



Division of Instruction
Los Angeles Unified School District



Secondary Instructional Update

May/June 2020

“Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then, and only then, hope will come.”

~Greta Thunburg

[DOL Policy Updates](#)

Special Tribute to the “Class of 2020”

“Dear Class of 2020”

YouTube’s 4.5-hour, star-studded pomp and circumstance, entitled [“Dear Class of 2020”](#), brought together more than 70 celebrities, influencers, music artists including BTS, Beyoncé, and leaders including President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama.

Summer School Opportunities

Online Summer School for TK-12

[Online Summer School](#) for students begins June 24. [Learning opportunities](#) are available for students from TK to 12th grade. Students can apply through the Summer of Learning application form: [English](#) version [Spanish](#) version. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this exciting and unique opportunity.

Online Summer School for Adults

Free online summer school for adults, including classes for parents to help their children succeed online. Adults can learn English, earn a high school diploma, or get career training. Enrollment is open now. Learn more at www.wearface.org.

Community Unrest, Justice & Support

For a complete list of resources, visit [Student Health and Human Services](#) - Community Unrest, Justice & Support website, including:

- [National Child Traumatic Stress Network \(NCTSN\): Addressing Race and Trauma in the Classroom](#)
- [Psychological First Aid \(PFA\)](#)
- [Positive Behavior Intervention and Support/Restorative Practices](#)
- [Grades K-12: The News Literacy Project: a nonpartisan national education nonprofit, empowers educators to teach students the skills they need to become informed, active consumers of news and information and engaged, informed participants in our democracy.](#)

- [Grades 7-12, Facing Our History and Ourselves: Their focus is on historical issues rooted in hatred and bigotry and how to prevent such issues in the future.](#)
- [Grades 7-12, PBS News Hour Extra: The video on this site has been edited to remove police footage and has a lesson plan complete with video, article, and discussion questions.](#)
- [Grades 7-12: CNN10: website has 10-minute daily video segments can be used as a springboard to deeper discussions around media literacy, but teachers will need to combine videos with follow-up writing assignments or discussions \(additional resources contained within this correspondence\). Search: George Floyd.](#)

Secondary Grading Clarification

MS/HS: New Secondary Grading FAQ (additional information about credit recovery and 4x4 grades)

Please see the revised FAQ regarding 2019-2020 Mark Reporting Guidelines for Progress Reports and Final Marks in Secondary Schools During Closures. Additional guidance marked in italics.

Secondary Marks

[UPDATE: 2019-2020 MARK REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR PROGRESS REPORT AND FINAL MARKS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING CLOSURES](#) (published in April 15, 2020)

NEW FAQ - [PROGRESS REPORT AND FINAL MARKS \(Updated June 3, 2020\) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS_SECONDARY SCHOOLS](#)

Schoology Grade Passback Availability

The Secondary Schoology Grade Passback application will be available through the last day of school. The last day of school may vary by school, please check your school calendar. The Schoology Grade Passback application availability cannot be extended beyond the last day of the term for any school. All grades must be submitted by the last day of school. If a grading window extension is needed, the school site Principal may request a Grading Window Extension per REF-4236. Per REF-4236, the last day of instruction is typically the last day of the grading window. Any grade submissions/corrections needed after the last day of the school year will need to be entered through MiSiS Manage Grades by Class.

Professional Development Opportunities

Building Powerful Partnerships with Families-Webinar

[This free webinar series](#) from Dr. Karen Mapp will assist school personnel partner with families to support learning at home and sustain the growth and development of children during these unprecedented circumstances.

Rapid Transition to Online Learning

USC Rossier School of Education's [report to support online learning](#) can be a valuable tool as we look forward to summer and beyond.

Online Tools and Support

Keeping Communities and Schools Connected

There are several resources to assist in keeping communities and schools connected.

- Paid & Free Resources: https://bit.ly/Paid_FreeResources
- Printable Resources for Families and Staff: [Information Technology Division](#)
- Responsible Use Policy: [Information Technology Division](#)
- Student Technology Resources: [Information Technology Division](#)
- Video Conferencing Options for Teachers: [Information Technology Division](#)
- Web Conferencing Tools: [Click here for options](#)

Resources for Parents

EVERFI Resources

The team at EVERFI in partnership with LA Unified have created direct to parent/student and direct to teacher resources. For [parents and students](#), there is a website with instructions and information on programs. There is also a [new one pager](#) with all courses and registration steps for students. For [teachers](#), there is a website with information about resources, how to get started, and an email address for needed support.

