

The 5 Most Surprising Things About L.A. Private Elementary School

Description



My daughter at the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia

I've been a parent at two very different L.A. private schools over the past eight years. There's a lot I expected to see (and I did) like luxury cars, Chanel handbags and enormous homes. But, some stuff has been truly unexpected.

Here are the 5 things I've been most surprised by:

1. The number of grandparents who pay their grandkids' [tuition](#).
2. The willingness of parents to pull their kids out of school for extremely fancy vacations to Thailand, Europe, Africa, Tahiti, Turks & Caicos and other destinations.
3. The amount of school and extracurricular activities per kid.
4. How little influence parents really have unless they're a board member or the BFF of a board member.
5. The ~~big~~ HUGE-emphasis on sports.

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