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## OUR HISTORY

The Los Angeles Community College District is one of 72 community college districts in the State of California. The community college movement had its beginnings in California in 1907 when the state legislature permitted high schools to offer postgraduate courses. Subsequently, the Ballard Act of 1917 included provisions for state aid and early regulations governing districts. The Deering Act of 1929 assured financial support for the junior colleges of the State.

In 1929, our own Los Angeles City College held its first classes. There were only 35 junior colleges of one kind or another operating in California at that time. During the '20s and '30s enrollment in junior colleges doubled. The post-war years were also a time of dramatic expansion. Finally, in 1959, the Legislature mandated the development of a master plan and study of the State's junior colleges. This effort moved the two-year colleges away from the secondary (K-12) system and into higher education.

In 1967, Governor Ronald Reagan authorized the establishment of a Board of Governors for the California Colleges and changed the official designation of the institution from "junior" to "community" colleges. On July 1, 1969, the Los Angeles Community College District legally separated from the Los Angeles Unified School District becoming its own entity with a separate Board of Trustees and administration.

Since 1929, our District has grown from one to nine colleges serving a population of 4.8 million citizens and a student population of approximately 115,000 in a geographic area more than 800 square miles. The following nine colleges make up the Los Angeles Community College District. All of the colleges are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and fully approved under the regulations of the California Community Colleges.

COLLEGE	DATE ESTABLISHED	COLLEGE WEBSITE
Los Angeles City College	1929	<a href="http://www.lacitycollege.edu">www.lacitycollege.edu</a>
East Los Angeles College	1945	<a href="http://www.elac.edu">www.elac.edu</a>
Pierce College	1947	<a href="http://www.piercecollege.edu">www.piercecollege.edu</a>
Los Angeles Harbor College	1949	<a href="http://www.lahc.edu">www.lahc.edu</a>
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College	1949	<a href="http://www.lattc.edu">www.lattc.edu</a>
Los Angeles Valley College	1949	<a href="http://www.lavc.edu">www.lavc.edu</a>
Los Angeles Southwest College	1967	<a href="http://www.lasc.edu">www.lasc.edu</a>
West Los Angeles College	1969	<a href="http://www.wlac.edu">www.wlac.edu</a>
Los Angeles Mission College	1975	<a href="http://www.lamission.edu">www.lamission.edu</a>