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"Take the LEAP!" Learn English at Pilgrim

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Pilgrim School in Los Angeles—proudly rated A+ on Niche—is an independent day and boarding, college-preparatory school serving preschool through 12th grade. With a diverse, welcoming community, Pilgrim is known for its mastery-based learning, small class sizes, and emphasis on creativity, innovation, and critical thinking. Located in the heart of the city, Pilgrim offers both day enrollment and on-campus dormitories for domestic and international students, preparing them to thrive academically, personally, and globally.



"Take the LEAP!" Learn English at Pilgrim

Located on the campus of Pilgrim School in Los Angeles, LEAP is an immersive residential program for multilingual learners. Through mastery-based English instruction, creative collaboration, and cultural exploration, students live in Pilgrim's on-campus dormitories and experience authentic American life—with L.A. as their teacher—while building the skills to thrive in global learning environments.

READING, WRITING, LISTENING, SPEAKING & GRAMMAR.



LEAP Classroom

Academic Framework

The LEAP curriculum is grounded in Pilgrim School's mastery-based learning philosophy, integrating the five language domains—**Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, and Grammar**—through collaborative, experience-based instruction that connects language with purpose.

Students build real-world English fluency, critical thinking, and communication skills through the Pilgrim Global Language & Culture Curriculum, which explores four central themes:

- **American Storytelling** – Media, art, and the power of voice
- **American Innovation** – Technology, creativity, and global impact
- **American Identity** – Diversity, inclusion, and shared values
- **American Community** – Service, sustainability, and social connection

Cultural & Experiential Learning

- LEAP extends learning beyond the classroom through **Los Angeles-based excursions**, arts and media workshops, and community service experiences.
- Living in Pilgrim's **on-campus dormitories**, students practice **English daily in authentic contexts**—collaborating with peers, engaging with mentors, and exploring the city with L.A. as their teacher.
- Every experience—from classroom discussions to cultural outings—becomes an opportunity for reflection, language growth, and creative expression.

Language Support

The LEAP curriculum is designed for **non-native English speakers** and adapts to varied proficiency levels through Pilgrim's mastery-based model of **clear goals and continuous feedback**. Language learning extends beyond class through daily **interaction in the dorms**, where **shared living** builds **fluency**, confidence and independence. Students may submit **Duolingo or TOEFL** scores prior to arrival to help tailor instruction.

Program Outcomes

- Upon completing LEAP — Learn English at Pilgrim, students will:
- Strengthen **proficiency** across all **five language domains**
- Gain **confidence** in academic and conversational English
- Develop creativity, **collaboration**, and **leadership** within a **global learning community**
- Deepen **understanding** of American culture **through co-living** dorm life, building **independence**, connection, and **cross-cultural awareness**

LEAP Program Overview

Monday thru Friday

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in LEAP Dorms
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Academic English Development (AED)
(interactive classes focused on reading, writing, listening, speaking, and grammar)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Leisure Time with Peers
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Discover Los Angeles & San Francisco

(Guided cultural, historical, and community-based excursions)
5:00 – 10:00 p.m. Dinner, Dorm Life & Evening Activities
(Group dinners, study or journaling time, movie nights, dorm events, or quiet hours for rest and reflection)

Weekend Experience

On Saturdays and Sundays, LEAP students continue their cultural immersion through a variety of supervised weekend outings and community activities. Students can sign up for experiences such as beach clean-ups, volunteering at local soup kitchens, concerts in the park, shopping in Beverly Hills, or mall excursions with friends. Each weekend combines fun, service, and exploration—allowing students to enjoy authentic California life while practicing English naturally beyond the classroom.

Academic Standards & Frameworks

The educational provides the research-based foundation for developing and assessing English proficiency among multilingual learners. Programs of this model uphold the professional and academic standards set forth by the **Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA)** and the **American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP)**, ensuring excellence and integrity in English language education.



