

California Wildfire and Emergency Support Resources

Last updated: 1/15/2025 in response to Southern California fires

As the wildfires in California continue, we at CSDC are deeply concerned for those affected. To further the state-wide recovery efforts across our California charter school community, we would like to share the various ways you may be able to help.

CSDC urges you to assist with the rebuilding, relocation, and recovery of the thousands affected by these fires. Any amount of time or money, whether large or small, will surely make an impact. Please also consider sharing these links within your own networks.

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Ways You Can Help

DIRECT SUPPORT FOR AFFECTED CHARTER SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- **Odyssey Charter Schools'** two campuses were impacted by the Eaton Fire in Altadena, leaving students, staff, and families in urgent need of support. On January 8, the South Campus, a vibrant center of learning and growth for 372 students, was tragically destroyed. Direct donations are welcome; information about OCS can be found by clicking the PDF link.

[»Learn more:
PDF](#)

[»Learn more:
Donations](#)

- **Pasadena Rosebud Academy** was lost in the Eaton Canyon wildfire, disrupting the stability the learning space provides for its students, staff, and families. [»Learn more](#)
- **Aveson Charter Schools** had facilities destroyed. [»Learn more](#)
- **Palisades Charter High School's** facility was significantly damaged. [»Learn more](#)
- **Palisades Charter Elementary School's** facility was significantly damaged. [»Learn more](#)

DONATE GOODS, SERVICES & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Through **Airbnb**, give an evacuee or a firefighter a free place to stay. [»Learn more](#)
- Donate non-perishable food items to **American Red Cross Los Angeles Region**, which is providing food and shelter to victims and first responders. [»Learn more](#)
- **Baby2Baby** distributes essential items to children affected by the ongoing fires. Help them supply diapers, wipes, blankets, and other basic baby needs. [»Learn more](#)
- Other volunteer opportunities related to the fires are posted on **California Volunteers**, including financial and other donations. [»Learn more](#)
- **L.A. Works** has information about how to help with housing, childcare, food and specific needs from local nonprofits. [»Learn more](#)
- **LA Fires I In-Person Volunteer Opps - Google Drive** - This link is updated daily with ways to volunteer, etc. [»Learn more](#)

DONATE MONEY

- **Supporting Affected Schools:** Supt. of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, reports "tax-deductible donations" can be made through **SupplyBank.org Disaster Relief Fund** to "support schools affected by wildfires." Thurmond says the "latest figures show that 335 schools from Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and San Diego counties are closed, affecting more than 211,000 students" and the Dept. of Education "partnered with the nonprofit SupplyBank.org to collect and distribute donations and emergency resources to school communities that are facing the most significant impacts of the wildfires" in Southern California. [»Learn more](#)
- **Los Angeles Fire Department:** They offer a Wildfire Action Plan with preparation steps and safety tips for evacuation. Staying informed on fire movements and knowing how to prepare and when to evacuate are crucial; sharing this is helpful. [»Learn more](#)
- **The Salvation Army Ventura Corps** wildfire relief fund is also accepting donations to go toward California wildfire relief. [»Learn more](#)

- The **California Fire Foundation** is a nonprofit that is distributing emergency funds to fire victims through its SAVE program. That includes firefighters distributing prepaid credit cards to help victims in the immediate aftermath of the fire. [»Learn more](#)
- Google is channeling donations through the **Center for Disaster Philanthropy** [»Learn more](#)
- The **United Way of Greater Los Angeles** is partnering with United Way of Ventura County to collect donations to its Wildfire Response Fund. [»Learn more](#)
- Donate directly to Direct Relief, which helps provide resources to healthcare agencies and first responders in wildfire-affected areas across California. [»Learn more](#)

HELP RESCUE ANIMALS

- **The Humane Society of Ventura County** is accepting animals evacuating from the fires, and they're also looking for support. You can donate to the organization here or purchase needed items through [their Amazon Wish List here](#). Locals can also apply to [volunteer](#) to help evacuate animals in the future. [»Learn more](#)
- The **Pasadena Humane Society** has taken in 100s of impacted animals and is asking for donations and supplies. [»Learn more](#)
- **LA Animal Service** [»Learn more](#)
- **West LA Animal Shelter / LA Rabbits Foundation** [»Learn more](#)
- **Stray Cat Alliance** [»Learn more](#)

Ways to Get Help

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

- **Westwood Recreation Center** (1350 S Sepulveda, Los Angeles 90025)
- **El Camino Real Charter High School** (5440 Valley Circle Blvd, Woodland Hills 91367)
- **Ritchie Valens Recreation Center** (10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Pacoima 91331)
- **Pasadena Convention Center** (300 E Green, Pasadena 91101)

Uber and Lyft announced they are offering free rides up to for evacuees to designated shelters through January 15, 2025. To redeem the free ride, evacuees must use the promo code "WILDFIRE25" in their Uber app and "CAFIRERELIEF25" for Lyft.

Preparing for, Preventing, and Recovering from Disasters

PREPARING FOR WILDFIRES

- Wildfire Resources from [Statewide System of Support Partners](#)
- [ACSA](#) Guidance on Wildfire Smoke & Schools [»Learn more](#)
- [SMCOE](#) Resource Hub for School Emergencies [»Learn more](#)
- Fire Watch guidance [»Learn more](#)
- MOU template for temporary shelter site facilities [»Learn more](#)
 - [Hazard Response Guidance](#): Off-Site Fire (page 6-7), On-Site Fire (page 8-9), Poor Air Quality (page 14)
- Student Release Guidance for Schools following evacuation [»Learn more](#)
- Decision-Making Guide for School Closures [»Learn more](#)
- Air Quality Guidance and Activity Recommendations (available in [Spanish](#)) [»Learn more](#)
- [CDE](#) School Air Quality Guidance [»Learn more](#)
- [EPA](#) Guidance on Wildfires and Indoor Air Quality [»Learn more](#)
- [CCEE](#) has expanded its [Climate Resilience Toolkit](#) to include resources on [wildfire prevention](#) and smoke mitigation strategies, helping schools maintain safe and healthy learning environments while minimizing disruptions. Highlights include:
 - **Wildfire Destruction Prevention Strategies:** Fire-resistant facility retrofits, defensible perimeters, ember-proofing, and planting fire-adapted vegetation.
 - **Wildfire Smoke Mitigation Strategies:** Real-time air quality monitoring systems, upgraded HVAC systems with HEPA filters, and recommendations for safe outdoor activities during poor air quality days.
 - **LEA Action Example:** Learn how the San Mateo County Office of Education has integrated climate readiness into emergency management protocols.

NAVIGATING DISASTER RECOVERY

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| • Information Regarding School Closures | »Learn more |
| • California Statewide Wildfire Recovery Resources | »Learn more |
| • CTA Disaster Relief Fund | »Learn more |