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The Division of Instruction has assembled a [chart](#) of currently adopted resources available for schools. The chart includes the title, publisher, short description, and links to website support. These resources are also housed within Schoology, the District's Learning Management System (LMS), content area websites, and publisher websites.

A-G Intervention & Academic and Counseling Services

College Access Training

The Division of Instruction is excited to present a series of PD trainings open to counselors, teachers, and administrators. The five-day PD series will be offered over the course of the school year and will revolve around the world of higher education and helping our students and family navigate this journey. Multiple dates are offered for each series, with a new topic every 6-8 weeks. Each series will offer several opportunities to participate, and certificated staff may choose to attend one or all five PDs. Participation is voluntary; however, all high school certificated staff are strongly encouraged to attend.

The second PD of the year will be Financial Aid 101 – Show me the Money, FAFSA, California Dream Act, California Student Aid Commission, Cal Grants CSS Profile and Match and Fit.

Dates: Wednesday, December 6, 2017, Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Registration: MyPLN (Keyword: Financial Aid 101)

Participants will be compensated at \$25 District Training rate on Saturday only

For more information, please contact Carol Alexander, *Director*, carol.alexander@lausd.net, 213-241-5607 or Heather Brown, *College Counseling Coordinator*, hbb7405@lausd.net, 213-214-4504.

Arts Education Branch

LAUSD Arts Education Branch Professional Development in Arts Integration

LAUSD's Arts Education Branch offers [FREE four-day workshops in Arts Integration](#) throughout the year. LAUSD teachers can opt to receive one salary point for attending all four days, (two points if homework is completed) or training rate instead of salary points. In Arts Integration Part I, teachers will learn foundational skills in dance, music, theatre and visual arts, as well as strategies for integrating these art forms into other curricular areas. Arts Integration Part II was offered last spring with much success, and will be offered again in spring 2018. Teachers will explore arts integration

in greater depth, and build on previous experiences. Arts Integration Part I class is a prerequisite. All classes are taught by LAUSD's Arts Education Branch Administrators and Credentialed Teachers.

Arts Integration Part I:

January 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2018 **Location:** Esteban Torres High School

June 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2018 **Location:** TBD

Arts Integration Part II:

June 26, 27, 28, and 29, 2018 **Location:** TBD

You may register by emailing Shana Habel, *Arts Specialist*, shana.habel@lausd.net or by calling 213-241-2473. Participants will be compensated at training rate or salary points.

Arts Professional Development for Secondary Teachers

The Arts Education Branch provides secondary teachers, grades 6-12, the opportunity to participate in a full day of professional development in their discipline – music, theatre/film, dance or visual arts throughout the Fall Semester. Teachers will engage in workshops on new methodologies, best practices, and innovations in the field of arts education.

Theatre Professional Development:

Date: December 5, 2017

Location: Roosevelt High School

For more information, please contact Jantre Christian, *K-12 Arts Specialist*, jjh2412@lausd.net, 213-241-2532.

Visual Arts Professional Development:

Date: December 6, 2017

Location: Pio Pico Middle School

For more information, please contact Mireya Alonzo, *K-12 Arts Specialist*, mireya.alonzo@lausd.net, 213-241-3387.

Access, Equity and Acceleration (AEA)

Local District Standard English Learner (SEL) Coordinators' Meeting

Local District SEL Coordinators will collaborate to analyze academic and linguistic data collected about the Standard English Learners in the schools they support. They will use this data to reflect on the implications for current classroom practice, and design culturally and linguistically responsive professional development (and resources) to improve student outcomes for underserved students throughout the district. Additionally, they will work with the SEL Instructional Coaches on areas of academic growth for the spring semester.

Date: December 14, 2017

Location: Ricardo Lizarraga Elementary School

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information please, contact Kandice McLurkin, *Administrative Coordinator*, kandice.mclurkin@lausd.net, 213-241-3340.

Standard English Learner (SEL) Coaches' Meeting

SEL Language and Instructional Coaches will collaborate with LD SEL Coordinators and Central Office SEL Specialists to refine their abilities to improve student outcomes through the analysis of student work and the observation of culturally and linguistically responsive instructional practices. In addition to interpreting what the evidence suggests about student achievement, teams will be trained on the utilization of the 95 Percent Group's

Multi-syllable Routine Cards for direct impact on reading accuracy, fluency and the comprehension of texts in grades 3 and higher.

Date: December 14, 2017

Location: Ricardo Lizarraga Elementary School

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Kandice McLurkin, *Administrative Coordinator* kandice.mclurkin@lausd.net, 213-241-3340.

Standard English Learner (SEL) Data Coordinators' Meeting

AEMP's SEL Data Coordinators throughout the district will utilize a two-tiered framework of data analysis to improve the academic language proficiency and literacy rates of Standard English Learners. In this meeting, they will explore and share various ways of operationalizing linguistic and academic data collection and analysis for SELs at their schools.

Date: December 7, 2017

Location: Local Districts

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information please, contact Kandice McLurkin, *Administrative Coordinator*, kandice.mclurkin@lausd.net, 213-241-3340.

