



Division of Instruction
Los Angeles Unified School District



Secondary Instructional Update

November 2019

**“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more.
If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.”**
~Oprah Winfrey

[DOI Policy Updates](#)

[District Assessment Calendar 2019-2020](#)

Instructional Support and Curriculum Maps

Here is a one-stop shop to find instructional planning resources. Find links to curriculum maps, content area websites, and assessments.

Middle school: http://www.lausd.net/cdg/CurriculumMaps_MiddleSchool_v2/story_html5.html

High school: http://www.lausd.net/cdg/CurriculumMaps_HighSchool_v2/story_html5.html

There is an online course titled **Curriculum Maps: Part 1**. This first module of a series provides an overview of the development of the District’s online Curriculum Maps. To access the course, go to MyPLN under the Learning dropdown menu, select Search LAUSD Catalog, and enter keywords *Curriculum Maps: Part 1* in the Global Search.

For more information, please contact Caroline Walden, *Coordinator, Division of Instruction*, caroline.walden@lausd.net 213-241-6444.

Grant Opportunities

Grant Writing Modules Now Available

The Division of Instruction has three online modules focused on Grant Writing. Each module is between 8-15 minutes in length. Module 1: A Grant Writing Guild; Module 2: Grant Application Process; Module 3: Key Components of a Grant Proposal. To access the modules, go to MyPLN under the Learning dropdown menu, select Search LAUSD Catalog, and enter keyword *Grants* in the Global Search. Click on the module you wish to view.

DonorsChoose Teams Up With 10 Districts

The crowdfunding website DonorsChoose [announced](#) that it is collaborating with 10 school districts, including L.A. Unified, to host a page on their site, listing ideas for projects and matching donations up to \$250,000. [DonorsChoose](#) is seeking to have hundreds of such partnerships in place by 2020.

National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants

The [National Education Association Foundation](#) is offering \$2,000 and \$5,000 awards. Deadline for applications are February 1, June 1, and October 1, of each year.

Educators of America Grant

[MicroGrant Program for Educators and Teachers](#) provides grants to improve technological resources. Classroom technology grant applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis and responses are given accordingly.

California Grant Watch Website

[The California Grant Watch website](#) lists grants for public school teachers for the improvement of education, grants for innovative teaching strategies, and professional development opportunities.

Lexus Eco Challenge Scholarships and Grants

[The Lexus Eco Challenge](#) empowers teens to practice citizenship and strengthen STEM skills through environmental projects! With the UN Sustainable Development Agenda in mind, students identify local environmental issues then create and submit action plans to address them. Register your student teams to jump-start inquiry, creativity, and advocacy in your classroom and compete for a chance to win \$10,000. *Air and Climate Challenge* application period is from October 18 to December 4, 2019.

Resources

New 2020 Census Activities for Students

The U.S. Census Bureau's [Statistics in Schools](#) (SIS) program provides free activities and resources for teachers to help bring statistics to life in the classroom and prepare students for a data-driven world. SIS is launching a series of new teaching materials about the 2020 Census including:

- 67 classroom activities
- Updated classroom maps with census statistics
- Three videos for students in grades K-12
- A singalong song
- An activity book for children ages 2 to 5

With these materials, teachers can incorporate Census Bureau statistics into subjects such as English language arts, math and social studies. The materials are free and developed by educators and subject experts from across the country.

Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) Teacher Card

The [LAPL Teacher Card](#) allows for borrowing up to 50 items and keeping those items for up to 16 weeks. Teachers, Administrators, Literacy Coaches, Curriculum Support Teachers, Library Aides, Teacher Librarians all qualify to get a Teacher Card. To apply for a card, visit your local library and provide proof of your status as an educator.

Access, Equity, and Acceleration (AEA)

Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Fall Institute-Day 2 (must have attended Day 1)

[Academic English Mastery Program](#) (AEMP) schools who administered the Beginning of the Year LAS Links are invited to attend the Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Fall Institute. During this two-day professional development, instructional leadership teams will collaboratively analyze their school's LAS Links data in order to build a school-wide culture of data-driven instruction. School teams will participate in selected culturally responsive workshops that focus on skills that address the differentiated literacy and language needs of Standard English Learners.