Grab and Go Centers

Los Angeles Unified has over [60 Grab and Go Centers](#). Two meals available for pick up from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Learning at Home with PBS

All students have access to free educational resources at home provided by local public media organizations, both on-air and online, regardless of their broadband access. PBS SoCal will have programming for students in transitional kindergarten through 2nd grade, weekdays from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. KCET will feature content designed for high school students. KLCS will provide resources for Pre-K through 12th grade. Shows include:

- NOVA, a science show
- Peg + Cat, an animated show for preschoolers
- American Masters, a show that profiles American artists
- Martha Speaks, a show that helps teach kids how to read
- Shakespeare Uncovered, a show that looks at "the fascinating history behind Shakespeare's greatest plays"
- Sesame Street

For more information, please visit [LAUSD.net](#) and [ca.pbslearningmedia.org](#). Parent flyer in [English](#). Parent flyer in [Spanish](#).

Los Angeles County Office of Education

LACOE has several pages of resources that are updated regularly:

- [Resources for Children Birth to Five](#)
- [Educational Resources for Parents and Teachers](#)

LUNCHDOODLES with Mo Willems

Mo Willems invites students into his studio every day for his [LUNCH DOODLE](#). Learners worldwide can draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting Mo's studio virtually once a day for the next few weeks. Grab some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons and join Mo to explore ways of writing and making together. New episodes will be posted each weekday at 11:00 a.m. PT and then remain online to be streamed afterwards. Check back each weekday for new LUNCH DOODLES!

Resources for Families:

This is a blog post for students and families on in-home projects: <https://ies.ed.gov/blogs/research/post/activities-for-students-and-families-stuck-at-home-due-to-covid-19-coronavirus>.

Free Virtual Experiences

California Academy of Science

- Here you'll find an eclectic array of science-centric games, videos, and DIY projects to help you stay learning and engaged, wherever you are: <https://www.calacademy.org/academy-at-home>.

Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty

- Includes an interesting conversation at the end about immigrants and their journey and process to Ellis Island and beyond: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/webcast.htm>.

Field Museum Chicago

- Continue exploring natural history with online resources and at-home activities for all ages: <https://www.fieldmuseum.org/blog/experience-field-home>.

Hammer Museum

- The Hammer Museum is sharing some of their favorite artworks, programs, and artist profiles for your enjoyment at home: <https://hammer.ucla.edu/>.

Museum of Science Boston

- Kids can discover a whole new world right in their backyard with the museum's guide to butterfly watching. The museum is also offering daily livestreamed presentations from museum educators on subjects that range from dinosaurs and reptiles to lightning to the human genome: https://www.mos.org/MOSatHome?_ga=2.236082817.1095757128.1586114690-300023785.1586114690.

New York Botanical Gardens

- The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) is uploading video and photo highlights of the new season, including a virtual stroll among the magnolias, a 'First Day of Spring' video tour, and a walk through its latest exhibit, The Orchid Show: Jeff Leatham's Kaleidoscope: <https://www.nybg.org/nybg-at-home/>.

Seattle Aquarium

- 30 minute virtual field trip which includes students asking questions from their classroom: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY8__n13tKM&feature=youtu.be.

Seattle Symphony

- Free broadcasts of past performances. Broadcast schedule has been set for two dates and times; additional dates are forthcoming (check link for information): <https://seattlesymphony.org/live>.

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

- Your standard virtual self-guided tour of a number of current and past exhibits: <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>.

The Getty Center

- Self-guided virtual tour of The Getty Center: <https://www.xplorit.com/the-getty>.

The Nature Conservancy

- Offers 11 virtual field trips that allow students to do everything from exploring a coastal rainforest while in a canoe to unlocking the secrets of coral reefs in the Dominican Republic (each video is about 45 minutes long): <https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/resources/filter/type/virtual-field-trip-video/>.

The Norton Simon Museum

- The museum is offering online lectures and videos, art-making projects for kids, and the ability to search the museum collection: <https://www.nortonsimon.org/learn/museum-from-home/>.

