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Contact: Integrated Library & Textbook Support Services at (213) 241-2733

Literacy & Language Arts

DIBELS/IDEL/TRC Assessment Window Open until Feb 4 – Benchmark 2 for DIBELS/IDEL/TRC began Nov. 28 and ends Feb. 4. The Oral Language Screener (OL) is an optional assessment, also available on the Amplify platform for TK-2 students. New SSO links may require clearing of browser history when using for the first time: [mClass Reporting](#) [mClass Testing](#) [Amplify Resources](#)

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Mathematics

My Math Digital Textbook Access for RSP Teachers and Math Support Personnel – RSP teachers and those who support math instruction can now access the [My Math digital platform](#) through Single Sign-On.

Lisa Ward, Coordinator, Elementary Math, elizabeth.ward@lausd.net, (213) 241-6444

Multilingual, Multicultural Education Department

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Announcing New Progress Report E-learning Module in MyPLN – The Division of Instruction has developed a e-learning module on the new elementary progress report available on [MyPLN](#) starting January 17, 2017. This e-learning is in preparation for the activation of the new elementary CA content standards progress report in MiSiS for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please see the [trailer](#) to the module. For additional resources and to view the drafts of the new progress report, please visit [this webpage](#).

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Registration available through [MyPLN](#) (Keyword: Schoology)

Science

Elementary Science Lab Managers NGSS Professional Development – This professional development will provide the science lab manager/coordinator an opportunity to begin understanding the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in context of the current science curriculum available (FOSS CA).

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017

Location: TBD

Information
[Website](#)

Compensation
N/A

Registration
[Link](#)

Contact
[Lillian Valadez-Rodriguez](#)

Student Integration Services – Magnet Program

On-line Magnet Verification for Transitional Kindergarten Applicants Applying to First Grade – The Online Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Verification Process will be available in the Principal's Portal, Monday, January 9, 2017. Principals will use this process to verify District TK students who have applied to first grade magnet schools/centers. The deadline for submission is Monday, January 23, 2017.

For instructions and information, please refer to [MEM-6624.1](#), *On-line Magnet Verification for Transitional Kindergarten Applicants Applying to First Grade*, dated August 11, 2016.

Online Magnet Verification for Gifted/High Ability Applicants – The Verification Process for Gifted/High Ability Magnet Applicants will be available in the Principal's Portal, Monday, January 9, 2017. Principals/administrative designees will use an electronic process to verify District students who have applied to Gifted/High Ability Magnet Schools/Centers. These applicants have not been previously verified or identified based on District records. The deadline for submission is Monday, January 23, 2017.

[MEM-3391.11](#), *On-Line Magnet Verification for Gifted/High Ability Applicants*, September 22, 2016.

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Academic and Counseling Services

Los Angeles Association of School Psychologists (LAASP) Memorial Scholarship School Psychologists from within LAUSD provide funds for several scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to qualified high school seniors who will graduate from LAUSD and has aspirations of entering the educational field. Student must demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. Applications are due by Friday, April 28, 2017.

Contact: Sharon Williams, Scholarship Chairperson, (310) 703-7072

Advanced Learning Options

AP Workshops for High School Teachers, February 4, 2017 – Advanced Learning Options is offering AP Workshops on Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Physics, U.S. Government, U.S. History, and World History. Workshops are open to current AP Teachers and prospective AP teachers with principal's approval. Register through [MyPLN](#). [More Information](#)

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Princeton University Summer Journalism Program

The **Princeton University Summer Journalism Program** is an all-expenses-paid journalism and college preparation program at Princeton University for high school juniors from low-income backgrounds. In this program, students learn reporting skills from celebrated journalists, report and write their own newspaper, and are paired with a counselor who oversees their college admissions process. SJP alumni have gone on to jobs and internships at The New York Times, The New Yorker, NPR, and many other news outlets.

The application process for the 2017 summer is now open. The application can be found at www.princeton.edu/sjp and is due at 11:59pm EST on Friday, February 24, 2017.

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