



Community Advisory Committee
Division of Special Education Report
February 2021

Division of Special Education Update

Status on Individualized Education Program (IEP) team meetings

During this global pandemic LAUSD and the Division of Special Education continues its commitment to holding IEP team meetings on time. With the implementation of remote learning assessments and in-person assessments, as of February 5, 2021 LAUSD has conducted approximately 42,930 IEP team meetings during the 2020-21 school year. Parents are encouraged to participate in IEP team meetings virtually and/or via telephone, and if there are any questions on how to do so, please reach out to your child's case carrier or administrator. The District is continuing to send text message reminders to parents regarding scheduled IEP team meetings and reminders on returning the consent page (either in agreement or disagreements to all or part of the IEP). In addition, the "Virtual IEP Team Meeting Informational Video for Parents" is available in English and Spanish on the Division of Special Education – Resources for Families During Distance Learning webpage at <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/17242>.

Local Plan 2021-24

The Los Angeles Unified is organizing a series of working group sessions on the development of the 2021-24 LAUSD SELPA Local Plan. The objective of the sessions is to offer opportunities for all our valued stakeholder groups to provide input and feedback. Our goal is to present the Local Plan at our March CAC meetings.

The table below lists the logistical and content information for the series of workshops/presentations.

Date	Time	Topic/Section	Description
2/12/21	3:00-4:30 PM	Section A: Contact and Certifications Section B: Governance and Administration	Overview of LAUSD Leadership and CAC structure Operation of SpEd programs
2/19/21	3:00-4:30 PM	Section B: Governance and Administration	Representation & participation of SELPA CAC (Develop, review, recommend, amend the local plan)
2/26/21	3:00-4:30 PM	Section B: Governance and Administration	Operation of Special Education programs (Advices parent guardians – due process and procedural safeguards as provided by the law)
3/5/21	3:00-4:30 PM	Section D and E: Annual Services and Budget Plan Attachments	Overview of allocation & distributions of SpEd funds Operation of SpEd programs
3/13/21	10:00-1:30 PM	Local Plan Deep Dive	This Saturday workshop will be geared on providing a deeper understanding for parents on the key elements of the 2021-24 LAUSD SELPA Local Plan. Session will include breakout rooms.



Discovery Education Experience

Digital tool: Discovery Education Experience

Grades: K-12

Subjects: All Subject Areas

Discovery Education Experience is a one-stop shop in which families can discover dynamic educational content to engage and support their children. From themed “grab-and-go” daily activities to captivating Virtual Field Trips and immersive student challenges, Discovery Education Experience offers families secure, reliable resources to help students continue learning outside of the traditional school day.

How does this help students with disabilities?

Discovery Education provides many supports for ALL learners by using online instructional strategies and the features of multimodal text and resources.

Visit <https://help.discoveryeducation.com/hc/en-us/sections/360009761974-Family-Center> to obtain more information.

How can a student access Discovery Education?

1. Go to <https://lausd.discoveryeducation.com>
Student enters their LAUSD email and password (or)
2. Go to Schoology: Select “Waffle” icon and scroll to find Discovery Education.

Student View Unique Learning System

For students utilizing the Unique Learning System, “Student View” is a way for teachers to share lessons for independent practice as homework or during asynchronous distance learning. In addition, Student View integrates news articles through News-2-You and communication boards through SymbolStix and all of it can be accessed through Schoology. Ask your student’s teacher about accessing student view and receiving an individualized set of lessons for each month. Visit n2y webpage with Student View information:

<https://n2y.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360045963574-How-Do-I-Use-Student-View->

Parent Portal

As a friendly reminder, we highly encourage all parents to access the Parent Portal where various special education documents (i.e., IEP) and reports (i.e., service tracking) are available. To access the Parent Portal, visit:

<https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/>

Phone Numbers

LAUSD General Hotline: 213-431-4300

Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services: 213-241-6701

LAUSD School Mental Health Hotline: 213-241-3840

Technology Access: 213-443-1300

Websites

Division of Special Education: <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>

General Resources During School Closure: <https://achieve.lausd.net/resources>

Office of Parent and Community Services (PCS): <https://achieve.lausd.net/pcss>



SELPA/CDE Information

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA): Preschool During the Pandemic Series

This series, a project by ECTA and produced by Larry Edelman, shares the experiences of practitioners and families from across the country and illustrates how the fields of early education and early childhood special education are successfully supporting preschoolers and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The following episodes are currently available:

- Episode #1: Overview: Early Childhood Education in Extraordinary Times
- Episode #2: Teaching Through the Screen, Not On It
- Episode #3: Reflections on Inclusion in Remote Preschool
- Episode #4: Equity and Family Support
- Episode #5: Alia Goes Back to Preschool
- Episode #6: Bringing a Virtual Classroom to Life
- Episode #7: My Virtual Preschool Classroom
- Episode #8: Noah and Pop-Pop Go to Preschool
- Episode #9: Back to the Classroom: Balancing Social Development and Safety
- Episode #10: Promoting Social Skills in a Virtual Classroom
- Episode #11: Rising to the Occasion
- Episode #12: Engaging Preschoolers with Green Screens

For access to the video series, visit the [ECTA Preschool During the Pandemic web page.](#)