Instructional Resources-Multiple Content Areas

Clearinghouse for Specialized Media and Technology (CSMT)

The California Department of Education's (CDE) Clearinghouse for Specialized Media and Technology (CSMT) offers textbooks, workbooks, and literature books in braille, large print, and audio recordings of all state-adopted K–8 instructional materials. Any public school employee in California, at no cost, can order materials. Registration is required. To learn more about resources from the CSMT or to order materials, go to <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/sm/>.

For more information, please contact Jen Buzolich, *Administrator, CSMT*, at jbuzolich@cde.gov or 916-323-4867.

Digital Learning Resources

Click on the links below for access to a variety of learning resources.

- [NEARPOD](#)
- [BrainPop](#)
- [ISTE](#)

- [Common Sense Education](#) (educators)
- [Common Sense Education](#) (parents)

Free and Pre-Paid Resources

To support continued planning, L.A. Unified has numerous [free and pre-paid by the district resources](#) available.

Free Recorded Daily Lessons for K-12

The *Knowledge on the Go* video series consists of free recorded daily lessons in Grades K–12 of *Eureka Math*; Grades K–8 of *Wit & Wisdom*, an English language arts curriculum; and Grades 3–5 of *Ph.D. Science*. Great Minds' own teacher-writers will deliver the lessons, which will be accessible by anyone and will be viewable on any device, even a smart phone. Please visit greatminds.org/math to find:

- Student materials such as Problem Sets, Application Problems, and Exit Tickets
- Homework Helpers
- Parent Tip Sheets
- Math card games

Eureka Math/EngageNY Math curriculum is a free, open education resource available to anyone, anywhere. Great Minds will release approximately 25 video lessons across the three curricula per day.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt At-Home Learning Support

To help students learn and grow without interruption, HMH has created a new web page with up-to-date support and resources. Please access the [At-Home Learning Support](#) page where you can find resources designed to help schools and parents with:

- Technical support
- Digital platforms
- Current HMH content
- Extended hours for technical Support 8:00 A.M.–11:00 P.M. EST Monday-Friday

Also available:

- [A blog](#) supporting educators, families, and students
- Engaging videos on [HMH YouTube channel](#)
- Free downloadable resources on [HMH Pinterest boards](#)
- Free [Carmen Sandiego](#) activities, games, videos, and more

This [At-Home Learning Support](#) page will be updated regularly as HMH continues to provide resources and support.

Los Angeles County Office of Education

LACOE has several pages of resources that are updated regularly:

- [COVID-19 Resources for Schools](#)
- [Resources for Children Birth to Five](#)
- [Educational Resources for Parents and Teachers](#)

NEWSLA

Our Newsela partners have made their paid service, Newsela Pro, available in Schoology and open to all K-12 L.A. Unified teachers through June 30, 2020. Using this program in Schoology will allow you and your students to access the program in ALL your Schoology courses. To access Newsela through Schoology, teachers must install the Newsela app in their Schoology courses. Teachers need to download the Newsela app from the LMS App Center in Schoology. For detailed instructions, please watch this [brief video](#). Newsela is committed to supporting our teachers, so they have created a [resource page](#) specifically for L.A. Unified teachers. [Click here](#) or more information about Newsela for L.A. Unified.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) with Classroom Champions

Classroom Champions is sponsoring an 8-week SEL distance learning challenge starting this week. For more information, please visit: <https://www.classroomchampions.org/blog/ready-for-the-free-8-week-sel-challenge>.

TGR Foundation, A Tiger Woods Charity

In response to school closures brought on by COVID-19, TGR Foundation is finding new ways to provide educators, students and families with no-cost lessons and resources to support distance learning. Along with the 40+ STEM and college-access resources available on [TGREDUExplore.org](https://www.tgredue.org), TGR Foundation's in-house team has created new learning content over the last several weeks.

A-G Intervention and Support

Edgenuity Professional Development

The A-G Intervention and Support Office invites all summer school teachers and mentors to participate in the upcoming [Edgenuity synchronous training](#) in preparation for the distance learning summer session. This training will assist those supporting summer school build and strengthen an understanding of the Edgenuity platform's essentials features for synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

Important - Free College Hotline

L.A. Unified high school seniors and their parents/guardians can speak directly to a college adviser from the [USC College Advising Corp.](#) Available Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call: 323-870-8600. College Advisor languages: English, Spanish, Armenian, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Haitian Creole.