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Taft Charter HS
5461 Winnetka Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

For additional information, please contact Kandice McLurkin, *Administrative Coordinator*, kandice.mclurkin@lausd.net, 213-241-3340.

Arts Education Branch (AEB)

Secondary Arts Professional Development

This professional development is open to all L.A. Unified credentialed secondary dance, film, general/vocal music, theatre and visual arts teachers. Workshops offered in each art form and across art forms. Sign up by October 26, 2019 at

<http://bit.ly/SecondaryArtsPD2019>.

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Cortines High School
450 N. Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Compensation: District Training Rate (\$25/hour)

For more information, please contact Shana Habel, *K-12 Arts Specialist*, shana.habel@lausd.net, 213-241-2473.

English Language Arts (ELA)

Digital Textbook Access

Student access to textbooks on digital platforms is now available. Teachers are invited to join the Schoology textbook groups for up to date information regarding digital access. Please see the following link for information:

<https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/11474>.

Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC) Training

Click [here](#) for the ERWC. Schools are responsible for substitute funding.

For more information, please contact Dharma Hernandez, *Secondary Literacy Coordinator*, dth3022@lausd.net, 213-241-6603.

History/Social Sciences (HSS) and Ethnic Studies

Join HSS Schoology Groups to Access Online and Digital Content

Go to ms.lausd.net, select Employee, enter your Single Sign-On, and select Join Group:

- Middle School HSS Group Access Code: KS4JV-TW7XR
- High School HSS Group Access Code: 6TR5R-Z87FC

Ethnic Studies Online Professional Development in MyPLN

Teachers new to Ethnic Studies are strongly encouraged to complete the Ethnic Studies Online Professional Development course in [MyPLN](#). Log in with your Single Sign-On and search Course name *Ethnic Studies*. Eligible participants that successfully complete this course will be compensated six hours at their hourly rate.

For more information, please contact Kieley Jackson, *Coordinator, Ethnic Studies, Humanities and Related Social Sciences*, kjack2@lausd.net, 213-241-4506.

Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI)

Instructional Technology Planning Cohort

We invite school Instructional Leadership Teams (ILTs) to join us for a three-day cohort to dialogue and develop an informed, effective school-wide plan for digital age learners. This is a professional learning opportunity providing School ILTs with guidance in developing an Instructional Technology Plan for digital learning tailored to each school's needs.

Date: November 25 - 27, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Maywood Center for Enriched Studies
5800 King Avenue
Maywood, CA 90270

Compensation: Salary Point, National Board Hours, or District Training Rate (\$25/hour)

Registration: Contact Maria Magnanimo-Toledo, mmagna1@lausd.net

ITI Beginning Creative Computing Through Interdisciplinary Instruction

This six-hour session guides educators through the basics of block coding utilizing the Scratch platform. Participants will have hands-on experience in learning how to apply the creative arts and computing through an interdisciplinary approach.

Date: November 16, 2019
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Thomas Star King Middle School
4201 Fountain Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
Compensation: District Training Rate (\$25/hour)
Registration: MyPLN

ITI 21st Century Learning Foundations

This is a prerequisite that sets the foundation for the ISTE Standards for Students professional learning sessions offered throughout the school year. This course is designed and scheduled to be taken on the same day as the Digital Citizen course. This interactive session provides a deep dive into the ITT's publication, Leading with Instruction, and the ISTE Standards for Students.

Date: November 2, 2019
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Carson Street Elementary
161 E Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
Compensation: Hours towards Salary Point, National Board Hours, or District Training Rate (\$25/hour)
Registration: MyPLN

ISTE Standards for Students: Digital Citizen

In this two-hour session, learners will gain an understanding that being a good digital citizen is more than knowing your way around the web. This course is about understanding how to prepare students to make purposeful, smart, and ethical decisions in our digital world.

Date: November 2, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Carson Street Elementary
161 E Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
Compensation: Hours towards Salary Point, National Board Hours, or District Training Rate (\$25/hour)
Registration: MyPLN

ITI ISTE Creative Communicator

In this course, learners develop ideas to create interactive activities designed to promote, support, and model creative thinking using a variety of digital objects such as visualizations, models, or simulations.

