

Our Mission

The LMU Family of Schools is a university collaborative dedicated to promoting student success and educational equity for the schools in the Westchester community. The LMU Family of Schools will accomplish its mission through:

Service: Aligned with vision of Loyola Marymount University, the LMU Family of Schools serves as a conduit for faculty, staff, and students to identify and participate in opportunities for service in schools within the Westchester community.

Partnerships: Focusing on career and college readiness, the LMU Family of Schools develops strategic relationships within the university and external agencies to create, implement, and establish programs that promote student achievement and enriched learning environments.

Professional Development: In collaboration with each school site leadership team, along with university faculty and staff, the LMU Family of Schools designs and implements a variety of professional development opportunities and organizational supports for teachers and administrators.

Research: The LMU Family of Schools functions as a portal for university faculty and students to access schools to support improved pedagogy and learning outcomes via researching current education trends, policy, and pedagogy.

Our Schools

As a university partner in education, the LMU Family of Schools collaborative is currently comprised of seven Los Angeles Unified public schools and four Catholic schools that are members of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

High Schools

Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnet High School
St. Bernard High School

Middle/Elementary Schools

Orville Wright Middle School
St. Anastasia Catholic School
St. Jerome School

Elementary Schools

Cowan Avenue Elementary School
Kentwood Elementary School
Loyola Village Elementary School
Paseo Del Rey Natural Science Magnet
Visitation Catholic Elementary School
Westport Heights Elementary School

Our Work

In 2006, the LMU Family of Schools initiative, a partnership between Loyola Marymount University and the Los Angeles Unified School District, was launched. The aim of this initiative was to support the public schools in the Westchester community via professional development and academic research. One year later, Loyola Marymount University assumed the new role of Network Partner within the iDesign Division of LAUSD. By 2008, the LMU Family of Schools was fully engaged in assisting to create a sustainable and effective governance and leadership structure within the Westchester iDesign schools.

In 2010, amidst severe statewide budget cuts and various other changes impacting the education landscape, the LMU Family of Schools was positioned to refocus its work in the area of the university's strengths: service, partnerships, professional development, and research. The LMU Family of Schools conducts a variety of college and career readiness programs providing opportunities for over 700 students to visit the campus of Loyola Marymount University each year. In addition, our collaborative engages approximately 200 LMU Faculty, Staff and Students in service, outreach, tutorial and mentoring programs benefitting our eleven school campuses, impacting the lives of more than 6,500 students.

The LMU Family of Schools serves as a critical anchor helping to create a cohesive and coherent vision of educational excellence. Our collaborative forges explicit connections throughout the continuum of education with a focus on leveraging university resources to address student success, develop community partnerships, and provide critical support in areas of educational need. Loyola Marymount University is redefining the traditional role of a university partner with our commitment to learning, leadership, and service.

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