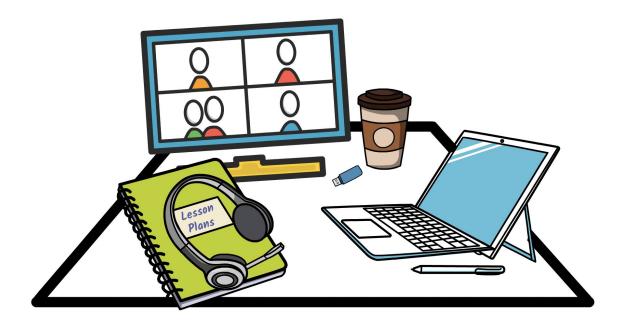


# Resources for New Teachers to Support Student Learning



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# Student Learning **Tips for Teachers**



Prepared in support of educators by the Teacher Development and Support Branch Human Resources Division



### BE FLEXIBLE

Anticipate challenges and have a back up plan. Use a messaging system (e.g. Schoology, Class Dojo, or Google Telephone) to communicate with families.



### STAY IN TOUCH

Be a part of a community of educators. Share tips and challenges with colleagues from inside and outside of your school site. Follow a blog. Start a chat room. Join an Online Educator group.

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## Teacher Resources Virtual Teaching and Learning



#### FEEDBACK TO STUDENTS

#### Suggestions on the use of apps and platforms to incorporate digital feedback into the learning cycle

### WHY

Specific feedback guides students to revise and improve their work, fostering self-efficacy and a growth mindset. Feedback that is timely, frequent, relevant, accurate, and aligned to the instructional outcome is even more critical in a remote or hybrid learning environment given that face-to face interactions with teachers is more limited than when learning in a traditional classroom.

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Teaching and Learning Framework Focus Element: 3d3 Feedback to Students: "Students receive specific and timely feedback that will move their learning forward."

#### HOW



#### Distance learning considerations:

Unlike in the traditional classroom setting, the teacher cannot look over the shoulder and provide feedback to students in the form of a quick corrective comment or guiding question. Providing individual, targeted feedback to students in an online environment requires intentional focus and strategies. Below are a few suggestions using common online tools for providing feedback to students:

- · Post Anchor Charts and Rubrics for each assignment in Schoology.
- Provide teacher recorded feedback through Schoology.
- Provide teacher written comments via Schoology or Google Docs.
- Provide comments on written work through edit tools in Microsoft or Google Classroom.
- Provide peer feedback opportunities through ZOOM/Teams breakout groups with facilitation by a
  paraprofessional.
- Provide peer feedback opportunities through Zoom/Teams breakout groups with an appointed student facilitator following a predetermined protocol selected by the teacher.
- Provide personalized feedback during office hours through appointments utilizing a shared calendar.
- Provide office hours for students to log in at designated times to receive timely feedback on assignments.

#### WHAT



In "<u>3 Strategies for Providing Online Feedback</u>," Catlin Tucker discusses how to utilize online tools (video and audio) to provide feedback on student work:

Tips for providing feedback:



The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching has a <u>15-minute video</u> providing guidance on providing high quality student feedback in a virtual learning environment.





# Tips For In-Person Learning: Engagement and Rigor

When students are engaged in their learning, they are willingly and actively involved in the work. Engaged students are genuinely curious about the topic and can make spontaneous intellectual connections between the subject, other information they have learned, and their own life experiences.

# WAYS THAT TEACHERS CAN ENGAGE STUDENTS IN LEARNING:

ACTIVATE PRIOR	SPARK CURIOSITY		POSE REAL-LIFE		FOSTER ACTIVE	
KNOWLEDGE			PROBLEMS		INVESTIGATION	
ALLOW SELF- DIRECTED EXPLORATION	PROMOTE GROUP INTERACTION		ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION		INSPIRE LIVELY DISCUSSION	
OFFER CHOICES	TAP INTO		TAP INTO		TAP INTO	
	INDIVIDUAL		INDIVIDUAL		INDIVIDUAL	
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Several prominent educators have designed strategies and approaches to assist teachers in creating highly engaging instructional programs.

