



LA's BEST Expanded Learning Program Frequently Asked Questions

Who is authorized to complete a student application?

Only a child's legal parent or guardian is allowed to complete and submit the application.

How do I apply?

Visit <https://lasbest.org/families-and-students/> and follow the link to apply online in English, Spanish, or other available languages. Paper applications will also be available during LA's BEST hours at your school.

You can submit an application for the following enrollment periods:

- After School, 2025-2026 School Year
- Before School, 2025-2026 School Year (Select Sites)
- Summer 2026 (Select Sites)
- After School, 2026-2027 School Year (August 2026)
- Before School, 2026-2027 School Year (August 2026) (Select Sites)

Do I need to submit a separate application for each of my children?

If you're applying online, you can add multiple children within a single application.

If you're applying using a paper application, a separate form must be completed for each child.

When can I apply?

Summer 2026 (June 15 – July 24, 2026):

Applications open on Monday, May 4, 2026.

2026–2027 School Year: (August 2026)

Applications open on Monday, May 4, 2026.

How will I know if my application was received?

Once you complete the online application, you'll receive:

- An instant confirmation on the website
- An email within 48 hours
- A text message (if you opted in)

Note: Email and text notifications are only sent if you provide your contact info and consent to receive them.

If you don't receive a confirmation within **2 business days**, please contact the LA's BEST Site Coordinator or Site Lead at the school where you applied.

If you submitted a **paper application**, your Site Coordinator/Site Lead will follow up with you directly.

When will I be notified if my child is enrolled and ready to begin the program?

Summer 2026 (June 15 – July 24, 2026):

Notifications will begin going out on Monday, May 11, 2026.

2026–2027 School Year: (August 2026)

Notifications will begin going out on Monday, May 11, 2026.

You will be notified by the Site Coordinator/Site Lead once your child has been successfully enrolled and has a confirmed start date.

Note: Paper applications will require additional time for processing and notification.



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If you have not received a call or notification and would like to check your child(ren)'s status, please contact the Site Coordinator or Site Lead at the school where you applied. They are available to assist you from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for afterschool programs and from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for before school programs.

Can I make changes to the application?

Yes! If you need to update contact information, your child's name or birthdate, or the school, please contact the Site Coordinator/Site Lead as soon as possible. For any other changes, they can be made once your child is enrolled in the program.

Need help with the online application?

Yes! The Site Coordinator/Site Lead at the school you're applying to can assist you.

If you don't have access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone, please contact the Site Coordinator/Site Lead to schedule a time for support. Paper applications will also be available during LA's BEST hours at your school.

Which school sites will offer a summer program in 2026?

Please visit our [Summer Site List](#) to view the selected locations offering the 2026 summer program.

Can students enrolled in Summer of Learning: Summer School attend the LA's BEST summer program?

Yes! Students participating in Summer of Learning: Summer School 2026 (June 22 – July 20, 2026) may also attend LA's BEST. They will transition to the LA's BEST summer program at the end of the school day.

If your child is not enrolled in a summer school program, you can find a list of available LA's BEST summer sites. Visit our [Summer Site List](#) to view the selected locations offering the 2026 summer program.

A friendly reminder: The LA's BEST summer program operates from June 15 to July 24, 2026. For questions or more details, please contact your Site Coordinator/Site Lead.

What can my child look forward to in the LA's BEST Summer Program?

Each school day, your child will be cared for and guided by our dedicated LA's BEST staff in a fun, safe, and enriching environment. Here's what your child will experience:

- Depending on the school site schedule, your child will enjoy breakfast, lunch, and/or supper (a healthy snack).
- Students enrolled in *Summer of Learning: Summer School 2026* will receive support with homework assignments.
- Your child will explore our 3.5 beats:
 - ✓ Academic Support
 - ✓ Recreation & Wellness
 - ✓ Enrichment Explorations
 - ✓ Healthy Snack
- Excursions to extend learning beyond the classroom.
- Hands-on technology and digital learning experiences.
- Creativity unleashed through visual arts.
- Projects combining science, engineering, and design.
- Foster a love for reading and imagination.
- Express themselves through rhythm and motion.
- Learn collaboration, communication, and problem-solving.
- Build lasting relationships in a welcoming, supportive community.

It's a place to grow, learn, and shine!



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Which school sites will offer a before-school program in 2026?

Please visit our [Before-School Site List](#) to view the selected locations offering the program.

Which school sites will offer an after-school program in 2026?

Please visit our [After-School Site List](#) to view the locations offering the program.

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

Every school day, your child will be in the care of friendly, supportive LA's BEST staff. Here's what they'll experience:

- **A healthy snack (supper):** A hearty snack will be provided immediately after school ends.
- **Homework help:** Our staff will assist your child with homework assignments.
- **Outdoor physical activity:** Your child will enjoy fun outdoor activities (weather permitting).
- **Enrichment activities:** From arts and crafts to science projects, dance, sports, and learning about healthy habits, your child will have the chance to engage in educational and fun activities with their peers.
- **Building friendships:** Opportunities for your child to develop social skills and make lasting friendships with other students.

Will my child be picked up from their last class?

After the last bell, all LA's BEST students will remain on campus and line up with an LA's BEST staff member at a clearly marked location. TK & Kindergarten students will be picked up daily, and first-grade students will be picked up in the first week to help them become familiar with the sign-in area. When your child starts LA's BEST, please ensure that both your child and their teacher know that they will be attending the afterschool program.

Is my child required to attend the program every school day until 6:00 pm?

LA's BEST is funded by the After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) and/or the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), both of which are managed by the California Department of Education and require participating schools to follow specific guidelines.

To ensure your child receives the full benefits of the program, we encourage attendance every school day, Monday through Friday, until 6:00 p.m. If your child will be absent on any day, please inform the Site Coordinator/Site Lead as soon as possible.

Can my child attend LA's BEST if they were absent from school that day?

No. If your child is absent from the regular school day, they are not allowed to attend the LA's BEST program that day.

Can my child attend LA's BEST if they are picked up early from school that day?

No. If your child is picked up early during the regular school day, they cannot return to attend the LA's BEST program that day.

Can my child return to LA's BEST if they have been picked up from LA's BEST?

No. If your child is picked up from LA's BEST, they may not return to the program that day.



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How do I notify LA's BEST if there are changes to the authorized adults list?

If there are any changes to the authorized adults listed on your child's application, please notify your school's Site Coordinator or Site Lead as soon as possible. You will be required to update your child's application and provide any necessary documentation. For your child's safety, only authorized adults listed on the application who are 18 years of age or older will be permitted to pick up your child.