Academic and Counseling Services

Waiver of Local Graduation Requirements for Service Learning and Career Pathway for Class of 2020

In order to ensure students are not negatively impacted by COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, the Division of Instruction requested a waiver for the Career Pathway and Service Learning Requirements for the graduating Class of 2020 based on the following:

- Career Pathway and Service Learning are not required by the California Department of Education (CDE) or the California State University (CSU) "a-g" minimum admission requirements.
- The California Department of Education COVID-19 guidance allows Local Education Agencies (LEA) decision-making flexibility on locally determined additional graduation requirements which include Career Pathway and Service Learning.

The local graduation requirements for Service Learning and Career Pathway were adopted on May 19, 2020 for the Class of 2020 therefore, seniors who have not met these local graduation requirements would still graduate with the Class of 2020 and would not be penalized due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.

Ethnic Studies and History/Social Sciences

Ethnic Studies Online Professional Development

This six-hour PD was created in part by the Division of Instruction and is required for teachers of Ethnic Studies courses. This PD will ground teachers in the skills necessary to select topics for, and lead discussion on controversial and/or sensitive issues. Participants may register for this online course on MyPLN and search course name *Ethnic Studies* to register for the course. Eligible participants that successfully complete this course will be compensated for six hours at their regular rate of pay.

For additional information, please contact Kieley Jackson, *HSS Coordinator*, kjack2@lausd.net, 213-241-4506.

Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI)

Apply to Become a Practitioner Schools 5.0: Digital Citizen School

[The Practitioner Schools \(PS\) 5.0 Digital Citizen Program](#) is an effort supported by the Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI), which focuses on strategically and systematically ensuring that L.A. Unified students are granted intentional exposure to leveraging digital resources and to developing and integrating foundational 21st century practices within the K-12 classrooms. The goal is to create learning experiences that grant students opportunities to be interconnected and practice 21st century skills, computer science education, digital citizenship and dispositions on a daily basis.

Join Upcoming ITI Lunch & Learns for Remote Teaching and Family Supports

The Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) is proudly hosting two webinars in collaboration with Common Sense Education focused on remote classroom and family resources. On June 11 at 12:30 p.m., a session on [Tech Balance](#), a free, bilingual text message program, will be unpacked to best support parents of our youngest learners. On June 18 at 12:30 p.m., a session on [Wide Open Schools](#) will highlight virtual classroom resources to support all students, including English Learners and students with learning differences.

Integrated Library and Textbook Support Services (ILTSS)

Destiny is now Integrated into Schoology

The L.A. Unified Destiny app is now accessible for school-based users through your Schoology account! The L.A. Unified Destiny app provides school site educators and students access to the school's library catalog and other resources. You can find the Destiny app by going to the App Center menu icon in Schoology. After clicking the L.A. Unified Destiny app and installing it, the App will be available through the following menu paths:

User App List > Select *LAUSD Destiny*
Courses > Left Navigation *LAUSD Destiny*

Textbook Deliveries

Purchase orders are currently being issued for requested textbooks. Delivery will be between May 18 and June 19, 2020. ILTSS checked with Facilities as to the availability of a plant manager at school sites during this time. This information has been shared with the publishers to ensure delivery when the plant manager is on campus. Please check your school's Google Folder for ordering information to ensure that the orders are complete. Tracking information for shipments will be posted on the Google Drive as they are shared by the publishers.

For additional information, please contact Kimberly Balala, *Specialist*, kkr3219@lausd.net.

Mastery Grading and Learning (MGL)

Now Accepting Requests for: Fall 2020 Mastery Learning and Grading School-Site PD Series

Mastery Learning and Grading is a growth-mindset approach to K-12 teaching and learning, based on the expectation that all students can demonstrate grade-level proficiency when provided with the right conditions and support. It offers an alternative to traditional grading and instructional practices by implementing research-based systems personalizing learning for each student's unique needs. Mastery Learning and Grading allows more students to succeed academically and to become self-directed learners. The Mastery Learning and Grading PD Series entails six, two-hour workshops scheduled approximately two to three weeks apart and includes eight hours of additional online learning to deepen participants' understanding. Workshops may be scheduled during PD time or after-school. The Division of Instruction will pay training rate for all hours beyond the contracted workday. Local District Mastery Learning and Grading Coaches are available on a first-come, first-served basis to facilitate the PD Series at your school site.

