



# 10 Ways California is Transforming Education

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As other states ban books, target gay and trans kids, cut mental health funding, and restrict speech, California is taking action to support kids from cradle to career.

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1. **Community Schools.** Roughly 1 out of every 3 schools in California will get a total of **\$4.1 billion** to become 'community schools' to focus more on **parent engagement, expanded access to mental health supports, and wraparound services.**
2. **Universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK).** Public schools will add a **new grade underneath kindergarten.** By 2025, schools will serve roughly 430,000 children per year, giving all parents access to free, high-quality early care and education.
3. **Universal Access for Youth Mental Health.** With a \$4.7 billion investment, **all young people ages 0-25 can access mental health support** – inside and outside of school.
4. **Universal School Meals.** All students, regardless of income, have access to **two free school meals per day** – up to 12 million meals per day statewide.
5. **More Access to Before, After, and Summer School.** Students from low-income households, foster youth, and English learners can access **year-round enrichment programs for 9 hours per day.**
6. **Tutoring + Literacy + Math.** Schools will help students recover missed learning caused by COVID-19 and accelerate academic progress with more than \$8 billion invested in **tutoring, increased instructional time, and other student supports.**
7. **Arts + Music.** Schools will **rebuild arts and music programs** with nearly a billion dollars in new investments, giving all students expanded opportunities.
8. **More Teachers, More Counselors, and More Paraeducators.** Staff-to-student **ratios will be lowered across settings**, including a reduction from 24:1 to 12:1 for transitional kindergarten, and funding to hire more school staff.
9. **K-12 College + Career Pathways.** High schools will utilize a \$700 million investment to **develop more opportunities for students** to dual-enroll in community college, and to establish more academies and programs to prepare students for in-demand careers.
10. **Universal College Savings Accounts.** **All newborns will automatically have college savings accounts opened in their names**, with seed investments of up to \$100. And \$500-\$1,500 in seed investments will be added annually for all first graders who are low-income, in foster care, or experiencing homelessness.