

## DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION SECONDARY INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE JANUARY 2018





# Learning Invitations



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### **Scholarship Opportunities**

#### Warren Christopher Scholarship 2018

Each year the Warren Christopher Scholarship is open to promising 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who demonstrate academic excellence, a commitment to community service, financial need, and ability to overcome hardship. Upon graduation from high school, and enrollment in an accredited college or university, each Christopher Scholar receives a financial award of up to \$20,000. The Warren Christopher Scholarship Awards are intended to encourage promising high school students to continue to excel, graduate, and pursue a college education.

#### Timeline:

Online Nomination due, Friday, February 9, 2018 Online Application due, Friday, March 9, 2018

For additional information, please contact Cindy Lin, *Specialist*, <u>cml22671@lausd.net</u>, (213)241-6688.

#### Ethnic Studies, Humanities and Related Social Sciences

#### Religious Landscapes of L.A.

The Center for the Study of Religion at UCLA is offering a two-week institute (July 9-20, 2018) for K-12 educators on teaching religious diversity in a manner that draws attention, not only to differences that distinguish religious traditions from one another, but also commonalities that give us a deeper appreciation for shared ethical norms and values. *The History/Social Science Framework for California Public Schools* acknowledges the importance of teaching about religions, describing it as one of the distinguishing characteristics of an exemplary history/social science program. An understanding of the world's major religions is in the Framework's cultural literacy strand for all grade levels. To learn more about the institute and how to apply, go to their webpage at <a href="http://religion.ucla.edu/conference/2017religiouslandscapes/">http://religion.ucla.edu/conference/2017religiouslandscapes/</a>.

#### Mastery Learning and Grading

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#### Mastery Learning and Grading: Facilitator Training

Would you like to have your own school-site Mastery Learning and Grading facilitator? In a series of five training days, participants will be provided with 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: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

#### WHERE:

Dr. Sammy Lee Elementary Medical and Health Science Magnet

3600 Council Street

Los Angeles, CA 90004

If substitute coverage is necessary, school sites must provide it.

#### To sign up or learn more, please contact:

Melissa Guice, mig7290@lausd.net, (213)241-6741

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

Division of Instruction, Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coaches

#### **Mathematics**

#### Transition to College Mathematics and Statistics Course

Consider adding a new course to your master schedule in Fall 2018. TCMS is a course developed by Cal State Northridge as a fourth-year math course to prepare students for college-level mathematics without remediation.

Teachers selected to teach the course must attend one of the following two all-day sessions: June 14, 2018 or August 2, 2018

For additional information, please contact Philip Obguehi, Secondary Math Coordinator, philip.ogbuehi@lausd.net, (213)241-2492.

#### Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED)

## English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC) Summative Assessment Window: February 1-May 31, 2018

The ELPAC Summative Assessment window is scheduled from February 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. All teachers that will be administering the ELPAC Summative Assessment to English learners will need to be trained in the ELPAC Part I training (ELPAC Administration Training-1 hour) and ELPAC Part II Training (ELPAC Scoring Calibration-approximately 2 hours) for teachers. All English learners will be assessed with the ELPAC Summative assessment during the ELPAC assessment window.

For more information, contact your school's EL Designee.

#### 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. Roster carrying teachers will have digital access to textbook materials, assessments, and lesson planning tools on 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: <a href="http://lausd.cengage.com">http://lausd.cengage.com</a>.

Instructions on accessing the online platform and setting up student MyMail accounts are posted on the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department website: <a href="https://achieve.lausd.net/mmed">https://achieve.lausd.net/mmed</a>

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

#### Spanish Writing Contest / Escribo en Espanol

Students in Spanish Dual Language as well as students taking Spanish as a LOTE course in grades 3 to 11 have the opportunity to participate in a Spanish writing contest sponsored by the Education Office of the Consulate General of Spain and the California Department of Education. For more information, please follow this link: <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/eeuu/oficinas-y-Programas/Agregaduria-de-los-Angeles.html">http://www.mecd.gob.es/eeuu/oficinas-y-Programas/Agregaduria-de-los-Angeles.html</a>

For additional information, please contact Mara Bommarito, Director, mbommant@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 LMS Champions throughout the Spring semester.

Secondary school LMS Champions, please join us on a monthly basis as we review different features of the Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology.

February: Personalized Content & Instruction

March: Rubrics and Scales

**April:** Assessments

May/June: End of Year Course Management

Several dates and locations are available each month. Please see our <u>flyer</u> for more information (<a href="http://bit.ly/lmslabSpring18">http://bit.ly/lmslabSpring18</a>) and register through <a href="http://bit.ly/lmslabSpring18">MyPLN</a> (Keyword: LMS Lab).

Participants will be compensated for 3 hours at training rate—two hours face to face professional development and one hour of school site support.

LMS Champions were selected by principals as lead teachers and have attended previous MiSiS Online Gradebook training.

For more information contact Clara García, Specialist, clara.garcia@lausd.net, (213)241-3017.

#### Science

#### Middle School Formative Assessment for Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Instructions

Two-day professional development on formative assessment for Next Generation Science Standards instruction. Participants will:

- 1- Experience an NGSS unit and how assessment might support 3-dimensional learning
- 2- Practice using Formative Assessment Techniques for NGSS instruction
- 3- Learn how to use multiple free online platforms to get instant feedback from students

**Location:** Gage Middle School **Dates:** January 20 and 27, 2018 **Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: San Fernando Institute of Applied Media

**Dates:** March 3 and 10, 2018 **Time:** 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Registration:** <a href="http://bit.ly/LAUSD-FA-MS-PD">http://bit.ly/LAUSD-FA-MS-PD</a>
Participants will be compensated at Training Rate

For additional information, please contact Ayham Dahi, *Secondary Science Coordinator*, <u>ayham.dahi@lausd.net</u>, (213)241-6876.

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

Observance	Resource Links
Data Privacy Day	https://staysafeonline.org/data-privacy-day/
Commemorating the Life of Martin Luther King Jr.	http://www.thekingcenter.org
National Day of Service	https://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday
National Mentoring Month	http://www.mentoring.org/our- work/campaigns/national-mentoring-month/