be found here <https://lasbest.org/family>. As a friendly reminder LA's BEST summer program will start on June 13, 2023 through July 28, 2023. For any further questions, please connect with your Site Coordinator.

### **What will my child do during the Summer Program?**

Every school day, your child will be supervised by caring adults who are members of LA's BEST staff. Your child will receive:

- Depending on a school's schedule breakfast, lunch and/ or supper (a nutritious snack) will be offered.
- Students enrolled in Summer of Learning: Summer School 2023 will receive Homework support.



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- Students will have the opportunity to engage and explore within our exclusive LA's BEST four areas of engagement (Academic, Physical, Creative and Social Engagement activities).
  - Excursions
  - Digital Learning
  - Graphic Artwork
  - STEAM: City Planning and Development
  - Literature
  - Dance
  - Team Building
  - ... And much much more!
- Build relationships with their peers.

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