

DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

PARENT NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

With Gratitude.... "Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well" -Voltaire

Thank you parents and families for all you do!

November 9-13 National School Psychologist Awareness Week. We are extremely grateful to our school psychologists for their daily work and commitment to our students!

UPDATES

Assessments Conducted for Special Education

The District is conducting assessments for special education in two ways: (a) through a virtual Distance Learning environment, and (b) through in-person appointments at District locations.

The District will continue to conduct assessments in a virtual Distance Learning environment in situations where the assessment that can be provided without in-person interaction, while maintaining the validity and reliability of the test.

The District will conduct assessments through scheduled in-person appointments at District locations in situations where the assessment needs to be conducted in person to maintain the validity and reliability of the test. In-person assessments will be conducted according to the highest level of health practices, including testing of all students and staff who are involved for COVID-19 in advance of a scheduled appointment for assessment.

Provision of Related Services Indicated on an Individualized Education Program (IEP)

The District is providing related services in two ways: (a) through a virtual Distance Learning environment, and (b) through in-person appointments at District locations.

The District's determination of in which manner the related service will be provided is predicated on student accessibility of service.

- The District will continue to provide related services in a virtual Distance Learning environment.
- The District will provide related services through scheduled in-person appointments in situations where it has been determined that the student cannot access the service in a virtual Distance Learning environment.
- In-person services will be conducted according to the highest level of health practices, including testing of all students and staff who are involved for COVID-19 in advance of a scheduled appointment for service

YouTube Learning with Mr. Puell



Special Education Preschool Teacher Mr. Erik Puell is working hard and creatively to ensure his students continue learning and building their skills during distance learning. Mr. Puell started creating YouTube videos to support his students and their parents. His YouTube videos are directly aligned to academic standards and important skills for student development in preschool. The videos are interactive and include directions for parents to support their children's learning at a distance.

Visit Mr. Puell's YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ximbalba/videos>

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

Division of Special Education
Website
<https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>

General Resources During
School Closure
<https://achieve.lausd.net/resources>

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

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 23 - Nov.25: No Classes
(Unassigned Days)

Nov. 26 - Nov. 27:
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 21 - January 8:
Winter Recess

January 11:
Second Semester
Begins



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CONGRATULATIONS DR. LISA TEST, OT



Wonderful News! Occupational Therapist, Dr. Lisa Test was selected to receive the Roster of Fellows Award from the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). The AOTA Roster of Fellows recognizes occupational therapist members who through their knowledge, expertise, leadership, advocacy and guidance have made significant contributions to their profession. Congratulations Dr. Test!

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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

November 18, 2020
December 16, 2020
January 20, 2021
February 17, 2021
March 17, 2021
April 21, 2021
May 19, 2021

RESOURCES

TRANSITION SERVICES



Many of our students with disabilities need additional supports in their transition from high school to achieve their post-secondary goals. The District Office of Transition Services supports the provision of Transition Services for students with disabilities beginning in the 8th grade in the areas of Education, Employment, and Independent Living. Transition teachers provide career and college awareness activities, instruction, support in self-advocacy skills, and interest/aptitude assessments and checklists. The District Office of Transition

Services contracts with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) through the Transition Partnership Program and We Can Work to provide DOR Student Services to students with disabilities in the following areas:

- Job Exploration Counseling
- Work Readiness and Training
- Work Based Learning Experiences
- Self-Advocacy Skills
- Post-Secondary Counseling

For further information about Transition Services, please contact your student's school and ask for the District Office of Transition Services (DOTS) Teacher or fill out the form below and you will be contacted by the Transition Teacher assigned to your student's school: <https://bit.ly/2SfBwnS>. You may also visit our website at: <https://achieve.lausd.net/dots>.

ADAPTIVE WRITING TOOL

Here are some simple fine motor strategies parents can use for and the accompanying parent resource handout illustrate how to make simple adaptations to a pencil, marker, or paintbrush using common household materials. Additional tutorial videos for alternative strategies and activity ideas are included in the parent resource handout. These strategies were provided to classrooms at Lokrantz Special Education Center as part of the occupational therapy distance learning support.



Visit <https://video.link/w/amrhb> to watch a video. You may also access resources and handouts on the Division of Special Education website in the Resources for Families During Distance Learning webpage.



If you need support or have questions regarding Special Education, you may call the School Support and Family Services line at **(213) 241-6701**

