



“Without language, one cannot talk to people and understand them; one cannot share their hopes and aspirations, grasp their history, appreciate their poetry, or savour their songs.”

~Nelson Mandela

[DOI Policy Updates](#)

Instructional Support and Curriculum Maps

Online Curriculum Maps

[Curriculum maps for elementary schools](#) are available for English Language Arts, health, history/social sciences, mathematics, physical education, science, and visual and performing arts.

For Teachers, by Teachers Playbook and Instructional Handbook

Located in the *L.A. Unified Educators* [Schoology group](#) is the [For Teachers, by Teachers Playbook](#) and [Instructional Handbook](#) providing information to assist teachers and administrators as we begin the school year with online learning. Additionally, there are folders containing resources, lessons, and links to 25 days of lessons.

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

Grant and Competition Opportunities

California Credit Union Teacher Grant Program

California Credit Union is awarding 10 Teacher grants of \$500 each. The [Teacher Grant Program](#) is designed to assist educators in funding innovative learning opportunities for their students, including programs to support students during distance learning. Be sure to complete the questions that describe your project and click the "SUBMIT" button at the end. Applicants may not be eligible to win a second time, if they have already won in the same school year. Submissions are due no later than October 2, 2020. Winners will be notified via the credit union website on October 19, 2020.

California Grant Watch Website

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

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.

Grant Writing Modules

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 Guide; 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.

National Education Association Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants

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

Census and Voting Resources

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.

Additionally, a [video for families](#) includes information about the purpose of, the types of questions used, and how to complete the 2020 Census.

California 2020 Census Activities for Students

Education partners are critical to helping the U.S. Census Bureau reach [hard-to-count Californians](#). Historically, children have been an undercounted population in our state. To help us count every child, we must involve parents, teachers, and administrators. This [toolkit](#) includes tailored support materials and resources, which will be key in making outreach efforts effective. Links include:

- General Information
- Early Childhood Education (0-5)
- K-12 Education

It is imperative that educators are well equipped with information and resources to ensure that every Californian is counted in the 2020 Census!

Rock the Vote's Democracy Class

[Democracy Class](#) is a free, nonpartisan curriculum that educates students about the importance and history of voting. By signing up, educators will have access to additional lesson plans featuring:

- The history and importance of voting
- Modern-day voting rights
- The importance of local elections
- How voting can impact issues in communities
- The 2020 Census
- Plus, receive a bonus Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Elections Kit to share with students

History/Social Sciences (HSS)

Constitution Day 2020

Federal Legislation and a Presidential Proclamation of May 2005 requires that schools conduct educational programs and activities in [observance of Constitution Day](#) during the two-week window surrounding September 17, each year. Each school principal is required to certify that activities to observe Constitution Day are held during this specified time.

For more information, please contact Kieley Jackson, Coordinator, History/Social Science, K-12, Division of Instruction, kjack2@lausd.net.

Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI)

ITI Newsletter

The [ITI Newsletter](#) Spotlight article highlights ITI's recent Summer of Computer Science efforts, showcasing the great summer learning that happened via distance learning.

Digital Citizenship Resources

The District is committed to cultivating a culture of digital citizenship across the instructional program to help staff and students thrive in an increasingly digital world. Find resources to engage in [digital citizenship](#) conversations, lessons, and activities to help you get started here. In partnership with Common Sense Education, the following resources have been curated to meet the needs of [L.A. Unified families](#) regarding promising practices for age-appropriate content, online safety, and digital citizenship.

For more information, please contact Allison Jonas, *Coordinator*, allison.jonas@lausd.net.

Mastery Grading and Learning (MGL)

Virtual Mastery Learning and Grading Salary Point Classes

Mastery Learning and Grading is a growth-mindset approach to grading and instruction based on the understanding that everyone can learn when given the right conditions and support. Our salary point course provides participants with additional time and resources in order to take a deeper dive into the key components of Mastery Learning and Grading and how to implement it in the classroom. [Mastery Learning and Grading Salary Point Classes](#) meet virtually on six Saturdays for two and a half hours, and also include thirty hours of asynchronous online learning. Participants who successfully complete the course requirements will earn one Salary Point Credit and MLG certification. To enroll on MyPLN, search key words “mastery salary point.”

2020-2021 Mastery Learning & Grading Overview

This asynchronous, self-paced, PD opportunity in Schoology addresses critical importance of grading and instructional practices implemented to support equity and accessibility in the classroom, to meet the diverse learning needs of all students. Access codes and more information can be found in [the flyer](#).

For more information, please contact Chris Grounds, *MLG Coordinator*, christopher.grounds@lausd.net.

Virtual Mastery Learning and Grading PD

Mastery Learning and Grading is a growth-mindset approach to grading and instruction based on the understanding that everyone can learn when given the right conditions and support. [The PD series](#) is facilitated by MLG coaches and entails six two-hour, synchronous workshops (Zoom), scheduled approximately two to three weeks apart to allow participants time to reflect and engage in the eight hours of asynchronous online learning (Schoology course). Upon completion of all workshops and online learning, participants will earn MLG certification. Training rate is available for all hours beyond the contracted day.

