Secondary 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.

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

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, P-12 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 bettering 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.

Secondary Science

The Division of Instruction is offering the *Interactions AB* course as a replacement for Integrated Coordinated Science I (ICS I). A course description for *Interactions AB* has been approved as a 'g' elective in physical science. The course satisfies the same graduation requirement as ICS I and requires the same credentialing as ICS I. Participating teachers must get confirmation from principals that their schools will offer *Interactions AB* next year. See flyer for registration and logistics.

For more information, please contact Ayham Dahi, *Secondary Science Coordinator*, *P-12 Instruction,* ayham.dahi@lausd.net, 213-241-5333.

A-G Interventions

Middle School Intervention Programs for Math and ELA
The A-G team has developed intervention programs for 8th grade Math and ELA. Professional development is scheduled for September 25th at Beaudry with follow-up support provided by request. Each program provides a wealth of materials that increase mastery of key standards and skills.

- **PASS-8 Math and ELA:** Modular, flexibly-paced programs built around grade-level learning targets designed to mirror the successful high school PASS programs.
- **STAR-8 Math and ELA:** Eight-day modular programs structured into two-hour block lessons, with all required supporting materials. Curricula are designed to re-engage students in core subjects and increase academic mastery.

For more information, please contact Sian Eddington, *College Readiness Specialist*, *A-G Instructional Accountability and Intervention*, sian.eddington@lausd.net, 213-241-2025.

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!

Middle School	**KS4JV-TW7XR**
High School	**6TR5R-Z87FC**

Digital access for instructional materials is now active. For more information, please contact Kieley Jackson, *Ethnic Studies Coordinator,* kjack2@lausd.net, 213-241-5333

Mastery Learning and Grading

Mastery Learning and Grading (MLG) Support
Ongoing professional developments and school-based resources are offered in all Local Districts by dedicated MLG Instructional Coaches. Teachers, departments, grade levels and schools can receive personalized support with redesigning teaching units around grade-level learning targets and creating Schoology gradebooks that use mastery-based rubrics.

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

Personalized Learning Systems

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, Personalized Learning Systems,* 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.