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Secondary Instructional Update

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“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn...and change.” ~Carl Rogers

[DOI Policy Updates](#)

General Updates and Resources

Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation: College and Career Accelerator

The LADF has announced its series of [Virtual College & Career Accelerator Sessions](#). These virtual sessions are designed to expose middle, high school, and college students to college and career opportunities.

Professional Learning Opportunities from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)

LACOE is offering a [variety of sessions](#), both free and fee-based, throughout the spring. All trainings are held on Zoom. Topics include Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Enhancing Equity by Understanding Implicit Bias, and Restorative Practice.

Addressing Anti-Asian Racism and Discrimination: Resources for Educators from LACOE

Among the social issues exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic is the rise of anti-Asian violence. For educators who are looking for resources to address this unsettling trend, here are some [expert tips for addressing](#) anti-Asian racism and discrimination in the classroom.

LACOE Series on Dyslexia and Struggling Readers

- [Assessing & Supporting Dyslexia: What School Psychologists Need to Know](#)
May 12, 2021, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Audience: School Psychologists, Administrators, Instructional Coaches

Open Library

[Open Library](#) is an open, editable library catalog, building towards a web page for every book ever published. The nonprofit group, which has made millions of books available online for free, says that it is suspending waitlists for the 1.4 million works in its lending library.

Get Up! Using the Arts to Inspire Movement and Play

With remote and socially-distanced classroom spaces, student movement is more constrained than ever. [We'll tackle this challenge](#) by sharing arts-based activities that use movement and play to get students out of their chairs (or off their sofas, beds, floors) and energized – all while staying socially distant!

Graduate Profile Portfolio and Defense: May 20, 2021

Learn how Los Angeles Unified is turning its vision of the [Graduate Profile](#) into practice through the portfolio and defense. Participants will see LA Unified student work that demonstrates how the portfolio and defense is being implemented and have the opportunity to listen to a panel of educators, school leaders, and students on their experiences. This event is open to all school leaders, teachers, district administrators, educational partners, parents, and anyone interested in learning more about authentic assessments for K-12 students. [Registration](#) is required.

Grant and Competition Opportunities

Mid-Career Education Fellowship

The California Education Policy Fellowship Program, which strengthens education policymaking by developing emerging education leaders, is accepting applications for 2021-2022. California EPFP is an initiative of the [Center for California Studies](#) and the [Education Insights Center](#) at Sacramento State and is part of a national program that has operated for more than 50 years. Its new cohort will be drawn from K-12 and higher education, executive and legislative branches of state government, and education-related non-profits. Fellows will meet five weekends during the year. Applications are due June 18. [Go here to learn more](#) about the program and apply.

K12 Grants and Upcoming Events

Upcoming and continuing [grant opportunities](#) are available.

California Grant Watch Website

[The California Grant Watch website](#) lists grants for public school teachers for the improvement of education, innovative teaching strategies, and professional development opportunities.

Educators of America Grant

[MicroGrant Program for Educators and Teachers](#) provides grants to improve technological resources. Classroom technology grant applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis and responses are given accordingly.

Grant Writing Modules

The Division of Instruction has three online modules focused on Grant Writing. Each module is between 8-15 minutes in length. Module 1: A Grant Writing Guide; Module 2: Grant Application Process; Module 3: Key Components of a Grant Proposal. To access the modules, go to MyPLN, under the learning dropdown menu, select Search LAUSD Catalog, and enter keyword *Grants* in the Global Search. Click on the module you wish to view.

National Education Association Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants

The [National Education Association Foundation](#) is offering \$2,000 and \$5,000 grant awards. Deadline for applications are February 1, June 1, and October 1, of each year.

A-G Interventions and Supports

Middle and High School English Language Arts (ELA) Intervention Supports

This is a professional development opportunity designed for all [middle school](#) and [high school](#) ELA educators to support instructional intervention practices during and outside the regularly scheduled class period. Participants will explore the variables for learning & key principles to address unfinished learning, develop a clear understanding of instructional intervention, and access supplemental resources. Self-paced, asynchronous, accessible via Schoology.