To schedule a school-site specific PD series for 12 or more participants, please go to our website and contact your Local District MLG coaches.

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

Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED)

Elementary Start Smart 1.0 Distance Learning Lessons and Start Smart 1.0 Distance Learning Professional Development Module

To support the establishment of routines and skills for the first 25 days of school, MMED has developed [Start Smart 1.0 Distance Learning Lessons and Digital Citizenship Lessons for Designated ELD \(dELD\)](#). A Start Smart 1.0 Distance Learning PD module is also available to introduce teachers and leaders to the new Start Smart 1.0 Distance Learning resources and support the implementation of designated ELD. More information may be found in the L.A. Unified Educators [Schoology](#) group.

Coming Soon! TK-12 English Learner Micro-Credentialing Program

Are you interested in becoming an expert in teaching English Learners? Come and apply for this exciting year long opportunity to become a [Micro-Credential teacher of English Learners](#). Upon completion of this year long program, participants are eligible for three salary points and obtain a L.A. Unified TK-12 English Learner Micro-Credential. Check the flyer for the application link-Coming Soon!

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

English Learner Roadmap Implementation for Systemic Excellence (EL RISE) Series for Administrators and Teachers

Californians Together is hosting a series of webinars EL RISE for teachers and administrators on the statewide implementation of the English Learner Roadmap Implementation for System Excellence.

[Series for teachers](#) will run from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will be on distance learning.

- Wednesday, September 2 or 9 - Welcoming, inclusive and affirming classrooms.
- Wednesday, September 16 or 23 - Critical conditions in distance learning.
- Thursday, September 24 or Wednesday, September 30 - Creating and sustaining family partnership in distance learning.

[Series for administrators](#) will be from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, September 29 - Supporting families and knitting strong home school partnerships.

For more information, please contact Margarita Gonzalez-Amador, margarita@californiantogether.org.

Personalized Learning Systems (PLS)

PLS Online Learning Resources

Visit the [PLS Online Resources](#) page to access resources for parents, students, and teachers. Quickly access videos and job aids to learn how to use Schoology.

Digital Content Application Support for Learning Management System (LMS) Apps

With an increase use of L.A. Unified approved digital content applications, teachers may contact the vendor directly for support. To access vendor support contact information, visit the [LMS App Center](#).

Digital Learning Tools Resources

L.A. Unified has compiled a list of resources from vendors on various supplemental applications to support with remote instruction. Visit the [Digital Learning Tools](#) website to access all the available resources.

Professional Development Opportunities

Are you in need of salary points? The PLS department offers learning opportunities for all educators. Visit our training website for [Schoology Salary Point Classes](#). These classes provide a great opportunity to learn more about Schoology and how to leverage it in your own classroom.

Schoology Office Hours

PLS will be offering [Office Hours](#) for educators on a weekly basis for the month of September. After a brief presentation on a certain topic, LMS Champions will stand by to answer your Schoology-related questions and direct you to useful resources.

For more information, please contact Antonio Hernandez, *Coordinator*, antonio.hernandez@lausd.net.

Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)

Conga Kids Dance Break

[Conga Kids Dance Break](#) is a free opportunity for schools consisting of a series of ten-minute PE and Art standards-aligned lessons for students in grades 3-8 focused on social dances of the African Diaspora, such as Samba, Salsa, Charleston, Hip-Hop, and more.

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

Whole Child Student Information Reporting System

Whole Child Student Information Reporting System is Expanding

Whole Child Integrated Data now includes IEPs and co-teachers. New data to support distance learning is on its way. Users can find ed tech, student PIN, Schoology data, and more with the help of the new [Remote Learning Student Related Information](#) quick guide, available on the What's New page and under Quick Links > Professional Development Resources > User Guides & Information. Other resources include updated user manuals for teachers, student support, special education and principals, as well as [FAQs](#).

Observances and Commemorative Events

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

Obseance	Resource Links
Labor Day (September 7)	US Department of Labor Labor Day Information History of Labor Day
California Admission Day (September 9)	CA Dept of Parks and Recreation CA Admissions Day California Admissions Day
Patriot Day (September 11)	Patriot Day in the US Patriot Day Patriot Day September 11
Character Day (September 23)	PACE Let It Ripple Character.org
Constitution Day (September 17) Constitution Week (September 17-23)	Constitution Day Constitution Week Constitution Facts
Native American Day (September 25)	Native Americans' Day California Native American Day Native American Heritage Day
National Suicide Prevention Week (September 6-12) National Suicide Prevention Month	Suicide Prevention Hotline American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Each Mind MATTERS
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	American Childhood Cancer Organization American Assoc for Cancer Research St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Girls' Empowerment Month Resolution	County of Los Angeles L.A. Unified Resolution Girls Build
Latinx Heritage Month	Hispanic Heritage Month National Hispanic Heritage Month NPR
Library Card Sign Up Month	American Library Association American Libraries

Obsevince	Resource Links
	National Library Card Sign Up Month
National Preparedness Month	National Preparedness Month FEMA Messaging Calendar CA Governor's Office
Student Attendance Month	Attendance Works Toolkit Great Schools L.A.Unified Pupil Services