KLCS brings the world into classrooms and communities, providing equity of access and helping students and citizens to become knowledgeable participants in an evolving technological society.

KLCS is a valuable resource for the communities of Greater Los Angeles, California. Operated by the Los Angeles Unified School District, and located in the heart of Los Angeles, KLCS is uniquely positioned to represent and respond to the excitingly diverse population that it serves. The District alone is a tapestry of Southern California, with over 734,000 students enrolled in K-12 and Adult Education. KLCS serves a student population that is 74% Latino, 8.4% African American, 9.8% White and represents 94 languages spoken other than English.

In 2016, KLCS provided:
- Over 3800 hours of educational programming
- Over 400 hours of school board meetings to ensure equity of access to governmental proceedings
- Over 132 News Briefs highlighting student achievements and school success stories.
- Original programs on subjects such as parent engagement, early literacy, college readiness, safe schools, testing, sustainability and more.

KLCS local services include creating content to support an informed public, such as specials on voting initiatives, health care, parent engagement, innovative educational practices and model programs and services throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District and the communities of Greater Los Angeles. In 2016, KLCS created over 120 hours of local public affairs, local color, and cultural programming.

"Thank you for your amazing Friday night music line up. What a great service to the students of LAUSD and viewers like me!"
- KLCS Viewer
KLCS continued its community-driven outreach efforts during the year by partnering with numerous civic, arts, cultural and educational organizations. Highlights of these partnerships include the following:

KLCS partnered with the LA Conservancy, the nation’s largest historic building preservation society with the mission of saving historic buildings in Los Angeles County, spotlighting the organization’s Last Remaining Seats program to restore six movie theaters, built between 1911 and 1931, along the Broadway corridor in downtown Los Angeles.

The Station participated in the Central Avenue Jazz Festival, a two-day neighborhood festival organized by Los Angeles City Councilman Curren Price. The Festival celebrates the rich history of the birthplace of jazz in Los Angeles during the 1930’s. KLCS was warmly welcomed back to the neighborhood and received numerous thanks for its award winning documentary, *The Eastsiders*, which chronicled this period in Los Angeles’s music history.

KLCS promoted literacy and life long learning by distributing books to children at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, one of the largest premier book fairs in the country. Adults focused on best sellers and interacting with the host of KLCS’ nationally-distributed, literary program, *Between the Lines*.

Mount St. Mary’s University and KLCS cohosted the Downton Abbey final season premier at the Doheny Mansion. Docents provided tours of one of the oldest mansions in Los Angeles. The mansion was home to one of the original pioneer oil barons of Los Angeles, Edward Doheny. With stunning architecture based on traditional English manors, it was a perfect backdrop for the event. After touring this turn of the century piece of Los Angeles history, guests were escorted to the University’s auditorium for the final season premiere of Downton Abbey with special guest Lesley Nicol in attendance.

KLCS promoted early childhood and STEM education to children and parents at the annual Baby & Kids Expo at the Pasadena Convention center. Parents were exposed to numerous child and Pre-school resources offered by PBS Kids and resources available on KLCS.

In partnership with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, KLCS produced a two-part documentary chronicling the journey of sixteen Mandarin language teachers from Southern California on a journey to Taiwan for immersion into the culture of Taiwan. Southern California is home to the largest Chinese-speaking community in the United States. The documentary was included in the celebration of Taiwanese Heritage Week.

KLCS participated in the first Grand Park Arts Festival in collaboration with the LAUSD Arts and Education Branch. The Festival was a day-long community gathering celebrating the arts. Thousands of community members gathered to see a wide variety of musical, visual and performing arts presentations stretching across three stages from City Hall to the Music Center in Los Angeles’ Grand Park. KLCS provided information to the public on educational opportunities as well as broadcasting live cut always from the event over the airwaves to expose the greater Los Angeles community to the many talents and opportunities available to Southern California youth.

KLCS joined forces with the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles to promote their voter registration outreach programs. KLCS created and broadcast news briefs of the League’s efforts to promote voter registration, ethics and training of volunteers throughout Southern California.

KLCS staff partnered with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the Office of Veterans Affairs in the annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. Los Angeles County has the highest homeless population in the nation. The Homeless Count occurs annually when trained volunteers canvass neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles county attempting to document the Homeless population. Data gathered from this outreach effort is used to secure government funding to combat homelessness and provide social services to these dramatically under served members of our community.
KLCS provides an essential service by broadcasting Los Angeles Unified School District Board and Committee meetings, which provides the community-at-large an opportunity to view real-time proceedings and to be well-informed about the initiatives impacting nearly three-quarters of a million K-12 and Adult students of the LAUSD.

KLCS hosts informational lectures, preview screenings, town hall meetings and other community engagement events to create new relationships and to nurture valued relationships with station members and supporters.

KLCS continues to deepen its engagement with community organizations that are serving its early learners, specifically ages three to five through participation in community events, family resource fairs and parent education opportunities.
“Thank you for your excellent shows from Classical Stretch in the morning to Democracy Now at night.”

- Viewer

Licensed to the Los Angeles Unified School District, KLCS’ primary mission is to serve and support the District’s academic achievement goals for students. More than ever, KLCS is collaborating with the Division of Instruction to enhance station services to include credit recovery initiatives, parent and community engagement, increased graduation rates, increased attendance, proficiency for all and school safety.

KLCS also provides alternative programs for the viewers of Greater Los Angeles and Southern California.

KLCS provides equity of access and cost-effective services to the schools, the City and communities of Los Angeles.