EP Team Meetings Update
From 7/1/2022 to 4/29/2023, LAUSD has conducted 92,778 IEP team meetings, excluding charter.

Very Special Arts Festival – Spring 2023
This spring, the LAUSD worked collaboratively with the Music Center to highlight the various artistic talents our students with special needs possess at the 44th Annual Very Special Arts Festival. We had about 12 schools performed at the Plaza Stage, and approximately 2,700 students in attendance. Students had the opportunity to experience creating Pop-Up books and greeting cards, to playing instruments to dancing and face painting all with the help and supervision of over 300 support staff – school site staff, transportation, nursing, volunteers and families. This was indeed a great experience for our students!

Parent Survey is now electronically available to families – Spring 2023
Our Parent IEP Experience Survey launched as a Quick Response (QR) code format on February 27, 2023. We already have over 600 survey submissions from parents indicating that over 94% of families are satisfied with their IEP team meeting. We would like to thank the paper version of the survey for nearly 20 years of service to district families.

Staff Professional Development– Spring 2023
The Division of Special Education is sponsoring three professional development opportunities for special education administrators and certificated staff in May 2023. These professional development trainings will be provided by private vendors recognized for their work in the areas of collaboration, conflict management, coaching, conflict resolution, relationships and advocacy, and alternate dispute resolution.
The topics for these trainings include Strategies for High Emotions in Special Education, Overcoming Misinterpretations in Cross-Cultural Communication, and The “I” in “Team”. These professional development opportunities will focus on managing high emotion in a variety of settings and meetings, communication methods and behaviors through the lens of different cultural characteristics, including tips to mitigate those misinterpretations, and information on how to build awareness of team strengths and improve team capacity in the development of every individualized education program. For more information visit their website at https://www.harperconflictresolution.com/ and https://www.purchinconsulting.com/.

### 2022–2023 Division of Special Education Parent Workshops

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**Access the English and Spanish flyers by clicking here**

**Registration Link**

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### Homework Support

To ensure that your students get individualized help—anytime, anywhere, from any internet-connected device, LAUSD currently offers the 24/7 on-demand homework help with a personal virtual specialist that are available to all L.A. Unified students. The academic support is offered in multiple languages at no cost to families. For additional information visit the two vendors for on-demand homework. See below:

- **Paper**: All Elementary Schools (Or Span Schools grades TK-8)
  - Visit: [https://paper.co/lausd-los-angeles](https://paper.co/lausd-los-angeles)
  - Languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, French

- **Tutor.com**: All Secondary Schools (Or Span Schools grades 6-12, Span Schools grades TK-12) and Option Schools.
  - Visit: [https://www.tutor.com/lausd](https://www.tutor.com/lausd)

### Parent Portal

The Division of Special Education highly encourages all parents to access the Parent Portal where various special education documents and reports are available. To access the Parent Portal, visit:

[https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/](https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/)

### Websites

- Division of Special Education: [https://achieve.lausd.net/sped](https://achieve.lausd.net/sped)
- Office of Parent and Community Services (PCS): [https://achieve.lausd.net/pcss](https://achieve.lausd.net/pcss)

### 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