

MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Maintaining Quality Education in MBUSD Schools



Commitment to Continuing District Achievement and Success

Manhattan Beach Unified School District is committed to maintaining the quality education our students and community need and deserve. With standardized test scores ranking in the top 1% in the State, many families choose to live in Manhattan Beach because of our local schools. Our outstanding teachers and rigorous academics prepare MBUSD students for the top colleges and competitive careers.

Our strong local schools continue to improve, contributing to the quality of life that makes Manhattan Beach such a desirable place to live and helps protect property values.



Potential Funding Measure to Keep MBUSD Schools Among the Best into the Future

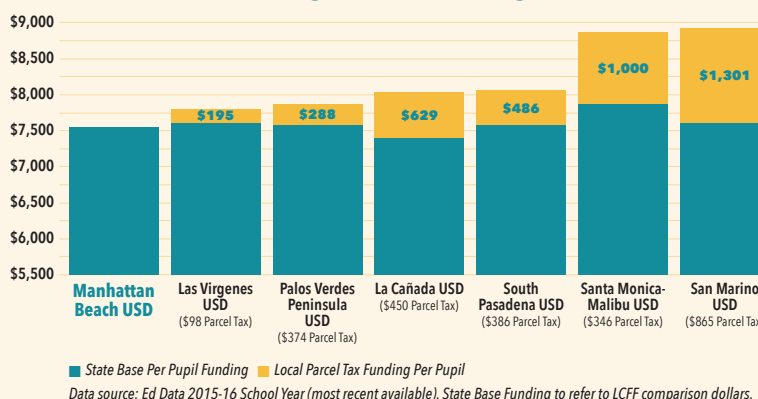
Manhattan Beach schools rely on the State for virtually all of our operating funds; however, the State has proven to be an unreliable partner, making the District vulnerable to budget cuts. In order to maintain quality education and keep our schools among California's best, the District is considering placing a local funding measure in the form of a parcel tax on an upcoming ballot.

Manhattan Beach USD is one of the only top-ranking school districts in California without dedicated locally-controlled funding, meaning our available funding is as much as \$5,000 less per student, per year than other high-achieving districts, including Palo Alto USD, Palos Verdes Peninsula USD, San Marino USD and La Cañada USD, all with annual parcel tax revenue.

The amount and term of a proposed measure has not yet been determined. If approved by 66.7% of Manhattan Beach voters, a local measure would provide stable, reliable revenue for our schools to:

- ▲ Attract and retain high-quality teachers and maintain manageable class sizes
- ▲ Protect quality math, science, reading, art/music
- ▲ Protect advanced programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)
- ▲ Continue to prepare students for top colleges and careers
- ▲ Provide adequate instructional materials and classroom supplies

How MBUSD Funding Compares to Other High-Performing Districts



Locally Controlled, Dedicated Funding with Citizens Oversight

A local funding measure would provide Manhattan Beach Unified schools with necessary revenues to protect quality education in our schools.

- ▲ Every dollar would stay in Manhattan Beach and be used to support our local schools; none of the funds could be taken away by the State or used for administrator salaries
- ▲ Independent oversight and audits would be required to ensure funds are spent as promised

We welcome your feedback. Your opinions and involvement are valuable, and we hope that you share your comments and questions with us. Please feel free to contact Superintendent Michael Matthews at (310) 318-7345 x5900.