Middle School ELA intervention materials are available in the Schoology group “Middle School ELA Intervention Programs” (HJ3C-ZF7J-C2XTB). In the group, you will find “Middle School ELA Intervention Resources” (grade-level practice of bundled standards) and “Middle School PASS ELA” (modular grade-level proficiency assessments).

For more information, please contact Richard An, *A-G ELA Advisor*, rha2223@lausd.net.

Middle and High School Mathematics Intervention Supports

A professional development opportunity designed for all [middle school](#) or [high school](#) mathematics educators to support instructional intervention practices during and outside of the regularly scheduled class period. Participants will explore the variables for learning and key principles to address unfinished learning, develop a clear understanding of instructional intervention, and access supplemental resources.

For more information, please contact Adriana Zuniga, *A-G Mathematics Advisor*, adriana.zuniga@lausd.net.

Access, Equity, and Acceleration (AEA)

"The New Way Forward, The Sequel" Meeting + Workshops on May 15, 2021

[This open meeting](#) welcomes identified and non-identified Gifted African American/Black students and families and focuses on 'Learning and Preparing for a World That Doesn't Exist Yet.' Listen to inspiring keynote and guest speakers and participate in outstanding workshops for the parents and students grades 3rd - 12th. Share this opportunity with your African American/Black Families and join us at this free virtual event. Hosted by The Gifted Network for African American Students and Families (GNAASF).

For more information, please contact Danielle Evers, *Specialist*, danielle.evers@lausd.net.

End of the Year Reflection

On May 22, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Academic English Mastery Program (AMEP) is highlighting the dedicated work of administrators, teachers, and parents toward Standard English Learner achievement. [This interactive experience](#) will feature an array of workshop options for teachers, administrators, instructional coaches, and parents. The AEMP model schools and support network schools will have an opportunity to share best practices, reflect on the application of AEMP professional development for all stakeholders, and much more.

For more information, please contact Natalia Searchwell, *Specialist*, natalia.searchwell@lausd.net.

Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI)

Professional Development Opportunities

The Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) is a department within the Division of Instruction that supports all schools interested in 21st century instructional practice. The department's main focus is in providing professional learning opportunities founded on instructional frameworks that leverage technology in purposeful, personalized ways, such as the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards. Please see this [month's catalogue of learning opportunities](#) that include An Interdisciplinary Approach to Creative Computing, Computer Science Fundamentals, Game Based Learning with Minecraft: EE Intermediate - Customizing and Designing Lessons, Game based Learning Advanced Game Based Learning with Minecraft: EE Advanced: Getting Creative with Codebuilder, An Introduction to Using Data Sciences, Digital Presence with Purpose, Hybrid Learning Strategies for Success, Reaching Beyond the Classroom: Digital Citizen Asynchronous, Exploring Artificial Intelligence, Teaching Artificial Intelligence, and Hacking STEM..

For more information, please contact Maria Magnanimo-Toledo, *Specialist*, mmagna1@lausd.net.

Mastery Learning and Grading (MLG)

Equity in Grading and Instructional Practice

Mastery Grading offers an equitable alternative to traditional grading practices while Mastery Learning provides instructional strategies to support all students in achieving grade-level, standards-based proficiency. Mastery Learning and Grading PD is scheduling now for 2021-2022. The MLG PD series entails six two-hour workshops scheduled 2-3 hours apart (synchronous or school-site location depending on PD guidelines) and eight hours of asynchronous online learning. [To schedule PD](#), please contact your local district MLG Coach(es) or complete [this request form](#).

For more information, please contact Chris Grounds, *MLG Coordinator*, christopher.grounds@lausd.net.

Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED)

Summative ELPAC Testing Window

The administration of the 2020-21 computer-based Summative ELPAC assessment must occur within the established testing window. For all students, the testing window for the computer-based Summative ELPAC assessment opened on February 1, 2021 and ends on May 14, 2021. New eligible students who enroll at the school after May 14, 2021 must be tested by May 28, 2021.

For more information, please contact Local District EL programs Coordinator or Elizabeth Shnorhokian, *EL Programs/ Compliance Specialist*, emald4@lausd.net.

Personalized Learning Systems (PLS)

Schoology Professional Development

There are a number of new Schoology training sessions taking place this spring. New asynchronous topics are available and synchronous topics are updated monthly. Please visit our [training website](#) to find these learning opportunities as well as Office Hours sessions and salary point classes.

For more information, please contact Antonio Hernandez, *Coordinator*, antonio.hernandez@lausd.net.

Science

Curriculum Planning Sessions for MS and HS Science Teachers

The Division of Instruction is offering curriculum planning sessions for middle and high school science teachers to plan collaboratively with other teachers to address the needs of all students using the newly adopted curriculum on the following date: May 20, 2021. The session is on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Register on MyPLN, Keywords “Planning Sessions for Middle School Science Curriculum” or “Planning Sessions for HS Science Curriculum.”

For more information, please contact: Ayham Dahi, *Coordinator*, ayham.dahi@lausd.net.

Whole Child Student Information Reporting System

Whole Child Student Information Reporting System Now Offers Achievement Data from Renaissance, IXL, and Edulastic and Provides Access to System of Support Advisors

- Find IXL, Edulastic, and Renaissance information in:
 - At a Glance (Admin.)
 - Classroom, School, and CoS Performance views
 - Student Monitoring
 - Assessment Analytics
 - Whole Child View > Educational Technology
- See details about new data, including *Shmoop*, by clicking the quick guide link at the top of the [What’s New page](#).
- Register for webinars on [MyPLN](#).
- If you are a System of Support Advisor at a CoS and need access, [apply for CoS Staff access](#).

Observances and Commemorative Events

For the month of May, L.A. Unified has the following observances and commemorative events:

Observance	Resources
May Day/International Workers Day (May 1)	May Day History Meanings of May Day What is May Day?
Day of the Teacher (May 4 nationally or May 12 in California)	CTA NEA We Are Teachers
Cinco de Mayo (May 5)	History Channel 15 Facts about Cinco de Mayo Celebrations in LA
Mother’s Day (May 9)	History Channel Mother’s Day History The Old Farmer’s Almanac

Memorial Day (May 31)	History Channel 8 Things About Memorial Day Memorial Day
National Teacher and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7)	PTA NEA Education World
Be Kind to Animals Week (May 2-8)	American Humane Lessons ASPCA 6 Ideas to Celebrate
National Children’s Book Week (May 3-9)	Every Child a Reader Publishers Weekly Classroom Activities
Celebrating Los Angeles School Police During National Police Week (May 9-15)	National Police Week National Law Enforcement Officers C.O.P.S.
Classified School Employee Week (May 16-22)	CSEA Celebration Ideas Classified School Employees of the Year
Asian Pacific Islanders American Heritage Month	Asian Pacific Islanders American Heritage PBS SoCal National PTA
Better Hearing & Speech Month	American Speech-Language-Hearing Assoc What Health American Academy of Audiology
Foster and Kinship Care Awareness Month	US Dept. of Health & Human Services LAUSD Foster & Adoptive Family Services
Labor History Month	AFL-CIO CFT CA Labor Federation
Mental Health Awareness Month	Mental Health America National Alliance on Mental Illness Good Therapy
National Physical Fitness and Sports Month	US Dept of Health & Human Services Health Finder Action for Healthy Kids
Safe Jobs for Youth Month	National Young Workers Resource Center Young Workers Bill of Rights CA Dept of Industrial Relations