



Welcome Home TK/Kindergarten Parents

Lowell Joint School District

Tradition of Excellence since 1906



Home of Scholars and Champions



Welcome and Introductions

Board Members:

- Anastasia Shackelford, President
- Anthony Zegarra, Vice President
- Christine Berg, Clerk
- Karen Shaw, Member
- Regina Woods, Member



Our Award Winning Schools

- Elementary Schools (Grades TK-6)

- El Portal
- Jordan
- Macy
- Meadow Green
- Olita

*Every School:
California Distinguished School
California Gold Ribbon School
Business Excellence School
California Pivot School*



- Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School (Grades 7-8)

*One of only 11 Nationwide named a
California "School to Watch"*

- California Reading Coalition Ranking #16/1000



*Now accepting requests for Inter-district
permits for the 24-25 school year*



Our Award Winning Schools



- 7 California School Board Association Golden Bell Awards in the past seven years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- 2 National Board Association Magna Awards in the past two years (2021 & 2022)
- Disney Musicals in Schools Award 2022
- US NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKING



Magna

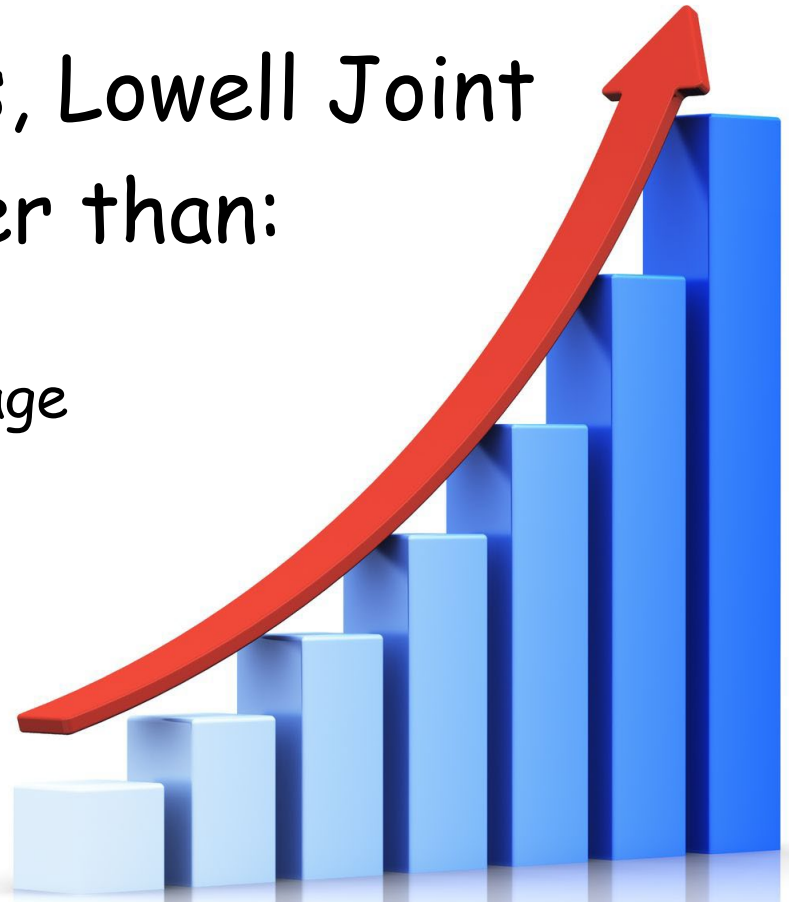




Academics

On high stakes tests, Lowell Joint students score higher than:

- California average
- Los Angeles County average
- Orange County average



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Instructional Technology

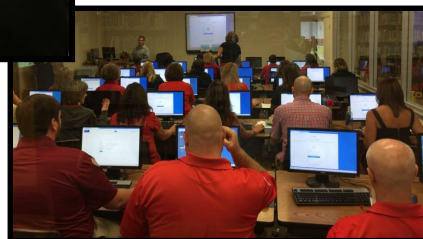
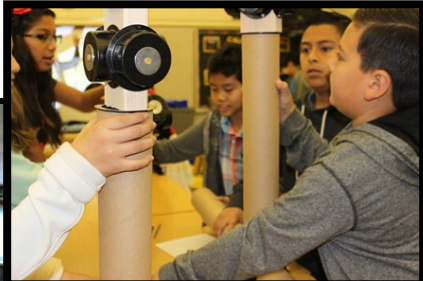


21st Century Learning:

