



Division of Special Education Update

Status on Individualized Education Program (IEP) team meetings

During this global pandemic LAUSD and the Division of Special Education continues its commitment to holding IEP team meetings on time. With the implementation of remote learning assessments and in-person assessments, as of April 2, 2021 LAUSD has conducted approximately 73,188 IEP team meetings during the 2020-21 school year. Parents are encouraged to participate in IEP team meetings virtually and/or via telephone, and if there are any questions on how to do so, please reach out to your child's case carrier or school site administrator. The District is continuing to send text message reminders to parents regarding scheduled IEP team meetings and reminders on returning the consent page (either in agreement or disagreement to all or part of the IEP). Parents will now be able to use the Adobe sign feature to electronically sign IEP documents such as the consent page and notification to participate in IEP team meeting form. In addition, the "Virtual IEP Team Meeting Informational Video for Parents" is available in English and Spanish on the Division of Special Education – Resources for Families During Distance Learning webpage at <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/17274>.

LAUSD Face Mask Accommodation and Exemption Process

In conformance with current health orders and guidance, during and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) requires students to wear a face mask while attending in-person assessment, services, and/or instruction in a cohort. LAUSD recognizes that some students may be unable to comply with the face mask requirement due to a disability, medical and/or mental health condition(s). If your child may require accommodations or is not able to wear a mask, please complete this form and return it to the school site PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF ATTENDANCE or as soon as possible after the need is discovered. The form is to be completed by parents/guardians.

Extended School Year

Dates: June 28, 2021-July 23, 2021 (Observing July 5, 2021 as a Holiday)

Type of Service Offered: Virtual and In-Person Options

Visit the Extended School Year (ESY) website <https://achieve.lausd.net/spedESY> to obtain the latest information on course descriptions, Parent Portal information and access to the ESY 2021 [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Parents wishing to obtain information on designated ESY school sites may visit:

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

LAUSD Career and Transition Centers (CTC)

Students in 12th grade at the local high school between the ages of 18-22 years are advised to review the Adult Transition Programs offered at the Career and Transition Centers (CTCs). CTCs provide next steps guidance and support after high school for students ages 18-22 years old who are participating on the Alternate Curriculum. Students enrolled at the CTC receive independent living skills instruction, vocational training, employment preparation, and community-based instruction, with a goal of maximizing students' level of independence, while preparing them for the world of work. Post-secondary educational options are also available! Visit the Division of Special Education [Alternate Curriculum website](#) for additional information and to locate the Career and Transition Center nearest you.



Physical Play Ideas for Preschool during the Pandemic (Part 1)

The Occupational/Physical Therapy department is pleased to share a handbook with physical play ideas geared for preschool aged children. Part 1 of the handbook may be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/OTPT-PlayIdeas-21>

Parent Portal

As a friendly reminder, we highly encourage all parents to access the Parent Portal where various special education documents (i.e., IEP) and reports (i.e., service tracking) are available. To access the Parent Portal, visit:

<https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/>

Phone Numbers

LAUSD General Hotline: 213-431-4300

Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services: 213-241-6701

LAUSD School Mental Health Hotline: 213-241-3840

Technology Access: 213-443-1300

Websites

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

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

Office of Parent and Community Services (PCS): <https://achieve.lausd.net/pcss>

SELPA/CDE Information

California Department of Education Workgroups

Senate Bill 74 (Budget Act of 2020) established two workgroups:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP) Workgroup
- Alternative Pathways Workgroup
 - Both include representatives of state agencies, local educational agencies, Special Education Local Plan Areas, legislative staff, and relevant state and national policy experts.
 - Both workgroups will develop reports and to be submitted on or before October 1, 2021.

Let's Work CA Project

Grant Funded by State Council on Developmental Disabilities

- Increase access to information for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and supporters to obtain competitive integrated employment.
- YouTube Page: <https://www.youtube.com/c/LetsWorkCA/featured>
- Networking Guide:
 - English - <http://catransitionalliance.org/file.aspx?id=8513>
 - Spanish - <http://catransitionalliance.org/file.aspx?id=8515>
 - Mandarin - <http://catransitionalliance.org/file.aspx?id=8514>