



Let's Celebrate

Let's continue to help inclusion blossom as we recognize and celebrate World Down Syndrome Day (WDS) on March 21st, World Autism Awareness Day on April 2 and Autism Acceptance Month in April. The Division of Special Education wants to echo the WDS theme of this year: "People with disabilities have the right to be treated fairly and have the same opportunities as everyone else, working with others to improve their lives."

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SPOTLIGHTS



A big shout out to **Santee High School** for putting together a series of activities to support inclusive practices school wide! Students and teachers created the banner and posted it on their breezeway, decorated cards during lunch, and welcomed students in the morning with music and dance. Kudos to the Santee administrative leadership team and staff for their amazing work!

Intensive Diagnostic Educational Center (IDEC)

IDEC Programs and Schools' Success

IDEC classes are available districtwide. The evidence-based approaches used in IDEC have assisted school staff in implement interventions for students with disabilities who struggle with reading and writing. This month, the shout out goes to **Ms. Maria Quinteros and Ms. Lemus** for their professionalism and dedication to our students with exceptional needs at **Clinton MS**. As Ms. Karen Pina, IDEC Specialist shares, "These educators do an extraordinary job of implementing the targeted and intensive reading instruction provided within the IDEC model while also meeting the social emotional needs of their students. It is a joy to witness this center in action." To learn more about the IDEC program, please visit the DSE IDEC webpage at: <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/17142>



Did you know?



Is your child an English Language Learner? If your child has spent 6 years receiving English Development instruction, it may be that their disability is impacting their ability to reclassify. There is a District policy that delineates a reclassification process specifically for students with disabilities. Learn more about this reclassification process by visiting our webpage at <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/17407>



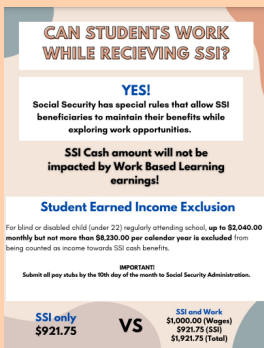
Family Academy – Equity Course Pathways

In alignment with LAUSD’s Strategic Plan, the Division of Special Education, has created classes that will help families increase their understanding of Parent Rights, The Individualized Education Program (IEP), and gain valuable information about Transition Services for students and families. Enrollment is now open. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Access the flyers by clicking here [English](#) and [Spanish](#) You can also visit the website at: <https://achieve.lausd.net/familyacademy>.



Can Students Work While Receiving SSI?

The answer is YES! Social Security has special rules that allow students to continue receiving their benefits while participating in work experience programs like Work-based Learning (WBL) and We Can Work (WCW)! See the attached flyer for more information or contact your local Social Security Administration.



[Check out our flyer for more information.](#)



Have you wondered why positive reinforcement is so powerful?

Reinforcement is a powerful way to motivate your child to increase behaviors you want to see and to decrease misbehavior. As a parent, you know what your child likes and enjoys best. Use this to your advantage and select reinforcers that will motivate your child to engage in a specific behavior. For more information on reinforcement and reinforcer ideas click on the link below.

[Click here](#)

Don't Miss Out: CAC Application Window Is Open!

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is a District level committee comprised of parents of students with disabilities and other stakeholder groups. Make a difference and join the CAC!

Visit our website for more information.

[Community Advisory Committee \(CAC\) Application](#)

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Applications will be accepted for Los Angeles Unified School District's Community Advisory Committee **February 16, 2023 – March 31, 2023**

Please join an informational webinar on **March 11, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** to learn about the CAC and the application process

Webinar link:
<https://zoom.us/j/863170588?pwd=ZUJhbnZkd0RlZ2hNcUxvM0M0a0o9>
Webinar ID: 863 370 0384
Passcode: 060339
Telephone Number: 1 213 338 8477

The Community Advisory Committee is made up of dedicated volunteers including parents, students, staff, and community members. The CAC is tasked to provide input and recommendations to the Los Angeles Unified Board of Education on Special Education programs and services outlined in the Special Education Local Plan (SELPL) in accordance with CA Education Code sections 56190 – 56194

Visit <https://achieve.lausd.net/pages/10285> to view meeting videos, meeting materials, and to download an application today!

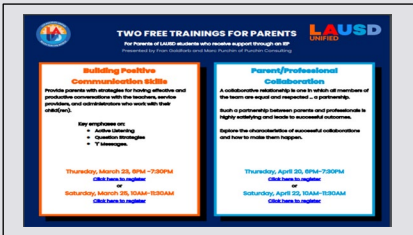


Parent Workshops

Parent Trainings Presented by Purchin Consulting

The Division of Special Education is hosting two free training opportunities for parents via zoom.

