

Black Student Success Data Tool: Overview

Equipping Los Angeles Families and Advocates with Clear, Actionable Data

What the Tool Is

The **Black Student Success Data Tool** is an interactive resource created by EdTrust-West to make information on the experiences and outcomes of Black students in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) accessible to community members, advocates, and families.

The tool brings together data on school experience and support, academic achievement, and Black Student Achievement Plan (BSAP) funding, allowing users to see where progress has been made, where gaps persist, and what supports are needed to advance Black student success.

Why It Matters

Black students in LAUSD deserve schools where they feel safe, supported, and academically challenged. Yet statewide and district trends show persistent gaps in achievement, discipline, and access to college and career-ready coursework. When data revealing these gaps is accessible, communities are better equipped to hold systems accountable and push for change.

What the Tool Includes

The Black Student Success Data Tool brings together the following publicly available data from the [California Department of Education](#), LAUSD’s [School Experience Survey](#), and LAUSD’s [School and Budget Spending Report](#):

School Experience & Support	Academic Achievement	BSAP Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension Rate • Share of Suspensions by Race • Chronic Absenteeism • Academic Support* • Future Orientation* • Opportunities for Participation and Leadership* • Connectedness* • Safety* <p><i>*Student-reported survey data</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA Proficiency • Math Proficiency • Four-year Cohort Graduation Rate • A-G Completion Rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total BSAP Budget • Total BSAP Spending • Budget and Spending Broken Down By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ labor vs non-labor ○ major expense categories (e.g., certificated salaries, benefits) • Percent of BSAP Budget Spent



Key features include:

- **Three distinct views:** Explore data at the district level, for individual schools, or compare multiple schools side by side
- **Disaggregated data:** Examine data by race/ethnicity to identify gaps in student experience and achievement
- **Multi-year trends:** Access data going back ten years (where available) to understand progress and funding over time
- **Built-in tooltips:** Hover over charts to view plain-language descriptions that explain what each data point means and why it matters
- **Interactive school-level map:** View BSAP spending across schools geographically to identify regional patterns and disparities

How Advocates Can Use the Tool

Alongside the data, the tool highlights five concrete actions that community organizations and families can take to turn data into action. Below are examples of how advocates can use the tool to advance Black student success at their school and across LAUSD.

- **Strengthen advocacy** by rooting campaigns and calls to action in clear, accessible data.
- **Engage decision-makers**, from school board members to school site leaders, using school-specific data to highlight gaps and demand stronger commitments for BSAP.
- **Empower parent leadership** by helping families understand school conditions and influence decision-making bodies like School Site Councils.
- **Monitor BSAP investments** and hold the district accountable for how funds and staffing reach Black students

If you're interested in partnering with us to use the tool in your advocacy, [fill out this form](#) to indicate your interest.

Access the Tool

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or scan the QR code to access the Black Student Success Data Tool and for more information.

