

DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

PARENT NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

The 2020-2021 school year will start on August 18, 2020. Special Education services and supports will continue to be provided in a distance learning environment. The Division of Special Education has worked diligently to create a Distance Learning plan in collaboration with the Division of Instruction. We continue our commitment to providing a consistent, robust system of service delivery models to our students. COVID 19 has posed many challenges, and we will continue to work relentlessly to overcome those challenges. We thank you for being our partners in this work. Working together we can best support our students.

UPDATES

Keep Moving with

Coach Kevin



"Animal Kingdom"

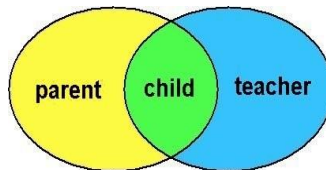
Adapted Physical Education, Teacher Kevin Ma created a video lesson for his young students! View the lesson at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPOE95OkP-M>

ALTERNATE CURRICULUM UNIQUE LEARNING SYSTEMS

For students identified by IEP teams as being on an alternate curriculum and in an alternate curriculum program, the Unique Learning System (ULS) is the curriculum being utilized to support with academic, social, and independent living skills. Teachers may use additional materials in addition to ULS. Students are able to access an individual ULS student account created by the current classroom teacher. Please contact your student's teacher for more information about this at-home access available through ULS.

VIRTUAL IEP TEAM MEETINGS

Virtual IEP meetings will continue in the fall during virtual instruction. Due to their success, we are looking to have them also continue as an option when we return to in-person services.



DUE PROCESS

All due process mandates and timelines remain unchanged. All proceedings, including mediations and hearings are held via videoconference or virtual means at

ASSESSMENTS

Due to current County and State health and safety orders, the District is not engaging in in-person services to students at this time. The administration of many assessments for new IEPs require the use of in-person protocols in order to be valid and reliable based on their norming standards. Therefore, these assessments cannot be conducted at this time.



CONTACTS & RESOURCES

PHONE NUMBERS

LAUSD General Hotline
(213) 431-4300

Division of Special Education
Hotline (213) 241-6701

LAUSD School Mental Health
Hotline (213) 241-3840

WEBSITES

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<https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>

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Office of Parent & Community
Services PCS Website
<https://achieve.lausd.net/pcss>

LOCAL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICES

LD Central
(213) 241-1378

LD East
(323) 224-3300

LD Northeast
(818) 686-4400

LD Northwest
(818) 654-5001

LD South
(310) 354-3431

LD West
(310) 235-3700

IMPORTANT DATES

August 18: First Day of
Instruction (virtual)

September 4: Admission
Day (Holiday)

September 7: Labor Day
(Holiday)

November 11: Veteran's Day
(Holiday)

Nov. 26-Nov. 27:
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 21-January 8:
Winter Recess



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UPDATES CONTINUED

Ms. Guerrero's Kinder ESY class at Telfair Elementary School Learns virtually!



Extended School Year

We had over 8,000 students enrolled in Extended School Year. It was our first virtual ESY and our students and staff rose to the occasion. Thank you, parents, students, and staff for your dedication in making our Extended Summer School Program a success!

Teachers shared what their learnings and reflections from their virtual ESY experience. Below are some highlights from our teachers' reflections.

"I was impressed with the willingness of the young students to get to know me and be open to learning in this unusual platform."

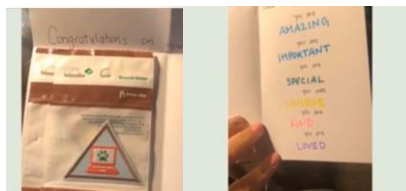
"It was a learning experience and I am very grateful because I learned to engage my students and bring them back everyday... hearing them excited and happy and wanting not to leave my zoom and wanting to come back the next day. Thanks for the opportunity despite the tech glitches we did an awesome job!"

PASS PROGRAM

For the third year, the Division of Special Education hosted a summer school credit recovery program using the PASS curriculum. High school students in all six local districts received credits in ELA and Math with the help of some really exceptional teachers.

A DEFINITE TROOPER!

School Psychologist Wendy Sanchez delivered activity baskets and personal notes to her Flournoy Elementary Girl Scout Troop in recognition of their work. Eight girl scouts earned their Cyber Security Basics and Safeguard Badges!



ESY: The Insect Study



Preschool ESY Teachers explored the world of insects with preschool children and families. *The Insect Study* was the perfect way to learn about bugs. Teachers provided opportunities for children to explore the world of insects through live Zoom sessions of read-alouds, music and movement activities, craft activities and recorded video activities.

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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

For questions related to technology, please contact the teachers and school site. You may also call the LAUSD hotline for support with access to technology and internet (213) 443-1300.



Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings

August 26, 2020
September 16, 2020
October 21, 2020
November 28, 2020
December 16, 2020
January 20, 2021
February 17, 2021
March 17, 2021
April 21, 2021
May 19, 2021

