



Division of Instruction  
Los Angeles Unified School District

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## Learning Invitations



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Designing  
Instruction



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# DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION Secondary Instructional Update

## Resources & Opportunities

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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\\_MiddleSchools/story\\_html5.html](http://www.lausd.net/cdg/CurriculumMaps_MiddleSchools/story_html5.html)

**High school:** [http://www.lausd.net/cdg/Curriculum%20Maps\\_HighSchool/story\\_html5.html](http://www.lausd.net/cdg/Curriculum%20Maps_HighSchool/story_html5.html)

For more information, please contact Kathy Stehr, *Professional Development Design Coordinator*, [kathy.stehr@lausd.net](mailto:kathy.stehr@lausd.net) or Caroline Walden, *Coordinator, P12 Instruction*, [caroline.walden@lausd.net](mailto:caroline.walden@lausd.net).

## Grant Opportunity

### The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Teacher Development Grant

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Teacher Development Grant support small teams of teachers in the formation and implementation of groundbreaking K-12 classroom instruction. The grants provide opportunities for teachers to integrate fresh strategies that encourage critical inquiry and to observe their effects on students. Teachers have the opportunity to reflect and write about their projects, as well as to share their results with other teachers. The Foundation awards grants to individuals in amounts up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of \$30,000 over three years, provided the eligibility requirements continue to be met. The application system closes when 350 submissions are reached. Submissions are accepted January 15 – April 15.

Website: <https://mccartheydressman.org/teacher-development-grants/>

### DonorsChoose

DonorsChoose empowers public school teachers from across the country to request much needed materials and experiences for their students. Teachers are allowed to register the materials and resources they need and DonorsChoose matches those needs to donors interested in supporting their needs. DonorsChoose verifies the requested items and purchases them, those items are then shipped directly to the school. There is no submission deadline and classroom registration is ongoing.

Website: <https://www.donorschoose.org/>

## Instructional Technology Initiative

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### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Foundations

This is a 4-hour prerequisite that sets the foundation for the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Students Suite of Professional Learning that will be offered throughout the school year.

**Date:** January 12, 2019

**Location:** Madison Middle School

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

**Registration:** MyPLN

**Compensation:** District Training Rate, hours towards salary points, or hours towards National Board Certification

### ISTE Standards for Students - Digital Citizen

In this 2-hour session, learners will gain understanding that being a good digital citizen is more than knowing your way around the web. It's about connecting and collaborating in ways learners didn't even know were possible.

**Date:** January 12, 2019

**Location:** Madison Middle School

**Time:** 1:00 p. - 3:00 p.m.

**Registration:** MyPLN

**Compensation:** District Training Rate, hours towards salary points, or hours towards National Board Certification

### ISTE Standards for Students: Knowledge Constructor

In this 6-hour course delivered in three 2-hour sessions, learners will focus on the concept of knowledge constructor through the exploration of a real-world issue. Learners will develop ideas, reflect on their instructional design practices, and dialogue about best practices through the use of Google Forms. By the end of this session, learners will have designed a lesson that gives them the opportunity to capture student thought process, and enable them to facilitate a learning experience that promotes reflection and construction of knowledge.

**Date:** January 23, 24 and 30, 2019

**Location:** Madison Middle School

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Registration:** MyPLN

**Compensation:** District Training Rate, hours towards salary points, or hours towards National Board Certification

For additional information, please contact Maria Manganimo-Toledo, *Specialist*, [magna1@lausd.net](mailto:magna1@lausd.net), 213-241-5532.

## Mastery Learning and Grading

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### Mastery Learning and Grading Salary Point Class: All Local Districts K-12

Would you like to learn more about Mastery Learning and Grading? Mastery Learning and Grading is a growth-mindset RTI Tier 1 approach to teaching and learning, offering an alternative to traditional instruction and grading. By refocusing classroom grading and assessment on clear learning targets and by implementing research-based instructional practices that honor individual students' variables necessary for learning, Mastery Learning and Grading allows more students to succeed academically and take charge of their own learning.

Mastery Learning and Grading: Salary Point Class is open to TK-12 educators in any content. To enroll, please search keywords "mastery salary point" in MyPLN. The class meets on three Saturdays (01/12/2019, 02/02/2019, and 03/02/2019) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vintage Math and Science Magnet ES. Participants who attend all three in-person sessions and complete 30 hours of additional independent learning will earn one salary-point credit. Information about parking, room location, etc. will be shared after enrollment.

If you have additional questions, please contact: Roseanne Hill, [rmh9976@lausd.net](mailto:rmh9976@lausd.net), 818-654-3600 (main desk) or Chris Grounds, [christoper.grounds@lausd.net](mailto:christoper.grounds@lausd.net), 213-241-6739, *Division of Instruction, Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coaches*.

**Mastery Learning and Grading PD Series: All Local Districts K-12**

Would you like to learn how to facilitate the Mastery Learning and Grading PD series? In a series of five training days, participants will be provided with the time, deliberate practice, feedback, and resources that will equip them to lead instructional teams through the Mastery Learning and Grading six workshop series and online learning and that will build their capacity to support school-site implementation. Participants may be administrators, coordinators, coaches, or teacher leaders.

