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Division of Instruction
Los Angeles Unified School District

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Secondary Instructional Update

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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
High school: 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 or Caroline Walden, *Coordinator, P12 Instruction*, caroline.walden@lausd.net.

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

Michael and Susan Dell Foundation Dell Scholars Program
Scholarship opportunities for the class of 2019. A scholarship opportunity to be shared with current juniors. The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation created Dell Scholars to recognize and assist an underserved population—students in the academic middle from low-income households who are often among the first in their families to attend college. All Dell Scholars have overcome significant personal challenges in their pursuit of higher education. The financial award helps students with various education expenses; but, most importantly, the program is more than just a check: Dell Scholars is a college completion program that provides students with key supports they need to obtain a college degree. Student application window opens November 1, 2018.
https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/

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/

College and Counseling

Master Program Institute (MPI) Spring Cohort 18
The Master Plan Institute (MPI) is a ten-day professional learning institute designed to develop and support secondary administrators and school site personnel, charged with the responsibility of building and maintaining a student-centered master schedule. The Master Plan Institute (MPI) Spring Cohort 18 that will begin on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

>   **Date:** January 23 and 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27
>   **Location:** Beaudry 2-131
>   **Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
>   **Registration:** Please see MEM-6725.5 Application for the LAUSD/AALA Master Program Institute
>   Cohort 18 – Spring 2019 for application

For additional information, please contact Rosanna Carosa, *MPI Coordinator*, rcarosa@lausd.net, 213-241-4658.

History/Social Science

California Council on Economic Education Professional Development for
High School Economics Teachers or Administrators
Opportunity to attend professional development to support High School Economics curriculum and instruction centered around four units of study: Economic Reasoning, Markets, The National Economy and Globalization.

>   Training dates: December 6, 2018, Local District East
>   January 17, 2019, Local District West
>   January 24, 2019, Local District Northeast

Interested teachers or administrators may register at https://bit.ly/2C8ePeD. Please view flyer for more details.

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

Instructional Technology Initiative

Instructional Technology Planning Cohort
This three-day cohort is aimed to cultivate and refine instructional practices to support academic achievement, empower the leaders of tomorrow, and ground our District's core beliefs in equity and access for all students.

>   **Date:** December 17, 18 and 19, 2018
>   **Location:** Western Ave. Elementary School, LD West
>   **Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
>   **Compensation:** District Training Rate, or 1 Salary point with additional homework, or
>   National Board Certification hours
>   **Registration:** To Request Registration information, contact Allison Jonas, *Coordinator*, allison.jonas@lausd.net,
>   213-241-5822.

ITI Wonder Workshop
Educators will learn the foundations of computer science while engaging in physical computing with a Dash robot in this one-day hands-on session. This session is for all learners. Materials will be provided.

>   **Date:** December 15, 2018
>   **Location:** Maywood Center for Enriched Studies (MaCES)
>   **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
>   **Registration:** MyPLN
>   **Compensation:** District Training Rate

For additional information, please contact Maria Manganimo-Toledo, *Specialist*, mmagna1@lausd.net, 213-241-5532.

Mastery Learning and Grading

Mastery Learning and Grading PD Series
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 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: 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, 213-241-6741 or Chris Grounds, christopher.grounds@lausd.net, 213-241-6739, *Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coaches.*
Website: http://bit.ly/LAUnifiedMLG

Personalized Learning Systems

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 Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology, and how to use the LMS to support instruction. Join us with your questions and/or concerns for personalized support.

> **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.

For additional information, please contact Clara García, *Specialist,* clara.garcia@lausd.net, 213-241-3017.

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

Observance	Resource Links
National Special Education Day (December 2)	National Special Education Day—PTA Special Education Day National Association of Special Education Teachers
Computer Science Education Week (December 3 – 9)	Instructional Technology Initiative Hour of Code
For a comprehensive list of dates and observances, please refer to MEM-5466.8 *Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, School Year 2018-2019*, dated July 6, 2018.	