Standard English Learner (SEL) Instructional Coach Culturally and Linguistically Responsive (CLR) Classroom Walkthroughs

Local District Standard English Learner (SEL) Coordinators will facilitate CLR Classroom Walkthroughs to analyze patterns and trends of instructional practice and to inform areas of need to improve student academic outcomes. By collecting data, schools will be able to focus on a continuous improvement cycle for teaching and learning.

December 1, 2017 **Location:** Ambler Avenue Elementary School (LD South)

December 5, 2017 **Location:** Crenshaw Senior High School (LD West)

December 7, 2017 **Location:** Young Empowered Scholars (YES) Academy (LD West)

December 8, 2017 **Location:** Heliotrope Avenue Elementary School (LD East)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Kandice McLurkin, *Administrative Coordinator*, kandice.mclurkin@lausd.net, 213-241-3340.

Beyond the Bell Branch

Academic Decathlon

Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) accomplishments in the Academic Decathlon are unmatched. For the last eight years, LAUSD has produced the National Champion. Last year, 11 teams were invited to the State competition and six placed in the top twenty. Over 530 students from 60+ schools spent countless hours mastering the material, preparing speeches and practicing their interview skills.

All their success is due to the incredible individuals who have unselfishly given their time to coach, teach and volunteer. Once again, we are reaching out to past volunteers to request your continued involvement and to ask you to invite your friends, relatives and colleagues to become involved.

The information on this year's competition is below. Please review the descriptions of the different volunteer roles and complete the volunteer registration form. This can be done either by clicking [HERE](#) to submit via google docs or the form can be emailed to academic.decathlon@lausd.net or faxed to 213-241-5206. Confirmation of your

volunteer role will be sent mid-January via email. Additional forms along with training information can be found on the website <http://bit.ly/AcaDecaLA>.

Location: Edward R. Roybal Learning Center
1200 West Colton Street
Los Angeles, CA 90026

DAY 1: Saturday, January 27, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Events: Speech, Interview, Essay

DAY 2: Saturday, February 3, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Event: Objective Tests

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Event: Super Quiz

For questions, please contact us via email academic.decathlon@lausd.net.

Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI)

ALL: Join the Teacher Leader Network!

The Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) invites all teachers interested in learning about how the [ITI Task Force Recommendations](#) support 21st century learning to participate in a one-day intensive training grounded on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Students and the K12 Computer Science Framework. Teachers that participate in the intensive will have an opportunity to join a community of like-minded learners to continue learning in a series of sessions that throughout the Spring 2018 semester.

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Location: TBD, [Flyer](#)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration: MyPLN (keyword TLN)

Compensation: Training Rate

For more information please contact Erika Solorio, *Coordinator*, erika.solorio@lausd.net, 213-241-5532.

Linked Learning

Linked Learning Professional Development Opportunity

The Linked Learning District Initiative will be offering a professional development opportunity for directors, principals, assistant principals, counselors and lead teachers. If you are from a current pathway or serve a current pathway and are looking to deepen your Linked Learning understanding, or if you are a newcomer interested in exploring the world of Linked Learning, we welcome you to this event. We recommend forming a pathway-centered team composed of an administrator, lead teachers, and counselor, but individuals currently in a Linked Learning pathway or individuals interested in learning about Linked Learning are also encouraged to participate. You will be compensated at your hourly rate.

Date and Time: January 4, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

Compensation: Attendee's hourly rate

Please use the following link to register: <http://tiny.cc/LLPD2017>

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Galindo in the Linked Learning office, ernestina.galindo@lausd.net 213-241-8745.

Mastery Learning and Grading

Mastery Learning and Grading: Facilitator Training

Would you like to build your school-site capacity to implement Mastery Learning and Grading practices?

In a series of five training days, participants will be provided with the time, deliberate practice, feedback, and resources that will equip them to lead teachers through the Mastery Learning and Grading five workshop series and that will build their capacity to support school-site implementation of research-based instructional and grading practices to optimize student learning and engender a growth mindset in students.

WHEN:

Day 1: Friday, January 26, 2018

Day 2: Friday, February 23, 2018

Day 3: Friday, March 16, 2018

Day 4: Friday, April 20, 2018

Day 5: Friday, May 18, 2018

*All days begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

** Participants must commit to attending all five training days.

WHERE:

Dr. Sammy Lee Elementary School Medical and Health Science Magnet

3600 Council Street

Los Angeles, CA 90004

If sub-coverage is necessary, school sites must provide it.

To sign up or learn more, please contact:

Melissa Guice, mjg7290@lausd.net, 213-241-6741

Chris Grounds, christopher.grounds@lausd.net, 213-241-6739

Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coaches

Mathematics (9-12)

Building Educators Assessment Literacy (BEAL) Training

The Division of Instruction, in partnership with the Local Districts will be offering a one-day professional learning opportunity for secondary math teachers interested in exploring performance tasks and their implications for instruction. Teachers will practice scoring student responses to the SBA performance task.