<u>Kagan structures</u> <u>Whole Brain Teaching</u> <u>Strategies</u> <u>Project Based Learning (PBL)</u> <u>Marcia Tate's Brain-based Learning</u>





# Tips For In-Person Learning: Planning for Success

Good lesson planning is essential to the process of teaching and learning. A teacher who is prepared is well on his/her way to a successful instructional experience.

#### ESTABLISH A POSITIVE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

- Make the classroom a pleasant, friendly place
- Accept individual differences
- Learning activities should be cooperative and supportive
- Create a non-threatening learning environment
- Organize physical space; eliminate situations that may be dangerous or disruptive
- Establish classroom rules and procedures and consistently reinforce them

#### **MAINTAIN STUDENT ATTENTION**

- Use random selection in calling upon students
- Vary who you call on and how you call on them
- After posing a question, wait at least five seconds for a response
- Be animated; show enthusiasm and interest
- Reinforce student efforts with praise
- Vary instructional methods
- Provide work of appropriate difficulty

## ALLOW A VARIETY OF GROUP AND COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

- Structure group work so all understand the task
- Group students thoughtfully and purposely
- Monitor group activity; move around to check on progress
- Make groups accountable for products and sharing with class

#### **REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE LESSON**

 Summarize the lesson and positive learning with students

- Demonstrate and model the types of responses or tasks you want students to perform
- Provide guided practice for students; monitor responses and deliver immediate corrective feedback

**BEGIN LESSONS BY GIVING CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS** 

State desired quality of work

procedures

Have students paraphrase directions

Ensure that everyone is paying attention

• Start with a highly motivating activity

Build lesson upon prior student knowledge

Ensure that all distractions have been removed

Describe expectations, activities, and evaluation

• Watch for cues that students are becoming confused, bored or restless

## PROVIDE SUITABLE INDIVIDUAL, INDEPENDENT STUDENT WORK

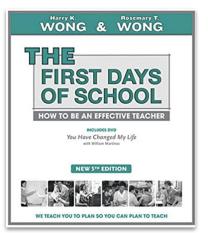
- Individual, independent work should be purposefully assigned
- Develop procedures for seeking assistance; have a "help" signal
- Develop procedures for what to do when finished
- Move around to monitor seatwork
- Provide opportunities for students to share learning
- Determine if the lesson was successful; were goals accomplished
- Plan ways to reteach or reinforce, if necessary





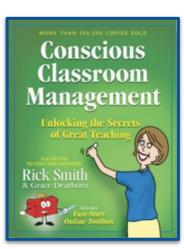
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Harry and Rosemary Wong's Book, *The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher,* teaches how to establish routines and procedures and effective classroom management. Check to see if there is one at your school site!

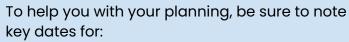
## **Classroom Management**



#### <u>Rick Smith -</u> <u>Unlocking the Secrets of</u> <u>Great Teaching.</u>

This is a great resource for new teachers to find classroom management strategies and procedures. The website has "Free Stuff", a newsletter that you can subscribe to, a resource bank, lesson plans, and more.

## Calendars & Standards For Backwards Planning



- a. Grading windows
- b. Unassigned days/Holidays
- c. Testing (RI, ELPAC, SBAC, CAST, AP, etc.)
- d. Final Exams
- e. School Events

2023-24 LAUSD Month by Month Instructional Calendar 2023-24 State and National Mandated Testing Calendars

<u>Content Standards - California Department of</u> <u>Education</u>



Video excerpt of Harry Wong's 3-steps for teaching a procedure linked to photo.





## A Guide to

# **State and County Resources**

### California Department of Education: Free Resources for Distance Learning

This is a non-comprehensive list of publishers offering <u>free</u> <u>learning resources.</u> At the URL linked on the right, users can learn about the specific resources available as



publishers continue to expand their offerings. Districts are not mandated to utilize only state-adopted instructional materials, and many classrooms utilize a network of resources. In this list, educators and parents/guardians may discover the individual resources they want for a particular need.

## Los Angeles County Office of Education Digital Resources for K-12 Educators

21st Century students and educators require and deserve the latest in

premium digital content. LACOE provides everything from media-on-demand for the K-12 classroom to e-books for professional reading. Download to your desktop or mobile device, and enjoy immediate and easy access to the best in educational digital resources 24/7.

