

### **IEP TEAM MEETING UPDATE**

From July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, LAUSD has successfully conducted 40,331 team meetings, excluding Charter.

### **THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD), SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA)**

As the Division of Special Education moves forward with its Local Plan three-year updates this school year, in collaboration with the Local Plan Advisory Committee, we began meeting in the month of January of 2024 to review the SELPA's Local Plan. If you are interest in learning more about what is a SELPA visit the California Department of Education at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/as/cas/elpas.asp> and the LAUSD webpage at <https://www.lausd.org/Page/16734>.

### **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) PRE-RECORDED TRAINING VIDEOS**

Visit the Division of Special Education website, Parents section, to access the pre-recorded training videos. <https://lausd.org/spedparents>. The

(CAC) members and the LAUSD community and the Division of Special Education (DSE) website visitors may access the pre-recorded videos in preparation for the upcoming CAC meetings. The January recorded training is titled Students with Disabilities and Section 504.

### **PARENT WORKSHOP**

The Division of Special Education is hosting its parent workshop titled "Exploring IEP Resolution Options that Keep Students at the Center." This parent workshop will focus on LAUSD dispute resolution options for addressing IEP concerns / disagreements. They will take place on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer for more information [DSE Parent Workshops](#)

### **FOCUS ON YOUR PARENTING**

The LAUSD mental health clinics and wellness programs continue to offer the remaining parenting classes in the Spring of 2024. They vary from communication strategies to setting effective goals for your children to how to manage stress and loss. Visit the [flyer](#) for more information.

**NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY,  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS  
WITH DISABILITIES, AND INCLUSIVE  
SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

On November 14, 2023, the Los Angeles Unified School Board passed a resolution celebrating National Special Education Day and calling for increased special education funding. Schools, students, and families are encouraged to celebrate students with disabilities and the unique assets they contribute to our school communities. Supporting the inclusivity efforts was exemplified by several participating LAUSD schools during the Inclusive School Week in the month of December 2023.

**INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK**

Inclusive Schools Week was celebrated Dec 4-8, 2023, in LAUSD Schools. Schools received suggestions for celebrations and resources at a bit.ly site put together by the Division of Special Education. The Theme was **Draw Me in!** The Division collaborated with the non-profit Inclusion Matters to register schools for a raffle drawing and additional supports. Ninety schools registered with Inclusion Matters, and four schools won prizes such as adaptive playground

equipment and reading program materials to bolster inclusive opportunities on campus further. Our Superintendent Carvalho visited Stanley Mosk Elementary School's celebration, captured by KLCS in this video:

<https://lausd.wistia.com/medias/gsedmmx2pb>

Plans are already being made for how to grow the celebration even more next year. Discover how other schools excelled during this event by clicking [here](#).

**FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL  
STUDENT AID (FAFSA)**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now open for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who plan to attend post-secondary education in the 24-25 school year. Special Education Transition teachers have been trained to support students with IEPs with the FAFSA completion and submission process. Please reach out to your student's counselor or Transition Teacher for support. Application Link: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> .

## **RESOURCES**

**Tutoring For Individualized Student Learning** – Learn about [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) and how the flexible tutoring options can support students with disabilities. Visit <https://www.lausd.org/Page/18681> and explore the opportunities these programs can offer to your student. Elementary school students may also access PAPER by using their sign-on via Schoology. Visit <https://paper.co/lausd> for more information.

## **PARENT VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2023-2024**

Access more information about our upcoming parent workshops in the spring by visiting our webpage at <https://www.lausd.org/sped> or by accessing the flyer [here](#). If you missed any workshops, the recording and training materials can be accessed under 2023-2024 Virtual Parent Workshops tab <https://www.lausd.org/Page/16784> .

## **PHONE NUMBERS**

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213-431-4300

**Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services**  
213-241-6701

**LAUSD School Mental Health Hotline**  
213-241-3840

**Technology Access**  
213-443-1300

## **WEBSITES**

**Division of Special Education**  
<https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>

**Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement**  
<https://www.lausd.org/Page/9654>

**Parent Portal**  
<https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/>