Date: November 4, 5, 14, 2019
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Maywood Center for Enriched Studies
5800 King Avenue
Maywood, CA 90270
Compensation: Hours towards Salary Point, National Board Hours, or District Training Rate (\$25/hour)
Registration: MyPLN

ITI Developing Programming Skills

In this six-hour, hands-on session, educators will learn the foundations of computer science, specifically block coding, while engaging in physical computing activities with a Dash Robot. Materials provided.

Date: November 2 2019
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Maywood Center for Enriched Studies
5800 King Avenue

Maywood, CA 90270

Compensation: District Training Rate (\$25/hour)

Registration: MyPLN

For additional information regarding ITI professional development opportunities, please contact Maria Magnanimo-Toledo, *Readiness and Integration Specialist*, mmagna1@lausd.net, 213-241-5532 or visit <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/8052>.

Linked Learning and Career Technical Education (CTE)

Microsoft Imagine Academy

[Microsoft Imagine Academy](#) (MIA) is an online resource used to complement existing curriculum, with the goal of students achieving industry-leading professional certification. L.A. Unified's MIA includes 39 High Schools and three Middle Schools with 1,409 students rewarded with either Microsoft Office or Microsoft Technology Associate Certifications.

Disney Animation Education Program at Sun Valley High School

Linked Learning/CTE is proud of Sun Valley High School's lead film teacher Jamal Speakes. Mr. Speakes has developed a partnership with [Walt Disney's Animation Studios](#). The 10-week animation program, offered in the Fall and Spring, will teach students everything that goes into creating a feature animation.

L.A. Unified & American Institute of Architects Los Angeles Chapter Gala

In our continuing effort to build the next generation of architects and engineers, L.A. Unified collaborated with the [American Institute of Architects Los Angeles](#) chapter to hold a gala. The first of its kind, the gala brought together professionals from 20 Southern California organizations and educators from 10 L.A. Unified high schools.

For more information, please contact Monique Lowe, *Administrative Analyst*, monique.lowe@lausd.net, 213-241-2721.

Mastery Learning and Grading (MLG)

Booking Now For Spring Semester: Mastery Learning and Grading PD at Your School-Site

Do you have questions about traditional grading practices? Are you looking for an alternative to traditional instructional practices? Mastery Learning and Grading is a growth-mindset, RTI Tier 1 approach to instruction and grading which shifts educational paradigms and aims to support ALL students in demonstrating proficiency of grade-level standards.

If you have 12 or more interested teachers, Local District MLG Coaches are available to schedule either a two-hour Introduction Workshop in December 2019 or January 2020 or the full MLG PD Series (six, two-hour workshops, scheduled two to three weeks apart) in January 2020 - June 2020. The Division of Instruction can pay training-rate for all hours beyond the contracted workday. To learn more, please go to <https://bit.ly/LAUnifiedMLG>.

For more information, please contact Melissa Guice, *Mastery Learning and Grading Coach*, mjg7290@lausd.net, 213-241-6741.

School-Site Mastery Learning and Grading Professional Development Series

Local District Mastery Learning and Grading coaches are available to facilitate the Professional Development Series at your school for twelve or more interested participants (applicable PK-12+, all content areas). This entails six, two-hour, in-person workshops scheduled approximately three weeks apart to allow participants time to reflect and engage in the eight hours of independent online learning. Upon completion of all in-person workshops and online learning, participants will earn MLG certification and be paid training rate for all hours completed beyond contracted work day. To learn more, please go to <https://bit.ly/LAUnifiedMLG>.

Mastery Learning and Grading: Salary Point Classes

This PD is for teachers and administrators in all grade levels and content areas. The class meets on three Saturdays for five hours and includes 30 hours of independent online learning. Participants who successfully complete the course requirements will earn one Salary Point Credit and MLG certification. To enroll, go to MyPLN, Keywords *Mastery Salary Point*. Additional information about logistics will be shared after enrollment. Upcoming opportunities include:

- Salary Point Class in Local District Central (Location TBD): November 2 and December 14, 2019
- Salary Point Class in Local District Northwest (Location TBD): November 16 and December 7, 2019

For more information, please contact Christopher Grounds, *Mastery Learning and Grading Coach*, christopher.grounds@lausd.net, 213-241-6739.