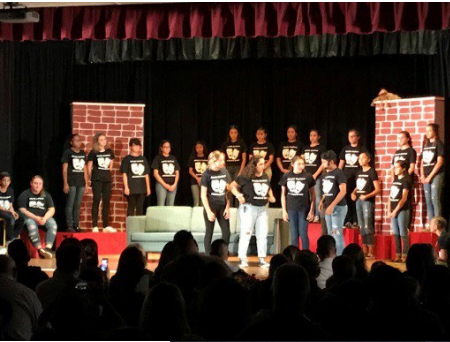
- Imbedding the skills of:
 - ✓ Collaboration
 - ✓ Communication
 - ✓ Critical Thinking
 - ✓ Creativity



- Wireless access in all our schools
- 1:1 instructional technology (TK - 8th)
- STEAM labs
- Engineering & Robotics (7-8)
- AP Computer Science (7-8)
- Green Architecture
- Audio Engineering
- Green Screen



ARTS FOR ALL



- Choral Music (all students TK - 6th)
- Choral Music Elective (7th - 8th)

• Instrumental Music (5th - 8th)
2022 National School Board Association Grand Champion
MAGNA Award (1 of 3 in the USA)

- Drumline (7th - 8th)
- Recorders (3rd - 4th)
- Elementary Honor Band

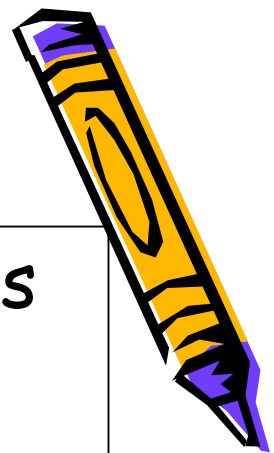
- Theater (7th - 8th)
- Lowell Joint Youth Theater (4th - 6th)

- Movement & Music (TK - 3rd)
- Dance & Advance Dance (7th - 8th)

- Honors Conservatory of the Arts (COFA) (7th - 8th)
- Honors Elementary Choir



Academics



Class-Size Reduction at the Primary Grades

TK - 3rd grade average class sizes 24:1 students per class

4th - 5th grade average class sizes 27:1

Pre AP/IB Honors Academy (7th - 8th)



Horizons (3 - 6th)

"Where Academic Potential and Grit Soar"

(GATE/High Achievers)

All Teachers GATE Certified





C.A.R.E

Supports

Counseling **A**nd **R**esource **E**nhancement

Counseling and Psychologist Interns at all campuses



Special Education **Blue Ribbon** Action Team

2021 National School Board Association MAGNA Award
(One in only four Nationwide)



Vast Array of Academic Support

- During the school day
- Additionally
 - ✓ Before-school
 - ✓ After-school
 - ✓ Lunch time
 - ✓ Homework help
 - ✓ Libraries open additional hours



PowerSource



get plugged in

LJSD ENRICHMENT & ACADEMIC SUPPORT



Physical Education & Health

Intramural Sports (7th - 8th)

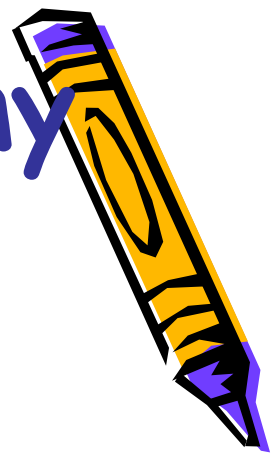
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Flag-Football





Dual Immersion Academy

Jordan Elementary

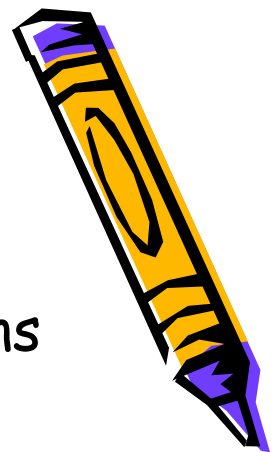


- Goal: students who are 100% bi-lingual and bi-literate
- Current language offered is Spanish
- 90/10 instructional format TK - 3rd
- 50/50 instructional format 4th - 6th
- Currently Grade Levels: TK - 5th
- 5th Grade added 2023/2024
- 6th Grade will be added 2024/2025
- 7th/8th Grade will be addition of AP Spanish 2025/2026
- Registration is directly through Jordan Elementary as space is available.



