



WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF TEACHING

AUGUST 2024

Welcome to Los Angeles Unified! We are thrilled to have you join our vibrant and dedicated team for the new school year. Your passion for education and commitment to student success make you a valuable addition to our school community.

As you embark on this exciting journey, know that the Teacher Development and Support Branch team is here to support you in every step of the way. To ensure your success as an LAUSD teacher, we strive to provide you with:

- Resources and strategies through our monthly newsletters;
- Professional development sessions especially designed for new teachers;
- Guidance and support with the LAUSD Learning to Teach pathway;
- Mentor teacher assignments for University Interns and Provisional Teachers.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.

Here's to a year filled with inspiration, growth, and shared success. We can't wait to see the incredible impact you'll have on our students and our District.

Welcome aboard!

Warmest regards,

Maria Urbina Butler

DATES TO REMEMBER



AUGUST 12TH
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 30TH
ADMISSIONS DAY
(NO SCHOOL)

SEPTEMBER 2ND
LABOR DAY
(NO SCHOOL)

2024-25 INSTRUCTIONAL
CALENDAR
[2024-25 Instructional](#)
[Cal Eng Rev 6.20.2023.pdf](#)
[\(lausd.org\)](#)

How (and why) to Sustain a Successful Mentor-Mentee Relationship

Teacher Mentors are supported by research.

Mentor teachers may provide support in three categories: planning and communication, support of the new teacher's learning, and checking the new teacher's understanding and progress. Key action steps may include:

1. **Focus mentoring discussions on instructional improvement.**
Successful relationships must have clear purpose and vision around improving teaching and learning
2. **Establish trust and a growth mindset:** grounding mentoring in student outcomes, the needs of the mentee (you!) and creating collaboration opportunities
3. **Align your mentor/mentee focus** with individual, school, and district systems and goals to ensure that you are in line with district and school priorities or initiatives



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Work Smarter, not Harder!

This month's focus: Routines and Procedures

One of the first items that you will want to address is what will be your standard routines and procedures. The identification and teaching of these will save time and energy within your classroom on a daily basis:

- How will you gain the students attention?
- How will students signal if they need something?
- What are restroom procedures?
- What will students do when they finish early?
- What will be your procedure for tardy students?
- What are your homework procedures?

Our first suggestion is to check with your school administrator to determine if there is a listing of school wide policies. If so, you will wish to align your classroom procedures with those.

HELPFUL LAUSD WEBSITES

Division of Instruction (DOI)

Instructional Resources for all grade levels

[Division of Instruction Home / New Home \(lausd.org\)](https://www.lausd.org/division-of-instruction)

Multilingual & Multicultural Education (MMED) Support for English Learner Teachers and Students

[Multilingual & Multicultural Education / MMED Update Home Page \(lausd.org\)](https://www.lausd.org/multilingual-multicultural-education)

Division of Special Education

[New Special Education Division / New Sped Ed Home \(lausd.org\)](https://www.lausd.org/division-of-special-education)

iCAAP

Support for Clear SPED & Single Subject Teaching Credentials

[District Intern Program: Professional Development Plan / iCAAP Program \(lausd.org\)](https://www.lausd.org/district-intern-program)

TGI

Support for Clear Gen. Ed Teaching Credentials

[Teacher Training Academy / TEACHER GROWTH AND INDUCTION \(TGI\) \(lausd.org\)](https://www.lausd.org/teacher-training-academy)

MyPLN

[LAUSD | My Professional Learning Network](https://www.lausd.org/my-pln)

“As a teacher, you have the incredible opportunity to shape young minds and create ripples of change that will echo for a lifetime.”

Welcome to the World of Teaching Summer 2024 Resources



How to set up your gradebook in Schoology

[Gradebook on Schoology PD.pdf - Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iQXRz1AFMIC3loQblhFKiDM1qHxANVXS/view?usp=sharing)

Schoology Sandbox Request Form

[My Sandbox Course Request Form \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS...)

MMED UTK-12 Essential Instructional Approaches Trifold:

<https://bit.ly/MMEDTrifold>

MMED UTK-12 Essential Instructional Approaches Multilingual Learners Digital

Resource: <https://bit.ly/3swYV9X>

Maximizing Academic Language Exchanges Slide Deck: <https://bit.ly/MMEDMALSlidedeck>

UTK-12-Maximizing Academic Language Discourse

PDF: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iQXRz1AFMIC3loQblhFKiDM1qHxANVXS/view?usp=sharing>

Please join our Schoology group: [83GF-WF4X-DC5JS](https://www.schoology.com/join/83GF-WF4X-DC5JS)



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8 ESSENTIAL TIPS TO HELP YOU LAUNCH YOUR JOURNEY AS A NEW TEACHER WITH LAUSD

- **Build Relationships:** Start by getting to know your students, their interests, and their learning styles. Building rapport with students and colleagues can create a positive and supportive classroom environment.
- **Set Clear Expectations:** Establish classroom rules and expectations early on. Be consistent with enforcing them, and make sure students understand the consequences of not following the rules.
- **Reflect on Your Practice:** Take time to reflect on what works and what doesn't in your classroom. Self-reflection helps in adjusting your teaching methods to better meet the needs of your students.
- **Develop Classroom Management Skills:** Implement strategies to keep students engaged and minimize disruptions. Techniques like positive reinforcement, clear instructions, and structured routines can be very effective.
- **Stay Flexible:** Be prepared to adapt your plans as needed. Sometimes lessons might not go as expected, and being flexible will help you handle unexpected situations more smoothly.
- **Prioritize Self-Care:** Teaching can be demanding, so it's important to take care of your physical and mental well-being. Ensure you get enough rest, take breaks, and engage in activities that help you recharge.
- **Build a Support Network:** Connect with other teachers and educational professionals for support, advice, and camaraderie. Joining professional organizations or online communities can also provide valuable resources and encouragement.
- **Keep Communication Open:** Maintain clear and open communication with students, parents, and colleagues. Regular updates on student progress and classroom activities help build a collaborative and informed learning environment.

TDAS PROGRAM UPDATES

PROVISIONAL TEACHERS

*Attend one mandatory informational meeting

First meeting date is:

9/19/24

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Registration details are forthcoming

*Attend CSET Test Prep

*Schedule your CSETs

UNIVERSITY INTERNS

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