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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **LAUSD ANNOUNCES SUMMER OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS**

Los Angeles – The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) announces limited (high school) summer school opportunities and several alternative options available to keep students academically engaged, and mentally and physically active, this summer following the cancellation of summer school for elementary and middle school students due to the current State budget deficit.

“With programs and support services being cut or eliminated, it is vital that our students be able to take advantage of existing and available opportunities,” said Superintendent Ramon C. Cortines. “I’d like to thank the public and private sector, as well as our many partners, which came forward and offered their support and services to the boys and girls of the LAUSD.

“Through their support and efforts, our students and families will have access to a wealth of learning enrichments and supervised activities throughout Los Angeles and the District to keep them mentally and physically engaged throughout the summer.”

The LAUSD is offering summer school on a limited basis to eligible high school and special education students. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is also offering summer school opportunities for students in the District for a fee. The District’s Beyond the Bell Branch is providing 162 free summer programs for elementary and middle schools at selected school sites. In addition, a variety of summer programs and activities—content and grade level games, study tools and enrichment experiences—are available through the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department, public libraries, museums, and many more venues this summer.

Below is a resource list of summer school opportunities and other activities available to keep LAUSD students active, engaged and enriched this summer:

#### **Summer School Opportunities**

- The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is offering summer school/intersession at the high school level at selected school sites for credit recovery (graduation requirements, core classes and A-G classes) only. Summer school will run from July 6-August 14.
- The District’s Extended School Year (ESY) Program, which serves eligible students with disabilities, also will offer summer school at selected school sites. Summer school for special education elementary and middle school students will run from July 6-31, and from July 6-August 14 for high school students.

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Visit the Los Angeles Unified School District's ( LAUSD) website at [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net) for a list of high school summer sites, a list of courses available, and a list of *ESY* summer school sites open to LAUSD students with disabilities.

- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is offering summer session and/or aftercare programs to LAUSD (for a fee). For a list of schools, locations and additional information, visit: [www.la-archdiocese.org](http://www.la-archdiocese.org)

### **Free Summer Programs (At Selected Elementary and Middle Schools)**

- The Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) Beyond the Bell (BTB) Branch is offering 171 free summer programs at selected elementary and middle school sites. Programs will be implemented by either BTB, "Ready, Set, Go!"—Beyond the Bell's before school program, the Youth Development Program or LA's Best. Visit: [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net) for a complete list of elementary and middle school sites, the name of the program, dates and times of operation.

### **Summer Resources for Elementary and Middle Schools Students**

- The LAUSD's Instructional staff has compiled a list of online support resources for parents and students. Learn about content and grade level activities, recreational and study resources for students in elementary and middle schools at: [http://kids.lausd.net/vacation\\_resources](http://kids.lausd.net/vacation_resources)

### **Public Libraries**

- Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County public libraries are once again providing summer reading programs for youngsters and teens to promote literacy and a love of reading for pleasure. The Los Angeles City Library features weekly story times, crafts, games, performers and lots more for children and teens at: <http://www.lapl.org> Students can join in the fun at the Los Angeles County Library at: <http://www.colapublib.org> Visit [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net) for a list of area public libraries.

### **LAUSD Books of Summer Reading**

- To learn more about the District's Books of Summer reading initiative, visit: [http://notebook.lausd.net/portal/page?\\_pageid=33,1005246&\\_dad=ptl&schema=PTL\\_EP](http://notebook.lausd.net/portal/page?_pageid=33,1005246&_dad=ptl&schema=PTL_EP)

### **Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks**

- The Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks will have operating hours at several recreation centers. Parents are encouraged to call their local recreation center. Los Angeles City pools also will be operational. For example, the Miguel Contreras Learning Complex swimming pool in downtown Los Angeles will be open from July 6 - August 29 from 12:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. For information about all City of Los Angeles resources, please call 311. For information about all County of Los Angeles resources, please call 211.

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**Summer Night Lights '09**

- Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development presents Summer Night Lights '09, scheduled July 8-September 5, from 7 p.m.-midnight, at 16 recreation centers across the city. This nine-week program provides extended hours and programming at recreational facilities to engage youth and families in positive and fun-filled activities to help combat community crimes and violence. Visit [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net) for details.

**California Science Center Museum**

- The California Science Center in Exposition Park lists classes, grade-appropriate programs, exhibits and more at: [www.californiasciencecenter.org](http://www.californiasciencecenter.org)

**Additional Free Fun Summer Activities**

- The Music Center Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County lists free performances, education, family programs and much more at: <http://www.musiccenter.org/events/familyprograms.html>
- Target presents free activities, performances and museum tours at art venues throughout Los Angeles County all summer long. Visit: [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net) for details.

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