



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Job Title: Legislative Advocate (vacancy in Sacramento, CA)

Salary: Up to \$153,000 plus excellent benefits!

Application Close Date: 12/18/2019

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Information about LAUSD

We are LAUSD. We are at the forefront of innovation in public schools, with the serious work of tailoring the learning environment to better serve our community. Here, you will have the opportunity to exercise your potential in the business of education. We are technical professionals, skilled workers, support staff, executives, and community champions. We do our jobs with a sense of integrity, accountability, and pride in shaping the future. Our contributions here impact our number one customers - the 600,000 plus K-12 students of LAUSD. With over 1,000 job titles to choose from, build your rewarding career here by joining nearly 30,000 employees, and achieve new levels of success in your career!

About the Role The Legislative Advocate assists the Director of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations in the planning, development, and implementation of strategies regarding proposed legislation and regulatory issues including advocacy of the District's interests with legislators and other governmental officials.

Job Duties/Responsibilities

- *Assists in the development and preparation of research data and analyses of proposed, pending or existing local, county, state and federal measures on designated subjects that could affect the District's instructional programs, administration, or fiscal policies.
- *Analyzes and monitors legislation, provides necessary counsel and advice, and acts as liaison to government officials and their staff.
- *Contributes to the formulation of a District position on proposed legislation based on Board of Education policy and responses solicited from District personnel.
- *Assists with the planning, development, and implementation of strategies for the passage, defeat, or amendment of legislation and regulations of interest to the District.
- *Meets with individual legislators, lobbyists, and representatives from state and federal agencies to present the District's positions and concerns regarding legislative and regulatory proposals.
- *Serves at the direction of the Director of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations as a district representative to the State Legislature, U.S. Congress, and various state and federal agencies.
- *Prepares and presents testimony before various state and federal committees and agencies regarding the District's position on various items of legislation, regulations and funding proposals.
- *Assists with the development and coordination of short-term and long-term strategic initiatives to advance the District's legislative agenda.



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- *Assists with the preparation of advocacy materials and communication pieces for internal and external audiences.
- *Maintains a consistent line of communication with District personnel.
- *Provides materials regarding designated legislative matters to organizational units of the District affected by legislation and assists District personnel in seeking solutions to educational problems created by legislation or regulations.
- *Manages a master calendar that tracks hearings, testimony, and other items of importance to the District legislative advocacy agenda.
- *Assists in efforts to acquire grants from the local, state and federal levels of government on behalf of the District.

Minimum Requirements

Education: Graduation from a recognized college or university. An advanced degree in education, political science, or law degree and/or passage of the bar exam is desirable.

Experience: At least two years of successful full-time service in (a) position(s) requiring knowledge of the legislative process, understanding of laws and regulations, and contact with government officials. Significant successful service in a position requiring knowledge of educational administration, financing, programs, and services as well as participation in legislative advocacy as a part of previous work experience is desirable.

The ideal candidate has experience with advocacy on general education issues; thus, it is necessary that the candidate have good working knowledge of general education policy issues. This professional will represent LAUSD before public bodies including but not limited to state legislative committees, the state allocation board, the state board of education, and other similar bodies as required. S/he will testify, and prepare other witnesses on matters related to legislation and LAUSD. The ideal Legislative Advocate has extensive experience ushering a bill through the legislative life cycle. S/he has experience with public sector government relations, especially in a K-12 environment. Knowledge of LAUSD is a plus. It is imperative that this individual maintain positive working relationships with State law makers, administration, officials, state agencies such as the CA Department of Education and other industry groups.

The ideal candidate also has knowledge of: -The organization, functions, and goals of the District, including its educational programs, fiscal policies, procedures and staff -The laws and regulations that determine educational policies and practices -The legislative process at the city, county, state, and federal government levels; including knowledge of the structure, procedures, and rules of city, county, state, and federal legislative bodies, their informal structure, and lines of communication needed to initiate action -Educational research in the areas of curriculum, teacher preparation, and child growth and development

The ideal candidate also has the ability to: -Write in a clear, concise, and effective manner -Interpret and recognize the implications of proposed or existing city, county, state or federal legislation and policies relating to the instructional programs, administration, and fiscal policies of the District -Establish rapport with, obtain cooperation from, and motivate a variety of individuals and groups -Resolve opposing perspectives from District staff -Coordinate special studies and conduct research in the field of



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legislation -Communicate effectively and persuasively on highly technical and/or sensitive issues -Work effectively with legislators, government officials, lobbyists, District personnel, community representatives, and students using tact and good judgment

Benefits

Insurance: Paid premiums for your choice of several medical, dental, vision, and life insurance plans.

Retirement: Membership in the California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS).

Vacation: 24 days each year.

Paid Holidays: 12 days.

There is currently one vacancy based in our Government Relations office in Sacramento, CA. Travel to our Los Angeles Headquarters is required approximately half a dozen times per year. Please submit a comprehensive resume/application which highlights your background. Application materials will likely be scored; the highest scoring candidates will be invited to participate in an interview and writing project.

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