**\*All necessary sub-coverage must be provided by school sites.**

Spring 2019: Mastery Learning and Grading: Facilitator Training

- Friday, February 1, 2019
- Friday, March 1, 2019
- Friday, March 22, 2019
- Friday, April 26, 2019
- Friday, May 17, 2019

\*All days begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Location and parking information TBD.

To enroll, please contact: Melissa Guice, [mjg7290@lausd.net](mailto:mjg7290@lausd.net), 213-241-6741 or Chris Grounds, [christopher.grounds@lausd.net](mailto:christopher.grounds@lausd.net), 213-241-6739, *Division of Instruction, Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coaches*.

**Mastery Learning and Grading PD Series: All Local Districts K-12**

Have you ever felt that traditional grading practices are problematic? Would you like to learn more about Mastery Learning and Grading? Mastery Learning and Grading is a growth-mindset RTI Tier 1 approach to teaching and learning offering an alternative to the restrictions and limitations of traditional instruction and grading. By refocusing classroom grading and assessment on clear learning targets and by implementing research-based instructional practices that honor individual students' variables necessary for learning, Mastery Learning and Grading allows more students to succeed academically and take charge of their own learning.

Mastery Learning and Grading (MLG): School-site PD is available for groups of 12 or more interested teachers. You may also schedule a two-hour Introduction to Mastery Learning and Grading PD to gauge teacher interest.

\*We will connect you with your Local District MLG coaches.

To arrange school-site PD for groups of 12 or more teachers, please contact: Melissa Guice, [mjg7290@lausd.net](mailto:mjg7290@lausd.net), 213-241-6741 or Chris Grounds, [christopher.grounds@lausd.net](mailto:christopher.grounds@lausd.net), 213-241-6739, *Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coaches*, Website: <http://bit.ly/LAUnifiedMLG>. \*We will connect you with your Local District MLG coaches.

**Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED)****Secondary Designated ELD Training for Teachers of Long Term English Learner (LTEL) Courses**

This one-day professional development on Saturday, January 26, 2019, will familiarize teachers of LTELs with curricular supports and resources, including *English 3D*, *Reader's Handbook*, and *Write Source*. [Click for flyer](#).

For more information, please contact Bernie Carrasco, *EL Expert*, [bcarrasc@lausd.net](mailto:bcarrasc@lausd.net), (213) 241-5582.

**Family Training - Introduction to the Chapters: 2018 Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners**

An e-Learning training to support families on the 2018 Master Plan will be available on the MMED and Parent and Community Services website for download: <http://mmed.lausd.net>.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Ramirez, *Elementary EL Specialist*, [cmr0096@lausd.net](mailto:cmr0096@lausd.net) or Reina Diaz, *EL Programs Specialist*, [reina.diazcruz@lausd.net](mailto:reina.diazcruz@lausd.net), 213-241-5582.

**2018 Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners Online Introductory Course**

This three-hour online module will support K-12 teachers and administrators in understanding key components within each chapter of the 2018 Master Plan. Compensation will be at district training rate (\$25/hr). Register on [MyPLN](#), Keyword: 2018 Master Plan.

For more information, please contact Juana Aguilar, *Elementary EL Specialist*, [jxp9933@lausd.net](mailto:jxp9933@lausd.net), 213-241-5582.

## Personalized Learning Systems

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### Learning Management System (LMS) Open Labs for Educators

LMS Open Labs for Educators are available throughout the school year in each Local District. Certificated teachers and school administrators are invited to learn more about the (LMS), Schoology, and how to use the LMS to support instruction. Join us with your questions and/or concerns for personalized support.

**Date:** Various

**Location:** Various (multiple sessions per Local District)

**Time:** Various

**Registration:** MyPLN (Keyword: Open Lab)

These are voluntary sessions for certificated school site educators. For registration information, dates and locations, please visit: <http://bit.ly/lmstraining18>.

### LMS Learning Lab Webinar for Secondary LMS Champions

Personalized Learning Systems has a variety of webinars available for new and continuing secondary LMS Champions. Participants will explore the LMS and online gradebook, Schoology. The topic for January is “Portfolios.” LMS Champions are selected by principals as lead teachers to attend training and to share what they have learned with faculty.

**Date:** January 24, 2019

**Location:** Webinar (via LMS Champion Group in Schoology) **Flyer:** <http://bit.ly/LMSsecWebinar>

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Registration:** MyPLN (Keyword: LMS Lab)

Participants will be compensated for two hours at the training rate (\$25 per hour)—one hour for participating in the live webinar and one hour for completing the homework.

For additional information, please contact Clara García, *Specialist*, [clara.garcia@lausd.net](mailto:clara.garcia@lausd.net), 213-241-3017.

For the month of January, LAUSD has the following observances and commemorative events:

Observance	Resource Links
Data Privacy Day (January 28)	<a href="#">Stay Safe Online</a> <a href="#">Data Privacy Day</a> <a href="#">US-CERT</a>
Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the National Day of Service (January 21)	<a href="#">Almanac: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</a> <a href="#">The King Center</a> <a href="#">Nobelprize.org</a> <a href="#">National and Community Service</a>
January as National Mentoring Month	<a href="#">Mentor.org</a> <a href="#">National Mentoring Month</a> <a href="#">National and Community Service</a>