



2026 Legislative Open House (LOH) – FAQs

1. What is the Legislative Open House (LOH)?

The LOH event is a **two-day civic engagement and leadership experience** hosted by the Black Youth Leadership Project (BYLP), and gives middle and high school students from across California the opportunity to learn how the government works, interact with lawmakers, and build leadership skills.

2. Who can attend?

The program is open to **students in grades 7–12**. Schools, youth groups, and individual students are welcome to register.

3. Do students need prior knowledge of government or advocacy?

No. The LOH event is designed for **all experience levels**. Sessions are interactive and accessible, with trained mentors, staff, and materials to guide students step by step.

4. How many students can a school bring?

Most schools bring **10–20 students**, but smaller and larger groups are welcome. We recommend registering early, as space is limited.

5. What is the required chaperone ratio?

Schools must provide **one adult chaperone for every 10 students**. A **Chaperone Verification Form** is required with registration.

6. Are students required to attend both days?

Yes. LOH is a **two-day program**. Day 1 at the Capitol builds civic knowledge, while Day 2 workshops reinforce advocacy skills and leadership development. Students must attend both days for the full experience.

7. What is the schedule of events?

- **Day 1 (Capitol):** Registration, opening remarks, committee breakouts, group photo, Next Level Luncheon, floor overview, and mock session.
- **Day 2 (Workshops):** Student and parent workshops on leadership, advocacy, and policy skills, with a closing session.

8. Are meals provided?

Yes. Both days include **breakfast snacks/continental breakfast, lunch and dinner**. Day 1 features the **Next Level Luncheon** at Elks Tower, **Next Level Dinner** at the Holiday Inn, and Day 2 includes provided **continental breakfast, snacks and box lunches**.

9. How do students register?

- **Early Bird Group Registration:** September–December 2025
- **General Registration:** January 8 – February 21, 2026
Registration is online at <https://www.bylp.org/legislative-open-house-loh>
Confirmation emails are sent automatically.

10. Can BYLP visit schools to promote sign-ups?

Yes. BYLP staff are available for **school site visits in January–February 2026**, including lunchtime or advisory presentations to encourage student sign-ups and answer questions.