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Division of Instruction
Los Angeles Unified School District

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DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION
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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
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 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.

Access, Equity and Acceleration

African American Family Day
The Access, Equity and Acceleration Unit is excited to invite you to participate in L.A. Unified's 6th African American Family Day. This event was originally established for schools and District officials to strengthen relationships with African American families. For the past five years, this annual event has provided an opportunity for students, families, and District staff members to participate in a friendly, informative day full of exciting workshops and cultural activities. The theme of this year's African American Family Day is "Cultivating a Path to a Brighter Future with Infinite Opportunities." During this event, students and families will engage in interactive workshops facilitated by District personnel from the Division of Instruction, including the Access, Equity and Acceleration Unit; Advanced Learning Options Unit; Instructional Technology Initiative Unit (ITI); and Student Integration Services. Students (Grades 3-12) will be provided with opportunities for hands-on learning experiences and culturally relevant workshops that celebrate, affirm and validate African American heritage. Flyer

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019
Location: Gardena Senior High School, 1301 W. 182nd Street, Gardena, CA 90248
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Registration: https://bit.ly/AfricanAmericanFamilyDay2019

For additional information, please contact Dr. Brenda Manuel, *Administrator*, brenda.manuel@lausd.net or Andre Spicer, *Director*, andre.spicer@lausd.net, 213-241-3340.

2019 Academic English Master Program (AEMP) Best Practices Symposium
Teachers and Leaders at Academic English Mastery Program schools are invited to attend the 2019 Best Practices Symposium where attendees will take a deep dive into year-end LAS Links data and reflect on school-wide instructional practices that accelerate the learning of Standard English Learners. Flyer

> **Date:** Saturday, May 18, 2019
> **Location:** 74th Street Elementary School
> **Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
> **Registration:** bit.ly/aemp51819

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Summer Institute
The 2019 Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Summer Institute will host keynote speaker Dr. Sharroky Hollie. Dr. Hollie will strategically share best practices around the implementation and use of the Culturally Authentic and Responsive Texts Collection in which all AEMP schools have received. Teachers will receive additional materials to support the implementation of Mainstream English Language Development, Academic English Language Development, and the integration of Culturally and Linguistically Responsive practices into their classroom for the upcoming school year.

> June 13, 2019 & June 14, 2019
> August 7, 2019 & August 8, 2019

For more information, please contact Kandice McLurkin-Hasani, *Administrative Coordinator*, kandice.mclurkin@lausd.net, 213-241-3340.

Instructional Technology Initiative

The Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) is offering multiple professional learning opportunities during the month of May:

ISTE Standards for Students: Global Collaborator
This session will explore how collaborative technologies connect us with others which helps to broaden our perspectives and enrich learning.

ISTE Standards for Students Empowered Learner
This session provides learners the opportunity to explore how collaboration allows students to take an active role in achieving and demonstrating their learning goals.

Computational Thinking through Physical Computing
This session will explore the foundations of computer science while engaging in physical computing in this one-day hands-on session.

The Instructional Technology Planning Cohort
These sessions are aimed at cultivating and refining 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. ITI will offer guidance in developing an informed, effective plan for learning leveraging digital tools tailored to each school's needs connected to high level instructional strategies to prepare students to the 21st Century.

Exploring Computer Science
Join the Exploring Computer Science 2019-20 cohort if you plan to teach Exploring Computer Science next school year. This practitioner cohort consists of a 5-day onboarding during June 17-21, 2019, and four quarterly follow-up sessions during the 2019-20 school year.

Computer Science Discoveries

Whether you are new to teaching computer science (CS) or have experience teaching other CS courses, the Code.org Professional Learning Program offers year-round support.

Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles

Are you interested in teaching Computer Science Principles? To register for the 2019-20 professional development 9-day cohort, please complete the Code.org application at https://code.org/educate/professional-learning/program-information.

To find out about dates, time and registration, please click on the link.

For additional information, please contact Maria Magnanimo-Toledo, *Readiness and Instructional Technology Specialist*, mmagna1@luasd.net , 213-241-5532.

Personalized Learning Systems

LMS Open Labs for Educators

LMS Open Labs for Educators are available throughout the school year at 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.

> **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 and administrators. 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.

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*, ayham.dahi@lausd.net, 213-241-5333.

STEAM

2nd Annual STEAM Exploration

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, the Division of Instruction, in collaboration with the University of Southern California, will host the second annual LA Unified STEAM Explorations. We are inviting all LA Unified educators and staff, along with students and families to collectively build their capacity in STEAM Education and Makerspaces by engage in hands-on STEAM activities to experience what STEAM education is all about. Educators and families will also have the opportunity to attend various learning sessions delivered by L.A. Unified teachers and industry professional, where they will learn about innovative STEAM practices to support student learning in the classroom, as well as at home.

> **Date:** Saturday, June 8, 2019
> **Location:** University of Southern California
> **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
> To register for the event, please complete the online registration form at
> http://bit.ly/LAUSDSTEAMExplorations2019.

For more information, Amy Pedersen, *STEAM Coordinator*, aka7154@lausd.net or Jaspreet Sandha, *STEAM Coordinator*, jaspreet.sandha@lausd.net, 213-241-5333.

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

Observance	Resource Links
Better Hearing & Speech Month	American Speech-Language-Hearing Assoc What Health American Academy of Audiology
Celebrating Los Angeles School Police During National Police Week (May 12-18)	National Police Week Peace Officers Memorial Day Peace Officers Memorial Day in the US
Mental Health Awareness Month	Mental Health America National Alliance on Mental Illness National Council for Behavioral Health
Celebrating Asian Pacific Islanders American Heritage Month	Asian Pacific Islanders American Heritage PBS SoCal National PTA
Declaring Foster and Kinship Care Awareness Month and Advocate for 100% Identification of Foster and Kinship Care Students in California	Kinship House LAUSD Foster & Adoptive Family Services
Classified School Employee Week (May 19-25)	CSEA CDE Classified Employees of the Year
Recognizing Be Kind to Animals Week (May 6-12)	American Humane Lessons Be Kind to Animals Week Kindness100
Celebrating National Teacher and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-12)	PTA NEA Education World