For more information and flyers, please visit our webpage: <http://bit.ly/LAUnifiedMLG> or contact Melissa Guice, *Mastery Learning and Grading Coach*, mjg7290@lausd.net.

Mathematics

MathLinks

The [MathLinks](#) team put together free resources for students, parents, and teachers. There you will find all of their skill boosters, proficiency challenges, tasks, and big square puzzles. They are reorganized to make them more convenient for students and parents. More will be added to this site as new material is created.

Middle School Professional Development

Professional development is available for middle school math teachers new to teaching [accelerated math](#) courses and for those involved in the [Illustrative Mathematics Pilot Cohort 1](#).

ST MATH

ST Math is offering all K-8 teachers and students access to their visual math program at no-cost. This access will be available for teachers and students to use during the school closure. L.A. Unified teachers and students will be able to access ST Math through Schoology. Teachers need to download the ST Math app from the LMS App Center in Schoology. For detailed instructions, please watch this [brief video](#).

Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED)

Professional Development Opportunities

MMED is offering numerous [professional development opportunities](#) throughout the summer focusing on K-12 English learner, dual language, and world language instruction.

TK-12 Distance Learning Home Resource Book for English Learners

Families are receiving the TK-12 distance learning home [resource book](#) for English Learners that provide family-friendly suggested activities that can be used at home to continue with English Language Development. Booklets are both in English and Spanish. Families that do not receive an English Learner Home Resource book by Friday, June 5 can complete the following form: <http://bit.ly/deldmail>.

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

Project Based Learning (PBL) in Dual Language and World Languages 6th – 12th Grade

This module provides an overview of Project Based Learning and its application in Dual Language Education and World Language classrooms. Practitioners can apply the elements and teaching practices of PBL to engage students in standards-based, real world projects to develop linguistic literacy and 21st century competencies.

For additional information, please contact Mohcine Zaidi, *Dual Language Specialist*, mohcine.zaidi@lausd.net.

Personalized Learning Systems

Personalize Learning Systems Schoology Support and Professional Development

Personalized Learning Systems will continue offering previously scheduled webinars compensated at the training rate (\$25 per hour). Registration is through MyPLN, Keyword *Spring2020*. Please visit the [PLS website](#) for more details. PLS will offer webinars (optional) during regular work hours around Schoology implementation. [Click here](#) for a complete list of times and topics. PLS will host virtual office hours/Q & A sessions weekly for the duration of the shutdown on Thursday afternoons 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for Schoology related questions. To attend, please visit the [LA Unified Educators group](#) in Schoology, click **Conferences** on the left, then click 'Office Hours.'

Teaching Matters Partnership with L.A. Unified

[LA Unified and Teaching Matters](#) are working to provide optional standards-aligned, student-facing activities for K-8 teachers to facilitate remote instruction. The activities offered by Teaching Matters are fully accessible on any computer, smartphone, or tablet and are customizable to fit your classroom's needs.

- Job Aid: <https://bit.ly/LAUSDTeachingMatters>
- Website: <https://lp.teachingmatters.org/lausd>
- Video: <https://vimeo.com/411747071>

For more information, please visit <https://achieve.lausd.net/lmsupdates> or contact Antonio Hernandez, *Change Management Coordinator*, antonio.hernandez@lausd.net.

Science/STEAM

At-Home Learning Science Lessons Available

For the duration of the school shutdown, the Division of Instruction will be providing science lessons and assignments ready to be delivered for At-Home Learning via Schoology and/or via Google Classroom. These lessons are optional for teachers to

use and are not mandatory. Once you have joined the Schoology Science Group, locate the lessons in Resources, in the Folder titled “Science Continuity of Learning”. A Zoom session will be held once a week to roll out the lessons and answer questions. The Zoom links will be posted in the Schoology Groups. The lessons are accessible through the Schoology Group, LAUSD Middle School Science and LAUSD High School Science.

Climate Reality Leadership Corps: Free Global Training, July 18-26, 2020

This July, [The Climate Reality Project](#) and former Vice President Al Gore will host their first-ever virtual climate advocacy training. This free global event comes at an unprecedented moment in history. The COVID-19 emergency has shattered our sense of normalcy and forced us to grapple with the kind of world we want – and need – when this crisis is over. A world where we rapidly transition away from fossil fuels to end the climate crisis, safeguard our health, strengthen our communities’ well-being, and ensure justice for those who have been marginalized in the past. By working for renewable energy and other practical and inclusive climate solutions, passionate changemakers around the world can help stop global warming and create a healthy, just, and sustainable future for all. During this moment of physical distancing, we can still join together and raise our voices for change. This July, join us online to make 2020 a turning point. Together, we can build a powerful global movement for change.