Awards & Recognition

- ✓ Monthly Academic and Charter Awards Celebrations
- ✓ Academic Competitions
- ✓ REACH Celebrations



Award Winning Character Ed and Family Involvement



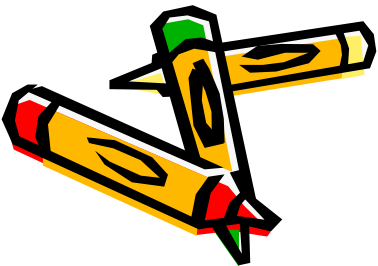
Character Education & Patriotic Program

- Designated Values and Skills: Respect, Honesty, Setting Goals, Kindness, Self-Discipline, etc.




Family Involvement

- Activities
- Parent Teacher Associations
- Advocacy Groups: School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Council, and Local Control Accountability Plan Committee



Connection with our Families



- District website with a wealth of resources
- Email _____@ljsd.org (in most instances 1st initial w/last name)
- Automated voice message and email system
- Online grades and attendance
-  @LowellJoint / Facebook / Instagram
- Online lunch menu and payment option





Enrollment



- **Kindergarten:** Children must turn five on or before **September 1, 2024**
- **Transitional Kindergarten (2 Year Kindergarten Program for our youngest students):**
 - Guaranteed Placement in TK for students whose 5th birthdays fall between **September 2, 2024 and June 2, 2025.**
 - Space Available Placement in TK for students whose 5th birthdays fall after June 2, 2025.



General Information



The Kindergarten and Transitional School Day

- The school day - 260 total minutes a day, with small group time of 100 minutes each for Early/Late Birds
 - Early Bird Schedule 8:30 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.
 - Late Bird Schedule 9:30 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
 - If there is a combination TK/K class, TK students are usually assigned the Early Bird schedule and Kindergarten the Late Bird Schedule
- TK/K are dismissed early to help with traffic and safety
- Mondays are early dismissal days in the District - all TK and Kindergarten students will attend the same schedule on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.



Immunizations



All TK and Kindergarten students will need the following immunizations completed to be able to attend the first day of school:

- 4 Polio
- 5 DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus)
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), both after the first birthday
- 2 Varicela (Chicken Pox)

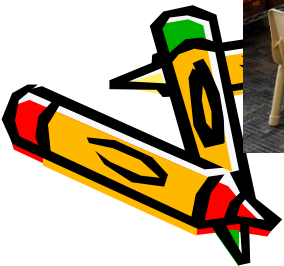
SB 277 became effective January 1, 2016; this new law no longer permits personal belief exemptions for school immunizations. Preschool students who had immunization waivers will need to be up-to-date on their immunizations to start school in August.



Oral Health

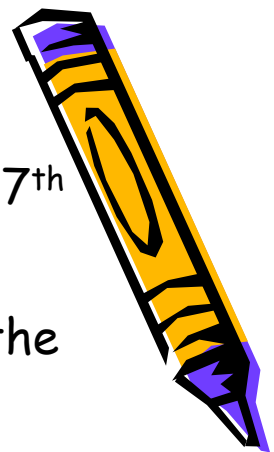
All Kindergarten students are required to have an oral health assessment. This is a screening done by a licensed dentist. The form for the dentist to fill out for this screening may be found in the kindergarten registration packet.

This screening may be completed within one year prior to kindergarten entry and until May 31st of the kindergarten year.



Enrollment Checklist

- TK and Kindergarten online enrollment opens tomorrow, February 7th at 8:00 a.m.
- Students must register with their school of residence. Current Jordan, Macy and Olita Preschool students must re-register for the 2024/2025 school year.
- Inter and Intra district transfer requests will be considered.
- Make sure your child has had all the necessary immunizations for school entry.
- Proof of required immunizations, child's birth certificate, proof of residence (such as a utility bill) or inter-district permit, and parent ID are needed for enrollment. Please submit your registration packet as soon as possible. NOTE: Enrollment occurring later in the spring may have implications on a child's priority placement in his/her home school vs. an overflow TK or Kindergarten class at another school in the District.
- Work with your child over the summer on Kindergarten readiness skills.
- Attend the scheduled Kindergarten readiness testing date in August.



