

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DONATIONS, FUNDRAISING, AND SCHOOL FEES

Dear Parent:

Laguna Beach parents have provided outstanding support for our schools through the SchoolPower Foundation, Parent Teacher Associations (PTA), Boosters for Athletics, Academics and Performing Arts, as well as many other support organizations. Other donations have been provided directly to the schools or District. We appreciate this support as these funds enhance the programs offered to Laguna Beach students. We continue to ask for your generous support and are communicating to all District staff and support organizations that fundraising be conducted in a voluntary manner. The District is committed to ensuring that all public school programs are available to all students whether their parents donate funds or choose not to donate.

The California Constitution guarantees a free public education and therefore public schools should not charge fees to pupils and parents except as specifically authorized by law. Common fees that are allowed to be charged are:

- home-to-school transportation
- food services to pupils
- optional attendance as a spectator at a school sponsored event
- field trips or excursions
- replacement cost for lost books or supplies or other defaced or damaged school property
- outdoor science and camp programs
- duplication of school records
- direct cost of materials for property the student has fabricated and is kept by the student, such as art projects

There is a complete list of authorized school fees with Education Code reference in the letter included in the box below. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your principal or schoolfees@lbusd.org. School administration and teaching staff have been provided information to maintain compliance with this initiative and commitment.

Very truly yours,

Sherine Smith
Superintendent of Schools