Local Districts A and C are looking for a select number of high school students to participate in a new program that allows them to finish their last two years of high school while simultaneously completing courses toward their first two years of college.

At the Pierce College/LAUSD Academy for Academic Excellence (PLAAE) students take college level courses taught by college professors on the Pierce College campus. Their classmates are not only fellow students from LAUSD but regularly enrolled Pierce College students all pursuing their college careers.

*Learn Once, Earn Twice*

PLAAE studies give students both LAUSD credit toward graduation and transferrable college units. When PLAAE students graduate, they typically do so with enough college units to meet general education requirements at UC, CSU, and many public and private institutions throughout the country.

*Fact, Not Opinion*

Millions of dollars each year are spent on designing college admission examinations and evaluating examination scores to help assess students’ potential for success in doing college level work. PLAAE graduates will apply to college with a solid two-year track record of academic success at the college level. Rather than attempting to predict a student’s performance, college admission representatives will have documented proof of that performance when considering a student for admission.
Sample Year of Courses
College Success Seminar
Intermediate Reading and Composition I
College Reading and Composition I
Elementary Algebra
Introduction to the Theater
Plane Geometry
College Reading and Composition II
Intermediate Algebra
Introduction to Biology
2 courses in academic major
1 Humanities requirement course

Selection Criteria
Admission to PLAEE is competitive and is capped at 150 eleventh grade students. Students apply in Spring of their 10th grade year.

The following criteria are expected of accepted students:

- The student must
  - have passed the CAHSEE
  - assess into English 28 at Pierce
  - assess into Math 115 at Pierce

It is strongly recommended that the student has successfully completed Algebra 1AB, Geometry AB (Science majors complete Algebra 2AB), Biology AB or Integrated/Coordinated Science 1AB & 2AB, World History AB, Foreign Language levels 1 & 2, and 9th and 10th grade English with an overall B average in these courses.

The high school counselor may also use the CAT6 and PSAT scores as indicators of potential. The counselor must verify that the candidate has not been subject to disciplinary censure for misconduct.

After the above criteria have been met, a committee will assess student's motivation and maturity by reviewing a teacher/counselor recommendation from 9th or 10th grade, the student's personal statement essay regarding individual purpose and by conducting an interview with the student and the parents to determine parents' support of the student's academic endeavors and student's maturity.

Benefits & Additional Opportunities
- Honors Program
- PEPP Program
- Theater productions
- Music performances
- Journalism publications
- Student Council (ASO)
- Specialized, knowledgeable counselor to help you with your 4-year college applications

How to Apply
- Go to your high school College Counselor to request an application.
- Complete the application.
- Write an essay describing why you are interested in this program.
- Request a transcript to submit with your application.
- Request a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor.
- Submit your completed application and supporting documents to Pierce College by April 9th. Your application packet must include:
  - Completed application
  - Essay
  - Transcript
  - Letter of recommendation
- Take the Pierce College placement tests when offered at your high school or at the Pierce College Assessment Center (telephone: (818) 719-6499).

A Pierce College representative will contact you regarding an interview date and time for you and your parents.