

DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

PARENT NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

As we close the 2020-2021 school year, the Division of Special Education would like to thank our families and staff for the unwavering commitment in collaboratively supporting our students. This school year was one like we have never before experienced, it required many adaptations, extreme flexibility, creativity, and great patience. Through it all, families and staff were relentless in their efforts to support our students. We look forward to a wonderful start of the new school year and are hopeful for a safe and happy return to in-person classes. Have a wonderful summer break!

CONTACTS & RESOURCES

PHONE NUMBERS

LAUSD General Hotline
(213) 431-4300

Division of Special Education
School & Family Support Services
(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

- June 11, 2021**
Last Day of Instruction
- July 4, 2021**
Independence Day
- August 16, 2021**
First Day of Instruction
- September 3, 2021**
Admissions Day
- September 6, 2021**
Labor Day
- November 11, 2021**
Veterans Day
- November 25 – November 26, 2021**
Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 20, 2021 – January 7, 2022**
Winter Recess

UPDATES

In-Person Small Group Summer Tutoring

June 28 – July 23, 2021



Tutoring registration for students with IEPs participating in ESY click here ([ESY Tutoring Link to register](#)). Tutoring available for K-8 students in the core curriculum & K-12 students in the alternate curriculum. Families are responsible for picking up students after tutoring, transportation after tutoring will not be provided.

Literacy tutoring for non-ESY eligible elementary students with disabilities who are English Learners, and are following the core curriculum K-4 grades click here ([Literacy Program/Orton-Gillingham link to register](#)). Transportation will not be provided.

Social Skills for Summer Enrichment

Classes begin June 22, 2021



As part of the LAUSD summer enrichment program, Social Skills classes are being offered to any students for grades 3-12 grades. The enrichment program is also recommended for students with disabilities showing a need for social skills development. For registration click here (enrichment.lausd.net).

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)

June 28 – July 23



To obtain the latest information on ESY 2020-21 visit the Special Education Division, Operations-ESY website:

- 1) <https://achieve.lausd.net/spedESYschool> or,
- 2) Enrollment application is available in the parent.portal.lausd.net or,
- 3) Parent may contact their **Local District Parent and Community Engagement Office** or child's school for assistance for parent portal support or,
- 4) Call the **School and Family Support Services (SFSS)** call center at (213) 241-6701, if you have any questions or concerns related to the 2020-21 Extended School Year (ESY).

Summer Parent informational Sessions – Transitioning into a Successful Future

The Division of Special Education will be offering parent informational sessions for students participating on an alternate/modified curriculum. These sessions will provide strategies focused on the importance of building independence skills, strategies that can be incorporated into your daily routine at home to prepare students for a successful transition across all grade levels. Registration required. Click on the links below.

Elementary School
July 7, 2021
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Middle School
July 14, 2021
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

High School
July 21, 2021
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.



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RESOURCES

Supporting Inclusive Practices (SIP)

Currently, LAUSD works collaboratively with the **SIP** workgroup to study and develop alternate diploma pathways for students with disabilities to satisfy the requirements for a high school diploma. The workgroup is seeking input from families. Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey by Monday, June 14th, 2021. To access the survey link, click on **English** or **Spanish**. SIP is also offering a series of workshops for families this summer. Click on this link for dates, times and registration "**From Surviving to Thriving – Summer Series.**"



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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.



CALENDAR

Community Advisory Committee
(CAC) Meetings
June 16, 2021

May is Foster Care Month

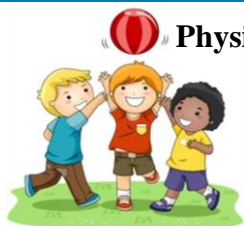


Click on the link for more about **student support services.**

June is **LGBTQ** Month



For resources visit our website
LGBTQ Student Resource/Supports.



Physical Play Ideas for Preschool During the Pandemic (Part 2)

The Occupational/Physical Therapy department is pleased to share a handbook with physical play ideas geared for preschool aged children. Part 2 of the handbook may be accessed here **Play Resources Part 2**

Inclusion Matters

Are you looking to new and innovative ways to create social opportunities for students with and with and without disabilities? Visit <https://inclusionmatters.org/> for more information.



Adapted Physical Education (APE) Program Update

The Adapted Physical Education (APE) Program, in collaboration with Special Olympics of Southern California (SOSC), has continued to provide fun and engaging lessons during remote learning to our Young Athletes (school age students from 3-years to 7-years). Thanks to the generosity of SOSC, 2,400 backpacks full of physical education equipment have been donated to our special education and inclusive classroom students. The students also received a free book and curriculum cards, inspiring parents, and caregivers to participate along with their Young Athletes during remote learning and experience the joy of physical education together at home.

For more information about Young Athletes and the partnership between the APE Program and SOSC, please contact Tiffany Kaplan at tiffany.jones@lausd.net. For more information on guide activities, or community involvement, consider visiting the following link: <https://sosc.org/youngathletes>.

Students from Superior Street Elementary practice physical education activities utilizing their Young Athletes at-home kits!