### San Diego County Office of Education: Distance Learning Units of Study



**Office of Education** 

The San Diego County Office of Education Curriculum and Instruction, MEGA, and Innovation Departments have collaborated to provide Curriculum and Instruction support for classroom teachers. Click on Units of Study for downloadable content by grade level. Scroll to the bottom for more content support.



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# A Guide to L.A. Unified **Teacher Resources**

### LAUSD Division of Instruction

The following departments & their resources are housed within the Division of Instruction: Instructional Technology Initiative,, Arts Education, PreK-Adult Instruction, Early Childhood Education



### Microsoft Immersive Reader - Overview

Microsoft Product Manager Mike Tholfsen shows how you can improve student reading skills with Microsoft Learning Tools such as Immersive Reader. Students use Microsoft Immersive Reader to manipulate font, translate, see a picture definition and break up words by syllable.



Deep Dive - Immersive Reader uses

proven techniques to enhance:

- Reading comprehension
- Language learning
- Decoding for readers with dyslexia

### **Special Education**

The focus is on intentionally designing and delivering inclusive environments for students at every opportunity to maximize learning.

Multilingual and **Multicultural Education Department** 

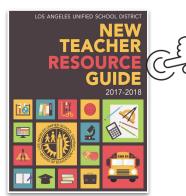


MMED supports teachers in work towards bilingualism and biliteracy for all by ensuring equity, access and opportunities for all students.



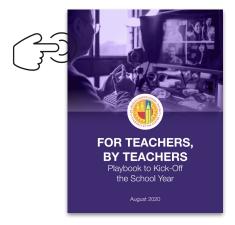


# A Guide to Some LAUSD Teacher Resources



Los Angeles Unified (L.A. Unified) New Teacher Resource Guide The educators in the Los Angeles Unified School District reflect the vibrancy, diversity and energy of Los Angeles itself, and we welcome you to this dynamic and forward-looking community. We hope that this New Teacher Resource Guide will provide you with useful information and tools to assist you through your first years.

This handbook was created by L.A. Unified teachers and administrators to support fellow teachers, administrators, students, and families as they prepared for online learning. The handbook is designed to share promising practices, lessons, and resources. These lessons and resources focus on building routines and procedures for success. Many provide support with utilizing online tools and social emotional learning. This handbook contains information on daily schedules and digital citizenship as well as a curated list of asynchronous professional development resources available through MyPLN.





Parent Student Handbook 2022-23 English & Spanish This is a terrific resource for understanding and working with parents and families.





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### New Teacher Resource Guide

This 2018 guide was designed to provide resources and tools to build skills for new teachers and to familiarize teachers with the procedures and policies of L.A. Unified.



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The Parents' Guides to Student Success These guides for parents were developed by teachers, parents and education experts in response to the Common Core

State Standards that more than

45 states have adopted.

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in education. We show people

practices, and we tell stories of

learning in the real world." They

have current topics and videos!

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This guide from the

Parent Conference Guide

**Global Family** Global Family Research Research Project Project is designed to support educators and families in conducting productive, successful parent-teacher conferences. Available in English and Spanish.

Digital Citizenship Curriculum Use digital citizenship lesson plans to address timely topics and prepare students to take ownership of their digital lives.

Common sense education

### Newsela

Newsela is an instructional content tool that allows teachers to find articles with appropriate reading levels for their students and to bring



real life events into their classrooms with engaging content and analytics.



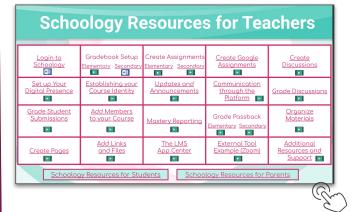


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# Schoology Tips for Teachers **Teacher Resources**

### Schoology Job Aids & Videos



Click on this resource to access links to Schoology Job Aids and Videos that will help you with many aspects of the L.A. Unified Personalized Learning Systems (PLS). Schoology is a Learning Management System (LMS) in the PLS.



This LAUSD Schoology page provides visitors information for accessing a demo Schoology site where you can explore many of the Schoology features included with your LAUSD account. Resources for teachers/employees are linked here.





# A Guide to L.A. Unified Curriculum Websites & Lesson Plans

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#### District Instructional Resources

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Look for instructional resources, curriculum maps, updates, publications and many more resources.

