



Division of Instruction
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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. Elementary link:

http://www.lausd.net/cdg/CurriculumMaps_Elementary/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.

Inspiring My Child Today...For A Successful Tomorrow

All L.A. Unified parents and families are invited to join us for a conversation with Dr. Quaglia, expert in developing student voice and aspirations. Spanish translation will be available.

Two locations and dates are available:

- Tuesday, February 26 (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) @ Huntington Park HS
- Wednesday, February 27 (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) @ Chatsworth HS

Parents and families may register online at http://bit.ly/Quaglia_RSVP.

For more information, please contact Cindy Lin, *College Counseling Coordinator*, cml22671@lausd.net, 213-241-2537.

Grant Opportunity

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/>

Access, Equity and Acceleration

Early Language and Literacy Professional Development

The Academic English Mastery Program (AEMP) invites TK-2nd grade teachers of MELD to participate in this professional development opportunity with a specific focus on instruction for Standard English Learners. The theme of this PD is “Building a Successful Foundation for Responsive Language and Literacy Instruction.” Participants will receive mentor texts, AEMP resources, strategies to support language instruction, and much more. Register soon. Space is limited.

Date: February 2, 2019

Location: Bret Harte Preparatory Middle School
9301 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles, CA 90044

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration: MyPLN; Keyword: AEMP or CLR

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

Instructional Technology Initiative

Teacher Leader Network (TLN) Intensive

This professional learning session is meant to be an introductory learning experience focused on the following four topics: Unpacking the Task Force Recommendations; Introduction to the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Students; Exploring Digital Citizenship; and Learning the Fundamentals of Personalized Learning. Additionally, teachers that participate in the TLN Intensive will have an opportunity to be part of a community of like-minded learners to collectively continue their learning.

Date: February 2, 2019

Location: Burbank Blvd. Elementary School

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration: MyPLN; Keyword: ITI Teacher Leader Network Intensive 2019

Interested teachers should complete the Interest Form and attend the TLN Intensive session: TLN [Interest Form](#)

Compensation: District Training Rate

ISTE Standards for Students: Creative Communicator

Learners will develop an understanding of how to use collaborative tools to foster student creativity and help them clearly express their ideas. Using Google Slides, learners will engage in interactive activities designed to promote, support, and model creative and innovative thinking. Learners will explore how multiple modalities such as images, audio, video, and text allow students to convey complex ideas more clearly. By the end of the session, learners will have experienced practical ways to leverage collaborative digital resources that can be immediately applied in the classroom.

Dates: February 20, 21, 27, 2019

Location: 24th Street Elementary School

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Registration: MyPLN; Keyword: Creative Communicator

Compensation: There are three options for compensation, which include District Training Rate, hours towards salary points, or hours towards National Board Certification.

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

Literacy & Language Arts

ELA Teacher Cadre Opportunities Available

Three Elementary ELA teacher cadre opportunities are available: (1) TK-K Dialogic Reading with LMU Center for English Learners Equity, (2) K-3 Guided Reading with UCLA Center X, and (3) Foundational Skills for Developing-Struggling Readers with 95 Percent Group and LAUSD staff. Please see information at tinyurl.com/2019-ELA-cadre-info.

For more information, please contact Alison Pickering, *Coordinator, ELA*, alison.pickering@lausd.net, or Leti Puyol, *Specialist, K-5*, lourdes.puyol@lausd.net.

Optional PD Opportunities in Elementary ELA

Multiple optional PD opportunities are available this spring, including Heggerty Phonemic Awareness (intro and advanced), Interventions for Reading Success with Michelle Windmueller, and Guided Reading Strategies. Flyers can be downloaded at the elementary literacy web page <http://achieve.lausd.net/ela>.

MOY DIBELS Deadline Extended to February 15th

To ensure there is ample time to complete DIBELS assessments, the deadline for completion of elementary literacy assessments has been extended by two weeks. MOY assessments are now due on February 15th.

Amplify Reading Online Platform for K-2 Students at Title I Sites

All students K-2 at schoolwide Title I sites are able to access the Amplify Reading online learning platform, which provides language and literacy instruction and practice in a fun and engaging online game format. Online and face-to-face PDs are available at the Local Districts.

For more information, please contact Alison Pickering, *Coordinator, ELA*, alison.pickering@lausd.net.

Mastery Learning and Grading

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: All Local Districts TK-12+

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 (02/23/19, 03/02/19, and 03/16/19) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hollywood High School. 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 Adriana Zuniga, adriana.zuniga@lausd.net, 310-914-2102 or Richard An, rha2223@lausd.net, 310-914-2179, *Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coaches, Local District West*.

