



Hello Triton Community,

Wouldn't it be incredible if your child could attend high school with close members of your community? We would like to provide the opportunity for you to introduce your community of friends to learn more about the **Academy**. The Academy will be accepting 60 additional 9th graders next year. When the school is complete with its growth, we will have a total of 480 students. If you are a member of a church, sports team, community organization or program, please notify your social network of this option.

The window for LBUSD high school registration closes at the end of December. **The Academy is not one of the choices on ParentVue.** We have a separate application process. Applications can be completed [online](#) or in the front office. Submitting an application to the Academy does not affect the CHOICE application, it provides students with another option. Our application deadline is February 3.

Consider using the text below to start the conversation with your community of friends, family, and neighbors. Remember, most people hear about our school through "word of mouth." Thank you for being an active member in growing our school community! Go Tritons!

Here is a sample Facebook post:

Hello, Friends! If you are in the process of applying to high schools, you should definitely check out the Academy! **We chose the Academy for the (list three reasons) smaller class sizes, innovative curriculum, and passionate faculty.** This school is unlike any other in the community. The Academy is accepting applications for students going into 9th, 10th, and 11th grade for next year. They will only enroll 60 students in their 9th grade class next year. Submit your [application online](#) or visit the front office for a paper application. Submitting an application to the Academy does not affect the CHOICE application, it provides students with another option.

They also have their last Information Session on [Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m.](#) I wouldn't wait until then to complete your application though. You can also set up a tour to get an idea of the program by calling the main office at 562.283.4456 or info@acadmeylongbeach.org.

The Academy is a FREE, public school. There are no residential restrictions-- anyone can apply! AP and honor courses are offered, and students with IEPs are supported. School hours are typically from 8:15 a.m. to 3:27 p.m., with extracurricular activities available until 5 p.m. daily. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the front office at 562.283.4456. I encourage you to be open-minded and re*think what high school could look like.

Add this link:

http://www.academylongbeach.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=513338&type=d&pREC_ID=1052162

Here is a sample email you send to your community:

Dear Friends and Family,

As you explore your high school options for next year, I encourage you to check out [Intellectual Virtues Academy, a Long Beach Public High School](#). The Academy is unlike any other school in the area. It provides students with an innovative, project-based, FREE, high school experience in a community-based environment. This provides us with another incredible option for high school placement! I would love it if our children went to school together!

The school is currently accepting applications for students going into 9th, 10th, and 11th grade for next fall. You will not find the Academy as a high school choice on ParentVue. You must [apply online](#) or visit the front office for a paper application. If you would like to find out more, they have their last Information Session on [Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m.](#) I wouldn't wait until then to complete your application though. You can also set up a tour to get an idea of the program by calling the main office at 562.283.4456 or info@acadmeylongbeach.org.

Some highlights about the Academy:

- Last year, we celebrated the opening of Intellectual Virtues Academy, A Long Beach Public High School thanks to nearly \$2.5 million dollars in grants.
- Academy students have proven accelerated growth in test scores across all subjects.
- 100% of our parents say that the Academy is a safe and supportive environment to learn.
- Academy students receive their own Google Chromebook with GoGuardian security filtration for home and academic use.
- Each classroom is connected to the campus-wide internet, and equipped with either a Smartboard, interactive white-board, or MacBook Air and projector.
- 90% of our faculty/administration either have or are in the process of receiving Master's degrees, including four doctorates (97% of parents agree our faculty is "high quality").
- Air conditioning is installed throughout the building and in every classroom.
- "Being a part of the Academy has changed me physically and mentally. I've learned here that it's okay to show humility and it is totally okay to ask questions." - Current Student
- The Academy is establishing an Innovative Lab to connect student curiosity with opportunities to explore through passion-driven projects.
- 100% of parents agree that the Academy is fulfilling its college/career/life readiness mission of equipping its students to be "deep thinkers".
- Our campus is alive with activity, with five times as many students participating in sports teams/clubs than typical public schools, and 78% participate in some after school activity.
- We will be enrolling 60 students for the fall of 2018.
- When the Academy is complete with its growth, there will be no more than 480 students total in grades 9th through 12th.

Together, let's build the community we want.

Sincerely,

(Your name)