## Pre K to Adult Instruction



Look for instructional resources organized by both grade level and subject matter.

## History/Social Studies



Look for content-based textbook links, web resources, guidelines for instruction, curriculum and more.

## Literacy/Language Arts

Literacy & Language Arts

Look for content-based textbook links, web resources, guidelines for instruction, curriculum and more.

### Mathematics



Look for content-based textbook links, web resources, guidelines for instruction, curriculum and more.

### Science



Look for content-based textbook links, web resources, guidelines for instruction, curriculum and more.





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Arts Education

Look for content-based resources to support dance, music, theatre, visual and media arts for all LAUSD students, from every culture and socioeconomic level. Health Education



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Look for content-based web resources, standards, guidelines for instruction, matrices and more.

### Physical Education

Physical Education

Look for content-based web resources, guidelines for instruction, curriculum maps and more.

**Special Education resources** 

### Early Childhood Education

Look for resources to



prepare students for success in school and life, while valuing the needs, languages, and cultures of all students, families, staff and communities.

The Special Education resource shared here was compiled by two of our National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) and shared with the Teacher Support Unit. More tips and tricks from the authors can be found <u>here</u>.



These are a few of the excellent blogs and websites with good information for new teachers. Click through, investigate, and consider curating your own list of go to blogs and websites!

Edutopia - A trusted source shining a spotlight on what works in education. They show people how they can adopt or adapt best practices, and tell stories of innovation and continuous learning in the real world. From the George Lucas Educational Foundation. Search for *Resources Toolkit for New Teachers* 

\*\* <u>Cult of Pedagogy</u> - On this page, all the posts are chunked into three big buckets. If you want to get more specific, use the search bar at the top of this page

\*\* <u>Library of Congress Teacher Program</u> The Library of Congress offers classroom materials and professional development to help teachers effectively use primary sources from the Library's vast digital collections in their teaching.

<u>The Learning Network</u> - The Learning Network blog is run by the New York Times. Their primary target audiences are teachers, students and parents who want to use the NYT's content as inspiration for lesson plans. Teachers can use the "Text to Text" tool to organize courses in a variety of areas, including American history and social studies.

\*\* <u>Common Sense Education</u> - Digital citizenship resources, Ed Tech ratings and reviews, professional development, and so much more!

#### <u>The Smithsonian Learning Lab</u>, <u>Learn with</u> <u>Smithsonian</u>, and <u>Educator Resources</u>

provide amazing primary sources, field trips, and resources from all of the Smithsonian museums. There is a rich array of materials for all content areas, films, photographs, and even tools to guide your students' analysis of those resources.

# Tech tools and resources

Begin with your learning goals for your students. What tool might make your lessons more effective?

### Instructional Technology

Curate a list of YouTube videos and websites to support your instruction. Be sure to enable the closed captioning, and preview the entire video before using with students.Click here to learn <u>How to Turn Off Autoplay Videos</u>.

Here is a good starter list of websites to investigate:

Technology focused:

- New EdTech Classroom Screencastify, Apps, Nearpod, Google Tips & tools
- Kevin Stratvert high quality, free, & easy tutorials for all things Microsoft & more

Instruction focused:

- Bozeman Science Paul Andersen's video essentials for AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, and AP Physics 1&2 are aligned to the AP curriculum. He also has created a series of videos on the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Stanford History Education Group In addition to their continuing program, SHEG's current work focuses on how young people evaluate online content. SHEG has created a Civic Online Reasoning curriculum to help students develop the skills needed to navigate our current digital landscape.
- Top Ten Free lesson Planning Resources for Teachers - PhET, NCTM Illuminations, Epic, and more.







## SEL RESOURCES FOR USE WITH STUDENTS

Collected and Linked from the Sphero Blog https://sphero.com/

### 7 Coping Strategies for Kids



Everybody experiences stress and deals with stress differently. When kids experience stress, though, they may not have the ability to manage these stressful feelings using healthy behavior. So, it's important to recognize when students are feeling stressed and help them reduce stress.

### Relaxation Techniques to Reduce Stress in the Classroom



Today, children and teens face many different issues from a variety of influences like academic, personal, extracurricular, and social pressures, all while they are also <u>learning to develop</u> emotionally. Links and descriptions for 7 Coping strategies are provided.

