

DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

PARENT NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

As we begin 2021, we wish our families love, happiness and good health. We look forward to a time when the pandemic is over and we can resume our "normal" operations. Although we understand that school is the best place for students to learn and receive their services, due to COVID-19, it is not safe to reopen schools at this time. Until conditions for safe resumption of in-person services are met, we will continue to support our students with individual and small group support in online settings. If you have questions regarding Special Education, you may call the School Support and Family Services line at (213) 241-6701.

UPDATES

State of California's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan within Phase 1A

The State of California is now providing COVID-19 vaccines to family members who care for people with any of the following conditions:

- Cerebral palsy
- Down Syndrome
- Epilepsy
- Specialized health care needs, including dependence upon ventilators, oxygen, and other technology ([Please click on this link for more information.](#))

Launch of New Division of Special Education Website

The Division of Special Education launched its new website on January 11, 2021. The new website may be accessed using the existing URL: <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>. To directly access the Parents section of the new website, a customized URL may be used. We encourage parents/guardians and our community to directly access the new Parents section of the website by utilizing the following URL: <https://achieve.lausd.net/spedParents>.

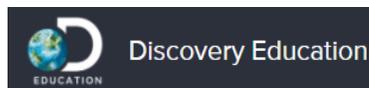


DISCOVERY EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Digital tool: Discovery Education *Experience*

Grades: K-12

Subjects: All Subject Areas



Discovery Education Experience is a one-stop shop in which families can discover dynamic educational content to engage and support their children. From themed "grab-and-go" daily activities to captivating Virtual Field Trips and immersive student challenges, Discovery Education Experience offers families secure, reliable resources to help students continue learning outside of the traditional school day.

How does this help students with disabilities?

Discovery Education provides many supports for ALL learners through the use of instructional strategies and the features of multimodal text and resources.

Visit <https://help.discoveryeducation.com/hc/en-us/sections/360009761974-Family-Center> to obtain more information.

How can a student access Discovery Education?

1. Go to <https://lausd.discoveryeducation.com>
Student enters their LAUSD email and password (or)
2. Go to Schoology: Select "Waffle" icon and scroll to find Discovery Education

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

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

February 15, 2021
President's Day

March 26, 2021
Cesar E. Chavez
Birthday Observed

**March 29, 2021 through
April 2, 2021**
Spring Recess

May 31, 2021
Memorial Day

June 11, 2021
Last Day of Instruction



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“STUDENT VIEW” IN UNIQUE LEARNING SYSTEM

For students utilizing the Unique Learning System, “Student View” is a way for teachers to share lessons for independent practice as homework or during asynchronous distance learning. In addition, Student View integrates news articles through News-2-You and communication boards through SymbolStix and all of it can be accessed through Schoology. Ask your student’s teacher about accessing student view and receiving an individualized set of lessons for each month. Visit n2y webpage with Student View information: <https://n2y.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360045963574-How-Do-I-Use-Student-View->



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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.



RESOURCES



The Fun4All program brings together students with and without social inclusion, play, connectivity and fun. LAUSD’s Division of Special Education has been a powerful partner. Engage your KIDS in PLAY through stories, music, movement, and crafts. Special guests join us to celebrate different themes.

<https://inclusionmatters.org/fun4all/>

PRESCHOOL UNIT OF STUDY

We are so excited about our new study-Buildings. As we study buildings, we will learn concepts and skills in science, social studies, literacy, math, the arts, and technology. We will also be using thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas.

Study your home with your child. What materials were used to build it? How many floors or stories does it have? How many rooms, windows, and doors does it have? How old is your home? Who built it? What are its dimensions? Talk with your child about the buildings that you see together. Keep a list of the buildings that interest your child. Help your child investigate questions similar to the ones mentioned above. Visit the [Building Study-Family Site](https://sites.google.com/lausd.net/ecse-familysite/building-study) or <https://sites.google.com/lausd.net/ecse-familysite/building-study>



AC Green eSports Academy Partnership

The District Office of Transition Services is partnering with the AC Green eSports Academy to provide remote work-based learning experiences for students with disabilities. The AC Green Youth Foundation, was established in 1989. This non-profit organization is focused on supporting students’ successful transition from secondary education to adult life. Students will be supporting web design, providing feedback on video game development, and providing feedback and evaluation on content including gaming, coding and financial literacy curriculum design.

The AC Green eSports Academy provides learning resources for youth focused on gaming, coding, financial literacy, cryptocurrency literacy, character education, life skills, college prep, entrepreneurship, digital marketing, and digital publishing.

A big thank you to **Mr. Derek Cain**, Transition teacher at Washington Prep HS, for facilitating this wonderful opportunity for the students at his school sites!



Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings

February 17, 2021

March 17, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 19, 2021