Date: December 9, 2017

Location: Mervyn M. Dymally High School

Compensation: Teachers will be paid training rate

Registration is through MyPLN. Flyer: <http://achieve.lausd.net/math>

For more information, please contact Philip Ogbuehi, *Secondary Math Coordinator*, philip.ogbuehi@lausd.net, 213-241-5333.

Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED)

Inside and Edge Official Online Platform is Now Live!

The official online platform for the *Inside* and *Edge* curriculum is now live. *Inside* is the new ELD 1-2 course curriculum for middle school. *Edge* is the ELD 1-4 course curriculum for high school. Registering teachers will have digital access to textbook materials, assessments, and lesson planning tools in this official online platform.

Students with a MyMail account and ELD teachers can access the new platform through the following link using their LAUSD Single Sign On: <http://lausd.cengage.com>.

Instructions on accessing the online platform are posted on the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department website: <https://achieve.lausd.net/mmed>.

For additional information, please contact Bernie Carrasco, *EL Expert*, bcarrasc@lausd.net, 213-241-5582.

Spanish Bilingual Program Teachers: Have you been Modified Oral Proficiency Interview (MOPI) trained?

Come learn the Modified Oral Proficiency Interview (MOPI) protocol to enhance your learning of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines to better understand your students' target language proficiency levels.

This 2-day specialized training is conducted by an ACTFL certified trainer.

Spanish Teachers (please choose ONE option)

Option 1: December 18 and 19, 2017

Location: Huntington Dr. ES

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration: <http://bit.ly/MOPINovDec>

Option 2: January 4 and 5, 2018

Location: TBD

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration: <http://bit.ly/MOPIJan>

Participants will be compensated at training rate.

For additional information, please contact Claudia Villar Lee, *Specialist*, claudia.lee@lausd.net, 213-241-5582.

Personalized Learning Systems

Schoology Online Gradebook Learning Opportunities

The Personalized Learning Systems (PLS) Department will be hosting several face-to-face learning opportunities for Learning Management System (LMS) Champions, secondary educators, and Options school educators currently using the Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology. Our website (<http://achieve.lausd.net/pls>) has a variety of resources available that can provide teachers with immediate guidance and assistance.

LMS Learning Labs for LMS Champions

In December, we will be hosting LMS Learning Labs focusing on Mastery Grading practices on the following dates and locations:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	December 7, 2017	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Zelzah Training Room
Monday	December 11, 2017	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Beaudry Training Room
Wednesday	December 13, 2017	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Angels Gate HS

Together we will review the following agenda topics:

1. Key Components of Mastery Grading
2. How to Setup a Mastery Grading Gradebook in Schoology
3. Mastery Learning and Grading Professional Development Options
4. Q & A

This learning opportunity is only available to LMS Champions. Space is limited due to training room capacity; therefore, please register early through **MyPLN** (Keyword: LMS Lab). Participants will be compensated for 3 hours at training rate (\$25 per hour) - two hours for face-to-face professional development and one hour of school site support.

LMS Open Labs for Educators

In December, all school site educators are invited to attend the [LMS Open Labs for Educators](http://bit.ly/LMSOpenLabs) (<http://bit.ly/LMSOpenLabs>) taking place on the following dates and locations:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Saturday	December 2, 2017	8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Kenter Canyon Elementary
Wednesday	December 6, 2017	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Hawkins High School
Saturday	December 9, 2017	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Kenter Canyon Elementary

Join us with your Schoology questions and/or concerns for personalized support. If you are interested in attending these voluntary LMS Open Labs for Educators, please register through **MyPLN** (Keyword: Open Lab).

LMS Training for Options Schools

The Personalized Learning Systems (PLS) Department is hosting face-to-face trainings tailored for Options School educators. Training will include best practices for setting up the Schoology Online Gradebook. LMS Champions at Options Schools along with two additional educators per school site will be compensated at training rate (\$25 per hour) for attendance. Options School Principals have received an email with registration directions.

Day	Date	Time	Location
Monday	December 4, 2017	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Soto Training Room
Tuesday	December 5, 2017	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Hawkins High School

For additional information, please contact Paulina Rock, *Interim Director*, pls@lausd.net, 213-241-3017.

STEAM

Visit the LAUSD STEAM Website for teacher resources!

[LAUSD STEAM Website](#) has updated information and resources to empower school communities to integrate science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics through the process of critical thinking, communication, creativity, and collaboration to foster student innovation.

Calling all high school entrepreneurs!

High school student teams can register for a chance to receive a \$50,000 funding to build a company from scratch. Find out more at <http://www.foundersbootcamp.org>.

LADWP 2018 Science Bowl XXVI Accepting High School Team Applications

LADWP Science Bowl is an official regional competition of the U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl. The regional championship team receives an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete at the National Science Bowl.

Deadline to complete a two-step application is Friday, December 15, 2017.

Visit www.ladwp.com/sciencebowl for more information.

For additional information, please contact Karen Jin, *STEAM Coordinator*, karen.jin@lausd.net, 213-241-5521.

For the month of December, LAUSD has the following observances and commemorative events:

Observance	Resource Links
American Library Association Celebrate in December	ALA Publishing
National Special Education Day	http://specialeducationday.com/