### Stress Management for Kids: 9 Ways To Reduce Student Stress In 2022



At every age and in a variety of situations, a person experiences stress. Luckily, stress doesn't have to conquer the day. You can apply some well-researched relaxation techniques that'll help you to meet the demands of your next project or presentation. Read on to find out more about the benefits of these relaxation techniques and how to apply them to your classroom situations.





# Setting up your classroom Collected and Linked from the Sphero Blog

https://sphero.com/

### 5 Helpful Tips for Setting Up the **Kindergarten Classroom**

### **Elementary Classroom Guide:** Here's Everything You Need to Know



As Margaret Berry Wilson, author and veteran teacher, states in her book about the kindergarten classroom, What Every Kindergarten Teacher Needs to Know, "Think preparation, not decoration." In other words, the classroom setup needs to support the students' learning and activities while providing a safe and intellectually stimulating environment.



Setting up your own elementary classroom requires some planning and creativity. Each set of cubbies, each seating area, and each bulletin plays a role in promoting safety while offering a variety of educational opportunities that engage students who have their unique learning styles. While this is no small task, you'll find some strategies and tips in this guide that'll help get you started.

To help you with your planning, be sure to note key dates for:

a. Grading windows

- d. Final Exams
- e. School Events
- c. Testing (RI, ELPAC, SBAC, CAST, AP)

b. Unassigned days/Holidays

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## Setting up your classroom



#### Resources for New Teachers | Classroom Ideas

Ready Set Go. A new teacher guide. Resources to help new teachers succeed. From planning lessons to working with parents, the responsibilities of teachers span far and wide. Sometimes it's hard to know if you know enough. Whether you're a brand-new educator or have a couple of teaching years behind you, step into the classroom ready to help your students succeed.

#### New Teacher Survival Guide - Teaching Channel

Resources and advice for new teachers. In this Deep Dive we answer essential questions that all new teachers have. Also included are great videos full of Information and strategies for your classroom.

#### PreK-12 Resources for New School Routines - PBS Learning

As teachers, students, and families enter an uncertain school year with new routines, both in-person and virtual, PBS LearningMedia offers this special collection of flexible resources to support learning from anywhere.



#### \* New Teacher Resources | First Year Teaching Advice

Full Library of Resources for New Teachers. Get help with disciplining your students, lesson methodologies, the first day of school, maintaining both authority and fairness, assessing your students' work, teaching English-language learners and students with special needs, forming a relationship with parents, and more. we curated a collection of resources just for new teachers. Whether you're a first year teacher of elementary school, middle school or high school, these resources will help you grow and thrive as a new teacher.



PreK-12 Resources

for New School Routines



## Setting up your classroom

Collected and Linked from the Sphero Blog https://sphero.com/

### The Middle School Classroom: Here's Everything You Need to Know



They're not little kids anymore, yet they're not fully acclimated to being a teenager. Between the more designated content areas to P.E. (let's face it, it's not considered recess anymore), middle school carries its own special milestones and rewards along with its own challenges. So how would you design a middle school classroom and outline management procedures that fit well with this group that falls in the limbo between elementary and high school?

### Learning About Auditory Learners



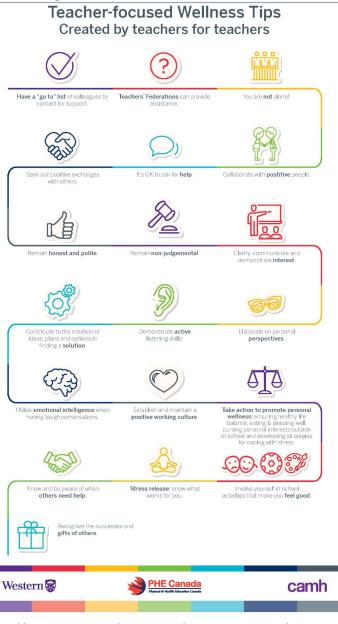
As you dive into your lessons, you might make some observations about <u>the way</u> <u>students learn</u>. If you notice that some students best understand directions that are spoken or read aloud to them, they might be auditory learners. Plus, you'll see these students reading aloud to themselves even in a low whisper or at least moving their lips as they go. Furthermore, they retain information, like song lyrics, a nursery rhyme, or a poem, that they have heard and are anxious to recite or explain. Additionally, they're more likely to request a repeat of the instructions to clarify the task.

