Elementary Instructional Update

August 2019

Resources and Opportunities

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Instructional Support and Curriculum Maps

The Instructional Planning Support Webpage is a one-stop shop to find instructional planning resources for Elementary, Middle, and High school. It includes links to curriculum maps, content area websites, and assessments. Find it on the Division of Instruction landing page under Teacher Resources.
Elementary Curriculum link:

http://www.lausd.net/cdg/CurriculumMaps_Elementary_V2/story_html5.html

Newly released is an online course titled **Curriculum Maps: Part 1**. This is the first module in a series that will provide an overview or the District's online Curriculum Maps. The overview highlights the history in the development of the maps, the types of maps available, the design of the maps, and the purpose for using the Curriculum Map. To access the course, go to MyPLN under the Learning dropdown menu, select Search LAUSD Catalog, and enter "Curriculum Maps: Part 1" in the Global Search.

For more information, please contact Caroline Walden, *Coordinator, P12 Instruction*, caroline.walden@lausd.net.

Grant Opportunity

Educators of America Grant
If you are a teacher that is in need of an effective technological tool that will assist in improving student achievement, not only in your classroom, but throughout your entire institution, take the time to fill out this grant application. Classroom technology grant applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis and responses are given accordingly.

Grant Writing Modules Now Available
Interested in writing a grant, but not sure how to begin? The Division of Instruction has recently written three online modules focused on Grant Writing. Each module covers an element of the Grant Writing process. Module 1: A Grant Writing Guild; Module 2: Grant Application Process; Module 3: Key Components of a Grant Proposal. To access the modules:

1. Go to MyPLN
2. Sign in using your single sign-on
3. Click on SEARCH
4. Type in the word "Grants" (on the global search) and click
5. You will see three modules (each module will give you specific information regarding grant writing)
6. Click on the module you wish to view (each module is between 8-15 minutes in length)

For more information, please contact Kathy Stehr, *Director, Innovation Office*, kathy.stehr@lausd.net, 213-241-4253.

Elementary Content Areas

Professional Development Offerings for All Content Areas
The Division of Instruction's Elementary Instructional teams have consolidated information on professional development offerings across the content areas through August in **one day-by-day comprehensive resource** with links to the flyers and further information for each professional development: To access please click here. Current sessions for August begin on page 12.

English Language Arts

Pocket Professional Developments
Pocket PD and other resources to support teachers with Benchmark ELA-ELD implementation can be downloaded at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/5223. Available now are 45-minute Pocket PD resources with agendas, handouts, and PowerPoints for **Review & Routines (Modules 1-2-3)**. Pocket PD's on **Accountable Talk**, **Key Details** and more are being added. Other TK and K-5 Benchmark supports can also be found on this page.

History/Social Science

History/Social Science Schoology Groups
Interested in more information about History/Social Science? We now have a Schoology group to support teachers at each level. Each Schoology group has resources to support implementation of the newly adopted instructional materials and more!

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Digital access for instructional materials is now active.

History/Social Studies Banked Time Module
The History/Social-Studies banked Time Module banked time module is now available. The module will be available in a pre-recorded format as well as a PowerPoint with a facilitator's guide.

For more information, please contact Kieley Jackson, *Ethnic Studies Coordinator,* kjack2@lausd.net, 213-241-5333.

Personalized Learning Systems

Elementary Grade Passback in Schoology Available for 1st Reporting Period
Elementary Grade Passback (EGP) will be available within Schoology for all elementary schools for the 1st reporting period beginning October 24, 2019. Information and resources about EGP are available at https://achieve.lausd.net/egp.
The EGP app suggests calculated grades from the Schoology Mastery Report to populate progress report grades in MiSiS. For technical support with grade entry, please contact the ITD helpdesk at (213) 241-5200 (option 5 and option 1 for Schoology support). Resources for using the 'Elementary Grade Passback' app in Schoology is available at the Personalized Learning Systems website: https://achieve.lausd.net/egp

For additional information about the elementary gradebook, please contact John Kwan, *Coordinator,* john.kwan@lausd.net. 213-241-3017.

Accessing Digital Content within the Learning Management System (LMS)
Teachers and students can access digital content within the learning management system, Schoology. The LMS App Center provides a catalog of L.A. Unified's approved digital content and textbook titles.

A "Getting Started Guide" is also available with instructions on how to incorporate these materials into a Schoology course. To view the LMS App Center and learn more about digital content integration, please visit the Personalized Learning Systems website, http://achieve.lausd.net/lmsappcenter.

Teachers can also access the LMS App Center directly within Schoology by clicking on the App Center icon on the top navigation bar and selecting the "**LMS App Center**" link.

For technical assistance with a specific publisher's content, please contact the publisher's support line directly. Support contact information will be included in the "Getting Stated Guide" for each publisher's title.

For additional information about L.A. Unified's digital content integration efforts, please contact Susan David, *Coordinator,* susan.david@lausd.net, 213-241-3017.

Instructional Technology Initiative

Professional Development Opportunities
Professional learning opportunities at https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/8052 focused on the ITI Task Force Recommendations, the International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards and Computer Science Framework.

STEAM

STEM/STEAM Certification – Due Wednesday, September 18, 2019
L.A. Unified is now accepting applications for schools that are interested in participating in the STEM/STEAM Certification Process. Apply at: https://bit.ly/LAUSDSTEAMCert2019

For more information regarding the STEM/STEAM certification process, please contact Amy Pedersen, *STEAM Coordinator, P-12 Instruction*, at aka7154@lausd.net or Jaspreet Sandha, *STEAM Coordinator, P-12 Instruction*, at jaspreet.sandha@lausd.net, 213-241-6444

Observances and Commemorative Events

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

Obsevance	Resource Links
Recognition of National Night Out (August 6)	NNO National Night Out National Day Calendar
International Day of the World's Indigenous People (August 9)	United Nations International Day of Indigenous People UNESCO
International Youth Day (August 12)	United Nations International Youth Day National Today
World Humanitarian Day (August 19)	World Humanitarian Day WHD United Nations
Women's Equality Day (August 26)	National Women's History Alliance Women's Equality Day National Constitution Center
National Truancy Prevention Month	Attendance Awareness Toolkit National Dropout Prevention Center NASSP

For a complete list of commemorative dates and observances, please refer to MEM-5466.9 Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, School Year 2019 – 2020.