



Division of Special Education

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME MESSAGE

from the Executive Director of the Division of Special Education



Dear Parents and Families,

I am excited to share our Parent and Family Newsletter. Our commitment to student achievement and providing inclusive opportunities is at the heart of our work. We believe that your partnership is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate the vital role parents and families play in supporting our students. Together, we can continue to create a nurturing and enriching environment for all. Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration.

Warm regards, Jose Soto, Ed.D.

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Learning Disability and National Disability Employment Awareness

In the past months, the Learning Disability and National Disability Employment Awareness months, reminded us of the importance of inclusivity and resiliency. It helped raise awareness of the past and present contributions individuals have made to preserve, support and enhance the outcome for students with special needs and their families.



The vision of the Division of Special Education continues to inspire students to reach their maximum potential and it is “committed to creating learning environments that promote inclusive education for students with disabilities...” Learn more about LAUSD Inclusive Practices at <https://www.lausd.org/spedInclusion>.

PARENT & FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Virtual Parent Workshops Catalog



The Division of Special Education is offering various **virtual parent workshops** throughout the year. Become connected and take advantage of these learning opportunities by visiting our webpage and access our catalog at English and Spanish. They are offered in the morning and evening; no registration is needed, and all sessions use the same link. Additionally, in collaboration with our partner, the Student and Family Community Engagement Office, the Division of Special Education is working together to offer families more parent workshops using a hybrid model. These workshops are held in every region. Scroll down through our catalog to access dates and times. To access an archive of virtual parent workshops from the 2023/2024 school year, please visit <https://lausd.org/spedParents>.

Special Education Region Ambassadors



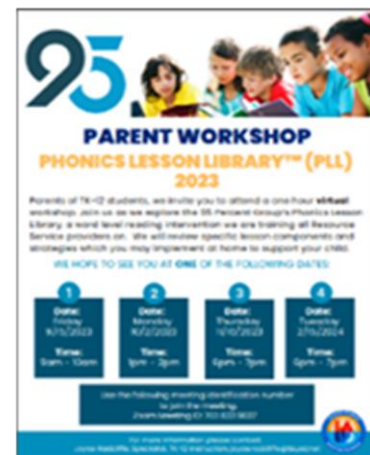
The Los Angeles Unified Region Ambassadors will be valuable advocates and guides who inform their school communities about District services and resources. The pathways for ambassadors will be centered on:

- Students with Special Needs
- English Learners (Emerging Bilinguals)
- Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Inspiring authentic engagement and leveraging the power of our families, communities, and educational partners.

Phonics Lesson Library 2023

Join us as explore the 95 Percent Group’s Phonics Lesson Library, a word level reading intervention we are training all Resource Service providers on. Access the English and Spanish Flyer for more information and come learn strategies to implement at home.



RESOURCES



Providing Choices can help your child accomplish tasks at home. You can present the choices either verbally or with visual aids to represent the choices you are giving your child. This strategy is effective and easy to use. When you need your child to complete a task or activity that they may refuse to do, you can help them feel more in control of the situation by presenting two options that are both acceptable to you. For example, you can say, “Do you want to take your bath first or brush your teeth first?” When your child is given the opportunity to make their own choice, they have more control over the task which often leads to more cooperation.

Regional Center and Department of Rehabilitation are organizations that provide individualized services and supports for individuals with disabilities. These outside agencies will become the biggest support for students as they reach age 22 and exit LAUSD. Each organization offers an array of supports and services that will assist your child in making a successful transition from school to adulthood. Get connected today! Contact the Regional Center or Department of Rehabilitation in your area for more information.



Career & Transition Centers

Regional Center Look-Up <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/lookup-rcs-by-county/>

Department of Rehabilitation Find An Office <https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/ContactUs>

WEBSITES

- Division of Special Education (DSE) <https://lausd.org/sped>
- DSE School & Family Support Services <https://lausd.org/spedContactUs>
- DSE Services/Programs <https://www.lausd.org/spedServices>
- Office of Student Civil Rights <https://www.lausd.org/Page/3494>
- Homework Support for Elementary Students in different languages [PAPER](#)
- Homework Support for Secondary Students in different languages [Tutor.com](#)

CONTACT US

Office	Phone Number
Division of Special Education School & Family Support Services	(213) 241-6701
LAUSD General Hotline	(213) 431-4300
Student and Family Wellness Hotline	(213) 241-3840
Help Desk for Families Hotline	(213) 443-1300
Region East	(323) 224-3300
Region North	(818) 654-3600
Region South	(310) 354-3431
Region West	(310) 235-3700
Virtual Academy	(213) 241-0117