Mathematics

California Mathematics Council (CMC)-South Diamond Anniversary 60th Annual Mathematics Conference, November 15-16, 2019, in Palm Springs

The CMC–[Southern Section Annual Conference](#), *Building Beauty and Brilliance in our Mathematics Communities* is open for registration. Choose from more than 300 sessions, including Mathematics Equity, STEM, and Cognitively Guided Instruction. Please share this wonderful learning opportunity with your principal and be sure to obtain prior approval to attend.

For more information, please contact Lisa Ward, *Coordinator, Elementary Mathematics*, elizabeth.ward@lausd.net, 213-241-6444.

Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED)

Supporting the Needs of Newcomer English Learners in Secondary Designated ELD (dELD)

This one-day [professional development](#) aims at supporting Middle School and High School Designated ELD (dELD) teachers teaching the Newcomer English Learners in dELD courses. The course includes information on typologies, supporting social emotional needs, building survival English skills, addressing foundational literacy skills, accelerating Newcomers' English Language development, and alignment of EL Instructional approaches to the ELPAC Tasks Types. Participants compensated at training rate (\$25/hr). Register through [MyPLN](#), Keyword: Secondary Newcomer PD.

| Date | Time | Location |
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| Saturday, November 2, 2019 | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Belmont HS 1575 W 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026 |

2019-2020 Secondary dELD Training for Teachers of Long Term English Learner (LTEL) Courses

This one-day [professional development](#) aims at supporting teachers of Long Term English Learners (LTELs) in their Literacy & Language and Advanced ELD Courses. The course includes information on the characteristics of LTELs, and addressing social emotional and instructional needs. Participants compensated at training rate (\$25/hr). Register through [MyPLN](#), Keyword: Secondary LTEL PD.

| Date | Time | Location |
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| Saturday, November 2, 2019 | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Belmont HS 1575 W 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026 |

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

TK-12 Integrated ELD (iELD) Leadership Cadre for Title III Coaches and EL Designees

Participants in the [Leadership Cadre](#) will deconstruct ELPAC tasks to understand supporting content and linguistic success for English Learners using EL Instructional Approaches in iELD and Designated ELD (dELD). This series is in alignment with L.A. Unified's 2019-2020 Office of Civil Rights Commitment Plan. Each session is a stand-alone session. Participants will receive resources for school-site presentations. Register on [MyPLN](#), Keyword: iELD Cadre.

| Dates | Time | Location |
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| Saturday, December 14, 2019 and February 29, 2020 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Sonia Sotomayor Arts & Sciences Magnet 2050 N San Fernando Road., Los Angeles, 90065 |

TK-12 English Learner Micro-Credential

MMED launched the first cohort of the TK-12 English Learner Micro-Credential. The program is a blended learning approach that includes both instructor-led face-to-face and high quality eLearning content over the span of this academic year. Upon completion, participants are eligible for three salary points. Currently registration is closed. Below are the dates that participants will meet for the face-to-face meetings.

| Face to Face Meeting Dates | Time | Location |
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| Saturday, October 19, November 16, December 7, February 22, and April 25 | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Roybal Learning Center 1200 West Colton Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026 |

Re-Release 2018 Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners Online Introductory Course

This three-hour [online module](#) supports K-12 understanding key components of the 2018 Master Plan. Participants will receive three hours at training rate (\$25/hr) for course completion. Course will close on May 29, 2020 or once 1,000 teachers/administrators complete the course. No partial payment for partial completion. Participants who have previously taken this course are not be allowed to re-take it for payment. Register on [MyPLN](#), Keyword: 2018 Master Plan.

For more information, please contact Carla Gutierrez, *Elementary EL Coordinator*, carla.gutierrez@lausd.net, 213-241-5582.

Dual Language Professional Development for Secondary Spanish Teachers on Oral and Written Communication

This five-day [professional development](#) session is for Spanish teachers in the Secondary Dual Language program, hosted by the Dual Language Education office in collaboration with the Spanish Consulate. Register on [MyPLN](#), Keywords: Secondary Dual Language Spanish 2019.

| Dates | Time | Locations |
|---|------------------------|---|
| Saturday, November 2, January 25, February 22, and March 28 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Centro Español de Recursos @ Hollywood High School 1530 Orange Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90028 |

For more information, please contact Mohcine Zaidi, *Secondary Dual Language Specialist*, mohcine.zaidi@lausd.net, 213-241-5582.