Mystery Science

[Mystery Science](#) is the creator of popular science lessons in U.S. schools. They have curated this starter set of science lessons that can be used remotely or shared with parents. To access more lessons, please sign up for a free account. Click here for [Teacher Account](#). Click here for [Parent Account](#).

Replacing Integrated Coordinated Science Courses with California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS) Aligned Courses

Please review this [Interoffice Correspondance](#) that provides guidance on replacing the Integrated Coordinated Science I, II, and III (ICS I, II, and III) with CA NGSS approved courses for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

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

Science Video Vault

[The California Academy of Sciences](#) has a collection of educational videos to help students visualize data and understand scientific and environmental concepts. Additionally, live webcams are available for watching penguins, a reef lagoon, and a Philippine coral reef.

STEM/STEAM Certification Process

The Division of Instruction has opened the interest form for schools who are interested in participating in LAUSD STEM/STEAM Certification Process. The form can be accessed through <https://bit.ly/LAUSDSTEAM20-21>.

STEM Online Resources

EdTech companies, non-profits organizations, federal agencies, and others are working together to ensure all families and educators have access to the tools necessary to facilitate or expand online learning. [Tech for Learners](#) is a web-enabled resource providing a searchable database. Beyond the Tech for Learners platform, there are also many blog posts and resources compiled by the FC-STEM community in recent weeks, which we are sharing with you below.

EPA’s EnviroAtlas:

- Building a Greenway: Case Study: <https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas/building-greenway-case-study>
- Connecting Ecosystems and Human Health: <https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas/connecting-ecosystems-and-human-health>
- Introduction to Ecosystem Services: <https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas/introduction-ecosystem-services>
- Explore Your Watershed: <https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas/exploring-your-watershed>

NASA:

- NASA STEM @ Home for Students Grades K-4: <https://www.nasa.gov/stem-at-home-for-students-k-4.html>
- NASA STEM @ Home for Students Grades 5-8: <https://www.nasa.gov/stem-at-home-for-students-5-8.html>

NOAA:

- NOAA's Resource Collections: <https://www.noaa.gov/education/resource-collections>
- Data in the Classroom: <https://dataintheclassroom.noaa.gov/>

NSF:

- Blog post: Seven NSF-supported STEM resources that are perfect for at-home learning: <https://beta.nsf.gov/science-matters/seven-nsf-supported-stem-resources-are-perfect-home-learning>

Smithsonian:

- Smithsonian Learning Lab: <https://learninglab.si.edu/distancelearning>

USGS:

- USGS Learn from Home – Updated weekly with new content: www.usgs.gov/learnfromhome
- Planetary Learning that Advances the Nexus of Engineering, Technology, and Science: <https://planets-stem.org/>

USPTO:

- Blog Post: Expanding Innovation Hub: <https://www.uspto.gov/blog/director/entry/uspto-launches-the-expanding-innovation>

USC Viterbi K-12 STEM Center Summer Programs

The [USC Viterbi K-12 STEM Center](#) is offering summer engineering programs that include research opportunities, camps and classes introducing K-12 students to engineering, plus full scholarships for [Code.org](#) teacher training.

Special Education**Special Education Teachers Edgenuity MyPath & Courseware Training for Middle School Students on the Core Curriculum**

Participants will experience MyPath as both a student and an educator. They will learn how to manage student accounts and create user groups. Understand the MyPath process of assessment and assignment of individualized learning paths (ILPs). Analyze key data to monitor student progress and drive instruction. Discuss best practices and classroom routines. The session is recorded and available on MyPLN on an on-going basis.

Special Education Teachers Edgenuity Courseware Training for High School Students on the Core Curriculum

Participants will explore student tools and strategies to support student needs. Learn how course customization can be used to accommodate and individualize curriculum for exceptional student populations. Identify progress monitoring best practices and specific data metrics to pinpoint student strengths and deficiencies for specialized students. Understand options for collaboration. The session is recorded and available on MyPLN on an on-going basis.

