



Help Reduce Disaster Losses by Participating in the Los Angeles Unified School District 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LA Unified or District) is developing a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update to the 2018 LHMP. The purpose of the LHMP Update is to assess risk to natural hazards, implement actions to reduce future losses, and maintain eligibility for federal mitigation grant funding in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

What is Hazard Mitigation?

Hazard mitigation means any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards.

Why is Hazard Mitigation Important?

Most people who live, work, or attend school within LA Unified's boundary have been affected by natural hazards in one way or another. LA Unified and surrounding communities are vulnerable to a variety of hazards including floods, earthquake, wildfire, and severe weather events.

Rising costs associated with disaster response and recovery have focused the attention of federal, state, and local government officials on addressing natural hazards before they occur. For example, torrential rains and floods cannot always be prevented from occurring. However, planning for natural hazards and implementing hazard mitigation and risk reduction measures can reduce the impact of such events when they do occur. Emergency response and recovery costs, property damage, personal injury and loss of life, and the overall economic and social impact on the District and its community can be reduced, and in some instances eliminated through natural hazard mitigation.

2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Plan Update Process

LA Unified is leading the effort to develop an updated LHMP. The 2025 LHMP Update is being developed by a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) comprised of representatives from various District departments; neighboring jurisdictions; key federal, state, and local agency stakeholders; and the public.

The LHMP will be developed to meet new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) LHMP guidance and will address an updated list of hazards and assess the risk and vulnerability of these hazards to the people and assets of the LA Unified planning area. This will involve

establishing an updated mitigation strategy designed to reduce the impacts of future disasters on LA Unified schools, students, staff, and administrators; critical facilities and infrastructure; and the environment.

Opportunities for Input

Members of the LA Unified community have a very important role in this process. Several planning committee and public meetings will be held over the next 11 months. A draft of the 2025 LA Unified LHMP Update will be available in early 2025 for review and comment by the public and all interested stakeholders on the LA Unified LHMP website at: <https://www.lausd.org/page/14638> and in hard copy in select public locations. A public meeting on the Draft Plan and a final planning committee meeting will also occur in winter 2025. All interested stakeholders and members of the public are encouraged to attend the planning committee and public meetings.

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