Mastery Learning and Grading: Three-Day Workshop Series: All Local Districts TK-12+

This Mastery Learning and Grading: 3-Day Workshop Series is open to TK-12+ educators in any content. To enroll, please search keywords "mastery" in MyPLN. The class meets on three Wednesdays (02/06/19, 03/13/19, and 04/10/19) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the East L.A. Skills Center. Participants who attend all three in-person sessions and complete additional independent learning will earn MLG certification. Sub-coverage is to be provided by school sites. Information about parking, room location, etc., will be shared after enrollment.

If you have additional questions, please contact: Cristin Carroll, *Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coach, Local District East*, cmc8806@lausd.net, 323-224-5954, or Chris Grounds, *Mastery Learning and Grading Instructional Coach, Division of Instruction*, christopher.grounds@lausd.net, 213-241-6739.

Website: <http://bit.ly/LAUnifiedMLG>

Multilingual and Multicultural Education (MMED)

EL Grading Guidance

This one-day professional development will allow participants to learn about the resources available to support a cohesive standards-based grading system. Participants will have a hands-on experience on completing the new progress report card including scoring of student work for instructional implications.

Dates: Saturday, February 9, 2019, and Saturday, February 23, 2019

Location: Sammy Lee Elementary

[Click Flyer](#)

For additional information, please contact Carla Gutierrez, carla.gutierrez@lausd.net or Juana Aguilar, jxp9933@lausd.net, 213-241-5582.

Comprehensive ELD Program: Integrated ELD (iELD) and Designated ELD (dELD)

This is a two-day professional development for teachers to learn about Comprehensive ELD and use the CA ELD Standards and the CA ELA/ELD Framework in order to meet the needs of English Learners.

Dates: Saturday, February 9, 2019, and Saturday, February 23, 2019

Location: Sammy Lee Elementary

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For additional information, please contact Carla Gutierrez, *Coordinator*, carla.gutierrez@lausd.net or Juana Aguilar, *Specialist*, jxp9933@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 is available on the MMED and Parent Community Services (PCS) website for download: <http://mmed.lausd.net>.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Ramirez, *Elementary EL Specialist*, cmr0096@lausd.net or Reina Diaz, *EL Programs Specialist*, 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 understand key components within each chapter of the 2018 Master Plan. Compensation is 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, (213) 241-5582.

6th Grade: Winter Bridge to Reclassification (BTR) – February 11-28, 2019

If Principals of schools administering the BTR and Reading Inventory (RI) during the 2018-19 school year need to assign a new or returning school site RI Designee, please use the following link to submit and/or update your RI designee information:

http://bit.ly/2018-19_RI_Designee

BTR and RI dates are as follow:

Bridge to Reclassify (BTR)	Reading Inventory (RI)
February 11, 2019 – February 28, 2019	April 29, 2019 – May 24, 2019

All ELs on Profile C and D who are also receiving targeted intervention will be eligible for the Winter BTR. For the RI Toolkit please visit: <http://bit.ly/ToolkitRI>

For more information, please contact Youssef Mossadaq, EL Specialist, at yxm9573@lausd.net or 213-241-5582.

Personalized Learning Systems

Elementary Learning Management System (LMS) Champions Gradebook Practices Training

Personalized Learning Systems has a variety of trainings and webinars available for new and continuing elementary LMS Champions. LMS Champions are selected by elementary school principals as lead teachers to attend training and to share what they have learned with faculty.

Participants will explore the LMS and online gradebook, Schoology. The topics for February are “Parent Portal Basics” and “Parent Communication.”

Registration: For registration information, dates, times, and locations, please visit: <http://bit.ly/lmstraining19>.

Compensation: For face-to-face sessions, participants will be compensated for three hours at the training rate (\$25 per hour)—two hours for attending and one hour for completing the homework.

For webinars, participants will be compensated for two hours at the training rate (\$25 per hour)—two hours for attending the webinar and one hour for completing the homework.

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.

Registration: MyPLN; **Keyword:** Open Lab

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

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

Administrators' Webinar: Elementary Online Gradebook Resources

Personalized Learning Systems will be hosting a series of webinars for elementary administrators. All elementary administrators are welcome to participate as we review Schoology gradebook resources and provide guidance on how to support your staff. The topic for February is "Courses, Groups, and Resources."

Date: February 25, 2019

Location: Webinar (via Elementary Principal's Toolkit group in Schoology)

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration: Registration is not needed. For participation information, please see the [Administrators' webinar flyer](#) or refer to the webinar user guide at <http://bit.ly/adminwebguide>.

Participation is voluntary, there is no compensation.

For additional information, please contact Beth Billett, *Coordinator*, ebillett@lausd.net, 213-241-3017.

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

Observance	Resource Links
Celebration of Black History Month	ASALH Black History Month Black History Month LA Events
National No One Eats Alone Day (February 15)	No One Eats Alone Day Beyond Differences CSEA