For more information, please contact Veronica Mullen, *Specialist, TK-12 Instruction*, veronica.mullen@lausd.net.

Student Health and Human Services: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports/Restorative Practices**Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and Restorative Practices or PBIS/RP Resources**

PBIS/RP resources leverage a trauma-resilience informed approach through a Multi-Tiered System of Supports framework. This supports the cultivation of safe, healthy, welcoming, and affirming learning environments and establishes a culture of learning and positive behavior. For tools and resources on classroom behavior expectations, restorative practices, community building circles, building and maintaining relationships and self-care, please join the PBIS/RP Schoology group (access code ZV2B-2PCZ-BMJVX).

For more information, please visit https://achieve.lausd.net/PBIS_RP or email pbis-rp@lausd.net.

Whole Child Student Information Reporting System

Expanded SBAC Data Targeted for April Release in Whole Child Student Information Reporting System

Use Chrome to log into <https://wholechild.lausd.net> to access the following information to support your work:

- New and Complete Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Data (including scores and dates):
 - Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA) for ELA and Math
 - Interim Assessment Block (IAB), including Focus IAB
- New Numeracy and Secondary Literacy data panels

For help, review the applicable videos and user manuals available on the website <https://achieve.lausd.net/wholechild>, Quick Links > Platform Resources > [User Guides & Information](#) or complete an online *Whole Child Integrated Data* course available on MyPLN.

Grant and Competition Opportunities

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 (NEA) 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!

Data for Democracy

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, UCLA has created Data for Democracy, a project for K-12 students to analyze and gather data on critical issues such as access to parks, jobs, and housing in Los Angeles. Each month, we will take up one of these issues and share charts, graphs, maps and other information from [UCLA research centers](https://centerx.gseis.ucla.edu/data-for-democracy/). For more information, please visit: <https://centerx.gseis.ucla.edu/data-for-democracy/>.

Rock the Vote's Democracy Class

Help us get more L.A. Unified teachers to teach 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

To receive the free curriculum, please go to <https://www.rockthevote.org/>. Spread the word and encourage teachers to teach this curriculum by forwarding this to a teacher who you think might be interested.

Civic Knowledge and Action Project

The Council of Great City Schools and College Board announce the Civic Knowledge and Action Project. Through a collaboration with [DoSomething.org](https://dosomething.org), a nonpartisan nonprofit focused on youth-led volunteering initiatives, we're making it simple for schools that offer AP U.S. Government and Politics and AP with [WE Service](https://www.collegeboard.org/ap/civics) to help students participate in the real-world application of their course content by leading voter registration drives in their schools and promoting census participation in their communities. All content is nonpartisan and will help meet course-specific curricular requirements. Teachers can click the following link to register for the Civic Knowledge and Action Project.

- What is provided:
 - An optional lesson plan and two project outlines created by the AP Program for teachers to integrate voting and the Census into their classroom. The materials are posted on AP Central, in the section labeled, *Resources from Civic Knowledge and Action Project*.
 - A free voter registration toolkit and online student webinars provided by DoSomething that includes everything students need to run a local nonpartisan voter registration drive. After signing up, DoSomething will mail the voter registration toolkit to your school.
 - Materials are created by the U.S. Census Bureau to help students lead census participation efforts.

If you would like a list of schools in your district that have AP U.S. Government and Politics, please request a list by contacting CivicActionProject@collegeboard.org. In your email, please include your school district, city and state. Teachers can use link above to register on the DoSomething site or click: <http://www.dosomething.org/startteacher3>

Free Access to the New York Times Online

In a shared commitment to foster education, the NY Times is partnering with Verizon to provide free access to [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com). To access, register your school at nytimesgroupsubscriptions.com/schoolaccess. Once registered, your school will be contacted to confirm your start date. Unlimited digital access to [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com) while connected to the school network will then be available through December 31, 2021.

Observances and Commemorative Events

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

Obsevanace	Resource Links
Flag Day (June 14)	History of Flag Day History Channel Origins of Flag Day
Father's Day (June 21)	History Channel Father's Day History Ways to Celebrate
Immigrant Heritage Month	American Immigration Council I Am an Immigrant Celebrating Immigrants
National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month	American Heart Association Have a Plant USDA
National Safety Month	National Safety Council Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Safety Month
Pride Month	History of Pride Month Library of Congress GLAAD