- * Building Positive Communication Skills: March 23 & 25
- * Parent/Professional Collaboration: April 20 & 22



[Access the English and Spanish flyers by clicking here](#)

Supported Decision Making

Please join LAUSD for the latest information from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities about conservatorship, supported decision making, and to learn tips about independence and self-advocacy.



[Access the English and Spanish flyers by clicking here](#)

[Registration Link](#)

Live Webinars! Join the Division of Special Education for the remaining session of our webinar series. Translation in the following languages will be available: [Spanish](#), [Armenian](#), [Cantonese](#), [Korean](#) and American Sign Language.

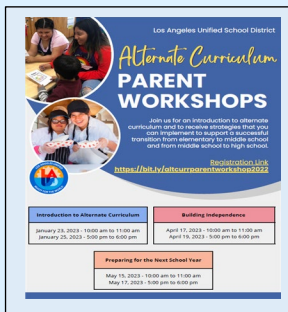
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April 10 & 12
Effective Collaboration and Communication Between Families and Schools

Monday 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Alternate Curriculum

Learn about strategies to support independence and transition.

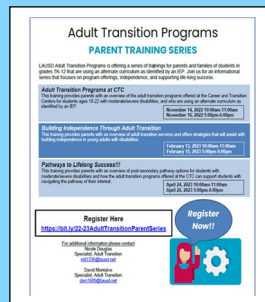


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[Registration link](#)

Adult Transition Programs

Learn about Pathways for Lifelong Success.



[Access the English and Spanish flyers by clicking here](#)

[Registration Link](#)

Core Curriculum

Learn about the Power of Play and fun educational activities.



[Access the English and Spanish flyers by clicking here](#)

Zoom ID: 273 236 0934



AIR-B Conference Register Now and Participate!

The Autism Intervention Research Network on Behavioral Health (AIR-B) is a network of researchers seeking to advance evidence-based behavioral treatments for children with autism spectrum disorders. Learn more by visiting airbnetwork.org.

[Access the flyers by clicking here](#)

Resources

Extended School Year (ESY) 2023, June 26 – July 25, 2023 Student Enrollment Application is Now Available!

The ESY Student Enrollment Application is available on the Parent Portal now until June 9. Visit the ESY webpage at <https://achieve.lausd.net/spedESY> to learn more.

[Access the ESY Student Enrollment flyer in English and Spanish by clicking here](#)



Adult Transition Work Experience Programs Back in Action!!!



Click the link to the CTC brochures in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and feel free to contact the CTC in your region for more information.

Considering a work-based learning experience for your child?

Our work experience programs are back, and students are out developing work skills and earning an actual paycheck! Explore the possibilities and learn more about LAUSD Adult Transition Programs at

<https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/17048>

2023 California Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) for Students with Disabilities

Learn more about how this six-day leadership program can empower students with disabilities for the future. Access more information about the application and selection process at <https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/YLF> or email YLF@dor.ca.gov or call (855) 894-3436. Application deadline has been extended to March 17. The 2023 program is tentatively scheduled for July 13–19, 2023 and is for students in grades 10 through 12.





Contact Information



Do you have questions about the...

- ✓ The special education process?
- ✓ Special Education policies and procedures?
- ✓ Extended school year (ESY) for students with IEPs?

**Division of Special Education
School and Family Support Services
(SFSS) Call Center
Call Us**

Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Hours have been extended!
Telephone (213) 241-6701
Fax (877) 339-2684
Email spedsfss@lausd.net

Important Websites

- Special Education Parent’s Webpage <https://achieve.lausd.net/spedParents>
- Special Education Services/Programs Webpage <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16735>
- Special Education Directory <https://achieve.lausd.net/spedContactUs>
- Homework Support for Elementary Students in different languages <https://paper.co/lausd-los-angeles>
- Homework Support for Secondary Students in different languages <https://www.tutor.com/lausd>

Contact Information

LAUSD General Hotline.....	(213) 431-4300
Student and Family Wellness Hotline	(213) 241-3840
Help Desk for Families Hotline	(213) 443-1300
Local District Office Central	(213) 241-1378
Local District Office East	(323) 224-3300
Local District Office Northeast	(818) 686-4400
Local District Office Northwest	(818) 654-3600
Local District Office South	(310) 354-3431
Local District West	(310) 235-3700
Virtual Academy	(213) 241-0117