The Los Angeles Unified School District offers parents an array of educational options for students in K-12. Over the last 13 years LAUSD Pilot Schools have served students throughout Los Angeles in predominantly low-income working class neighborhoods. Pilot Schools stand apart from traditional LAUSD schools due to the following principles and autonomies that guide their work: Equity, Collaboration, Autonomy, Accountability, Personalization and Innovation.

**What we believe in**

**Equity**
Pilot Schools create an environment in which everyone feels respected, secure and challenged to do their best.

**Autonomy**
All Pilot Schools are granted autonomy over staffing, budget, curriculum and assessment, professional development, governance and school calendar / scheduling for students and staff.

**Personalization**
Pilot Schools, whether small or comprehensive, demonstrate a strong effort to consider individual student characteristics and needs, and implement flexible instructional practices in organizing the learning environment.

**Collaboration**
There is a commitment to a strong collaborative school culture with an emphasis on shared decision-making and shared responsibility for student achievement.

**Accountability**
In exchange for increased autonomy, Pilot Schools are held to higher levels of accountability. They are expected to demonstrate higher levels of student engagement including attendance and academic performance that exceeds District averages.

**Innovation**
An innovative pilot school implements creative methodologies and challenges the status quo, whether through student empowerment, broader use of technology, development of partnerships with other industry sectors, or curricula that brings learning outside the classroom.

Watch this exciting video and learn more!