Early Childhood Enrichment Center (Pre-School)

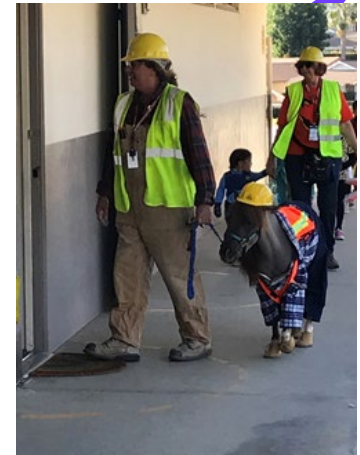


LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

"Come Grow With Us"

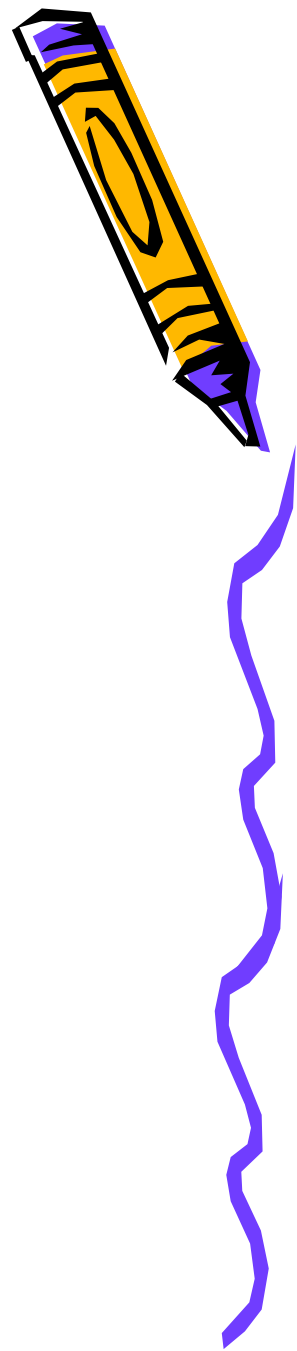


- Offered on Jordan, Macy and Olita Elementary Campuses
- 48 half-day spots (24 a.m. and 24 p.m.) at Jordan
- 24 full-day spots at Macy
- 24 full-day spots at Olita
- Family Income Ceiling of \$163K or less to qualify based on family size as set by the state
- Fee-based spots also available



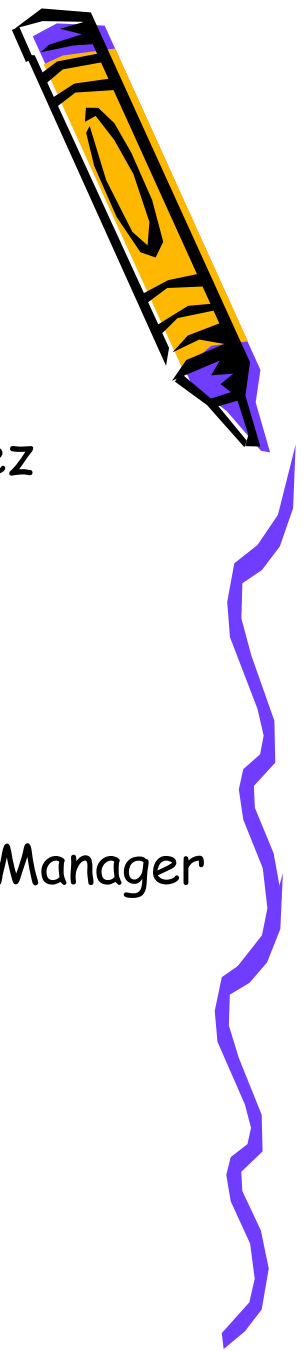
How Families Can Help

1. LOVE is spelled = TIME.
2. Take time to read and have conversations with your child each day - a lot!
3. When they open up to chat - listen and ask a 100 questions.
4. Less TV/screen time and more interactive time.
5. "I love you" - daily.
6. Communicate as a partner with your child's teacher.



WHO TO KNOW...

- Elementary Schools (Grades TK-6)
 - El Portal - Ms. Amanda Malm & Mrs. Kim Rickenbacker
 - Jordan - Dr. Marikate Elmquist & Mrs. Frances Hernandez
 - Macy - Mrs. Patty Jacobsen & Mrs. Aida Arcega
 - Meadow Green - Mr. Matt Cukro & Mrs. Lisa Brena
 - Olita - Mrs. Krista Van Hoogmoed & Mrs. Lisa Garcia
- Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School (Grades 7-8)
 - Dr. Jennifer Jackson - Principal & Mrs. Dixie Lord -Office Manager
 - Miss Whitney Takacs - Assistant Principal
 - Miss Alison Gardner - School Counselor





Thank you for coming
and **WELCOME HOME**
TO LOWELL!