Personalized Learning Systems (PLS)

Learning Management Systems (LMS) Learning Lab Webinars for Secondary LMS Champions

[Secondary LMS Champions](#) are invited to join us on a monthly basis as we review a different feature on the LMS, Schoology. The topic for November will be *Schoology Tips and Tricks*. These are voluntary sessions.

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Webinar

Registration link: MyPLN, Keyword: *LMS Lab*

Compensation: None

LMS Open Labs and Webinars for Secondary Educators

Secondary educators are [invited to learn more](#) about the learning management system, Schoology, how to use it to support instruction and to receive personalized support. These are voluntary webinar and in-person lab sessions for school site educators.

Date: Various

Time: Various

Location: Various

Registration link: MyPLN, Keyword: *Educator Lab or Educator Webinar*

Compensation: None

For more information, please contact Clara Garcia, *Specialist*, clara.garcia@lausd.net, 213-241-3017.

Science

Interactions Professional Development

This [optional PD](#) is offered to high school science teachers teaching the new course Interactions AB. The purpose of this PD is to prepare the teachers for Semester II implementation.

Date: December 14, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Zoo Magnet HS
5336 Crystal Springs Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Registration: MyPLN, Keyword: Interactions PD - Optional

Compensation: Schools are responsible for compensation. DOI will provide proof of attendance

Bring: Laptop and Teacher Edition

Curriculum Maps and NGSS Modules: High School

Curriculum maps for the high school science Three-course Model are available. Also available are eight Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) modules for science departments to deepen understanding of science instruction aligned to the NGSS. The two resources may be used for department collaboration, planning, and deepening understanding of NGSS.

To access the curriculum maps:

<http://bit.ly/High-School-Science>

To access the NGSS modules:

<https://achieve.lausd.net/science>

Science Resources for Middle Schools

Curriculum maps for the middle school Integrated model are available. Also available are eight Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) modules for science departments to deepen understanding of science instruction aligned to the NGSS. The two resources may be used for department collaboration, planning, and deepening understanding of NGSS.

To access the curriculum maps:

<http://bit.ly/Middle-School-Science>

To access the NGSS modules:

<https://achieve.lausd.net/science>

For more information, please contact Ayham Dahi, *Secondary Science Coordinator*, ayham.dahi@lausd.net, 213-241-6876.

Special Education

95% Group Follow-Up Support

Special Education teachers who received training using the 95% Group Phonics Lesson Library kit have the opportunity to receive site-based follow-up support. This support helps with organizing your kit, digging into your data, planning instruction, and/or implementation of lessons. Please contact us to schedule a visit.

For additional information, please contact Mary Ann Sullivan, *Coordinator, Instruction TK-12, Division of Special Education*, maryann.sullivan@lausd.net, 213-241-8175.

Support for Students with Autism

If you are a new Special Education teacher who supports students with autism or who co-teaches with a General Education teacher who has students with autism, our autism support providers are here to set up your classroom and instruction for success. Please reach out to us to schedule a visit.

For additional information, please contact Veronica Mullen, *Specialist, Division of Special Education*, veronica.mullen@lausd.net, 213-241-4988.

Observances and Commemorative Events

For the month of November, L.A. Unified has the following observances and commemorative events:

| Obseance | Resource Links |
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| Election Day (November 5) | The Old Farmer's Almanac California Elections 2019 Election Day USA |
| Veterans Day (November 11) | Veterans Day History of Veterans Day The History Channel |

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| Substitute Educators Appreciation Day (November 16) | NEA Fact Sheet 7 Ways to Thank an Amazing Substitute |
| Thanksgiving (November 28) | The History Channel 7 Facts about Thanksgiving Eye-Witness to History |
| National Homeless Youth Awareness Month | The National Child Traumatic Stress Network Hunger and Homeless Awareness National Health Care for the Homeless |
| California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month | California Sikh Awareness Month CDE 5 Things to Know about the Sikh Religion |
| Family Literacy Month | National Center for Families Learning ReadWriteThink Getting Smart |
| Alzheimer's Awareness Month | Senior Living Alzheimer's Awareness Alzheimer's Disease Fact Sheet |
| Native American Heritage Month | Native American Heritage Month National Congress of American Indians Native American Heritage |