Keeping the traits of auditory learners in mind, there are numerous ways to build sound, music, speaking, and listening into your daily instruction. Here are a few tips.





teachresiliency



https://phecanada.ca/programs/teach-resiliency/resources /teacher-focused-wellness-tips

## Teacher Wellness & Self Care

#### 8 dimensions of wellness for educators -

Teacher wellness influences school culture and climate, instruction, and students' academic, personal, and emotional development (Sackney et al., 2000). It also affects the stability of the workforce. Read to explore why educator wellness is important and what you can do to achieve & maintain wellness for yourself.

#### Educator Wellness: Self-Care in a Selfless

Field - If you fly with any regularity, you're likely very familiar with the flight attendant's instructions to place the oxygen mask on yourself before assisting children. The reason, of course, is that you can't do a very good job if you don't take care of yourself first. Particularly in challenging situations, this is absolutely vital. Teaching is very much like this! This article presents one pathway to educator wellness.

Prioritizing Teacher Self-Care How you think about yourself matters to your teaching practice, and these tips can help you persevere through moments of self-doubt.

<u>Teacher Wellness</u> - Hitting a wall? Explore self-care strategies to battle teacher burnout, and rediscover your inner superhero to bring excitement and creativity back into your classroom.







#### \*\* New Teacher Resources-Webinars and Downloadable Content

Teaching tips, webinars for teachers, new teacher resources – Learners Edge wants to provide you with the resources to help you in your teaching career.



#### \*\*25 Best Free Sites for Teacher Resources - RefSeek

RefSeek's guide to the 25 best sites for free teacher resources. Listed sites offer lessons, classroom activities, collaboration tools, and printouts for free though most require account registration.



#### <u>Teacher Resources for LAUSD Teachers- Huntington Park High</u> <u>School</u>

To Access LAUSD's Resources Click Here ... elibrary Database Edition ProQuest Central Student ProQuest Research Companion Schools and Educators Complete.



#### 37 Amazing Sources for Free Teacher Resources

Apr 26, 2021 — 37 Amazing Sources for Free Teacher Resources – Audubon for Kids, Amazon Ignite\*, Arts Edge, Code.org, Common Lit, Common Sense, and more!





Essential Class Jobs for the Middle School Classroom of Tomorrow - Created by Thom Gibson, New EdTech Classroom

#### Teacher Resources - Nearpod Get new ideas and inspiration to bring to your next lesson! Nearpod Blog.







# **Nearpod Resources**

Nearpod Youtube Channel <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/Nearpod</u>

Creating your first Nearpod lesson <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stlWHnJx5rc</u>

Creating Interactive videos https://youtu.be/swZF-TrYUbE

Finding lessons and videos in the Nearpod library https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TASkbHHwszY

Formative Assessment <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZOqAOf\_lt4</u>

Nearpod's Youtube playlist <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/Nearpod/playlists</u>

Nearpod Technical requirements <u>https://nearpod.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/205095555</u> <u>-Technical-Requirements</u>





# A Guide to LAUSD Region Provided Resources

**REGION EAST ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN







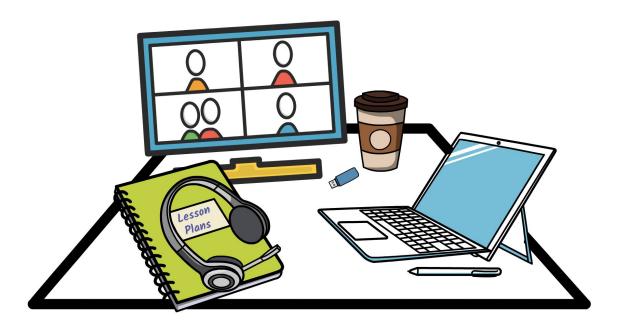


Building Capacity, Cultivating School Cultures and Eliminating Inequities

Consider exploring all LAUSD Region websites. They have different structures and may provide different resources







# Relax, you've got this.

We wish you a wonderful, effective and rewarding teaching career!

