

DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

PARENT NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Los Angeles Unified continues to provide instruction through distance learning. The Division of Special Education continues to be committed to serving the needs of our students. We are working diligently to improve upon instruction and supports provided, and continue to work on new methods by which to serve our students and families. If you need support, or have questions regarding Special Education, you may call the School Support and Family Services line at (213) 241-6701.

UPDATES

The LAUSD is aware of the recently issued Los Angeles County Department of Public Health order indicating schools may allow for specialized in-school services for small cohorts of specific populations of students (students with IEPs or English Learners needing assessments and/or specialized in-school services) beginning September 14, 2020. The District is committed to providing optimal opportunities for student learning. However, first and foremost, safety of our staff and students is our priority. Plans for in-school services will move forward once we ensure appropriate safety measures including testing and contact tracing are in place. We will continue to work on plans to best support our students and will provide updated information as we do so. Please continue to check the Division of Special Education website for the most up-to-date information.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Some Adapted Physical Education (APE) teachers have teamed-up with Special Olympics Southern California to participate in Team Wellness for students/families. Team Wellness is an exciting and unique health and wellness program designed for individuals with and without intellectual disabilities. Participants are supported by a trained Wellness Coach and receive guidance, direction, and encouragement. Not only is this program easy to follow, but it's easy to sustain in the longer term. The program includes wellness training over an 8 to 10 week period. Training sessions occur once or twice a week for approximately 1 1/2 hours. Families may join the program as well. For more information, visit the Special Olympics website: <https://sosc.org/teamwellness>

DEVICES FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The Division of Special Education, Early Childhood Special Education in collaboration with the Information Technology Division will be processing and scheduling the distribution of devices for preschool students with special education services in the next few days. Families with preschool special education students will be notified of dates, pick-up times, and locations of distribution centers.

DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN

LAUSD has added a new section to the IEP, the Distance Learning Plan (DLP), in accordance with SB98. The DLP will include an overview of how services will be provided to students in the event there is an emergency which causes school facility closures of more than 10 days. Please refer to the IEP for details.

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

September 28: No Classes
(Unassigned Day)

November 11: Veteran's Day
(Holiday)

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

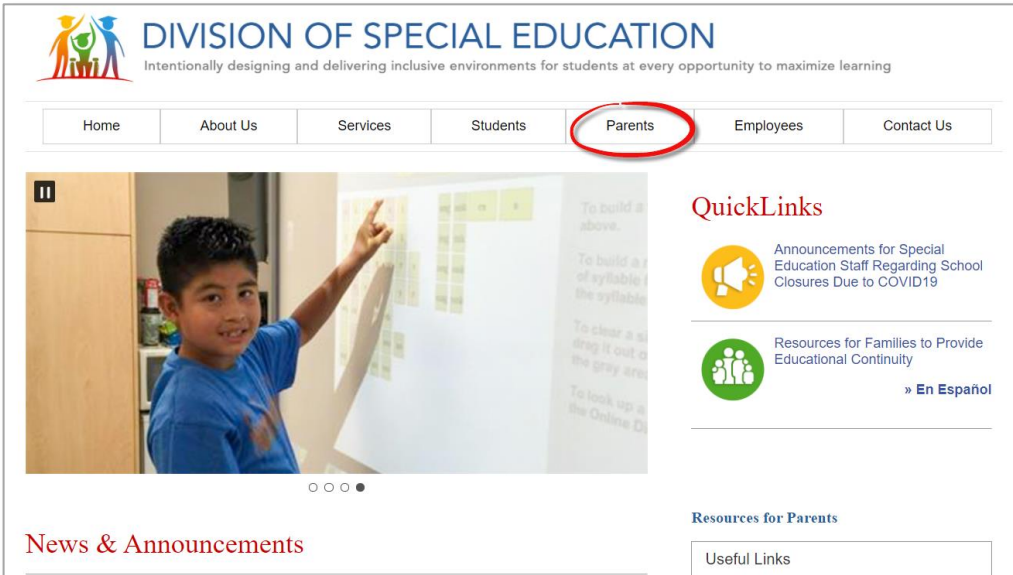
Nov. 26 - Nov. 27:
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 21 - January 8:
Winter Recess



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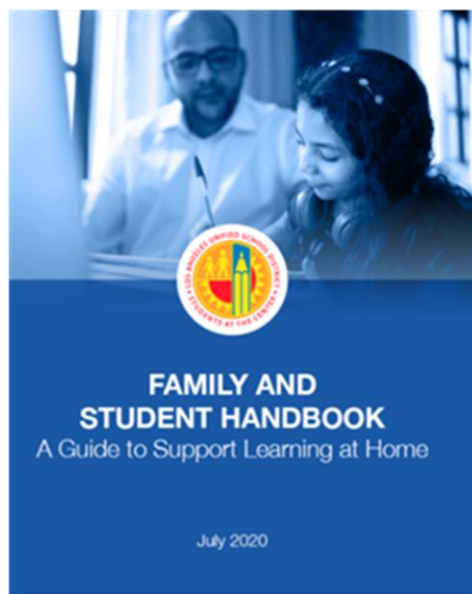
- Announcements for Special Education Staff Regarding School Closures Due to COVID19
- Resources for Families to Provide Educational Continuity » En Español

Resources for Parents
Useful Links

News & Announcements

NEW WEBSITE

The Division of Special Education will launch its new website this fall. It was designed to be parent and user-friendly. There is a section dedicated to parents which will provide you with many resources. The navigation is much easier and the menu on the top will display on all webpages within the Division of Special Education website. Most information and resources will be contained within website, unless visiting a partner site.



The Family and Student Handbook is available to download in multiple sections of the District website. On the Division of Special Education website, this handbook can be accessed in the COVID-19 Resources for Parent of Students with Disabilities website. <https://achieve.lausd.net/page/16606>

We encourage you to download and review this handbook. It contains information on the following topics:

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| School Calendar | Student Enrollment |
| Technology | Sample Instructional Schedules |
| Parent Portal | Accessing Classes Online |
| Free Resources | Parent FAQs |

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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

