



**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

TITLE: 2019-2020 Special Education Professional Development Opportunities
NUMBER: MEM-081500
ISSUER: Anthony Aguilar, Chief of Special Education, Equity and Access Division of Special Education
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ROUTING
All Locations
Local District Superintendents
Local District Directors of Instruction
Local District Instruction Coordinators
Special Education Administrators
Special Education Coordinators
Special Education Teachers
General Education Teachers
Special Education Assistants/Trainees

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide schools with special education professional development (PD) opportunities for all general education and special education staff supporting students with disabilities.

MAJOR CHANGES: This memorandum provides updated PD opportunities for the 2019-2020 school year. Information to access in-person, virtual, and salary point special education professional development opportunities are all included within this one comprehensive memorandum. As PD opportunities become available, information will be communicated via departmental flyers and posted on the Division of Special Education website, under “2019-2020 Professional Development Opportunities.”

INSTRUCTIONS: All special education PD opportunities are listed in the Division of Special Education website at <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>.

All special education PD opportunities including in-person, virtual training, and salary point courses will be accessible through MyPLN.

The following information contains the departments within the Division of Special Education offering PDs, description(s) of the PDs, contact information, MyPLN keyword, and corresponding attachment.

ALTERNATE CURRICULUM (Attachment A)
Description: Professional development opportunities that provide training to support students with moderate/severe disabilities on the alternate curriculum. These trainings focus on curriculum, assessment, Unique Learning System (ULS), Oxford Picture Dictionary (OPD), Ventura County Comprehensive Alternative Language Proficiency Survey (VCCALPS), as well as instructional strategies and practices that emphasize academic learning, social skills development, and maximizing independence through skill development.



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MyPLN Keyword: ALTCURR

BEHAVIOR (Attachment B)

Description: The Behavior Support Department offers trainings and professional developments to enhance the learning and skills of those working with students with disabilities. Opportunities include both online and in-person trainings on a variety of topics that address behavior within the context of a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). Participants are encouraged to select professional developments and trainings based upon their specific needs.

Contact Information: Ralph Bravo- rb9697@lausd.net; *Local District East*, Cheryl Brooks – cheryl.brooks@lausd.net; *Local District West*, Sa rah Feinstein – sbf1436@lausd.net; *Local District Northwest*, Chitchon Pratontep – chitchon.pratontep@lausd.net; *Local District South*, Amy Tseng – axt4903@lausd.net; *Local District Central*, Justin Berenson- justin.berenson@lausd.net ; *Local District Northeast*

MyPLN Keyword: See Attachment B for Keywords

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (ECSE)
(Attachment C & Attachment D)**

Description: Professional development opportunities will focus on curriculum, co-teaching in inclusion collaborative classrooms, positive behavior practices, and transition. ESCE Department also offers monthly Professional Learning Community Network Meetings on a variety of topics.

Contact Information: Michael Lopez Breaux, Specialist, mal30844@lausd.net, (213) 241-4713

MyPLN Keyword: Refer to Attachment C & Attachment D

DISTRICT OFFICE OF TRANSITION SERVICES (Attachment E)

Description: Trainings focus on bringing awareness of transition supports and services, compliance matters, and responsibilities of case carriers that relate to secondary students with IEPs.

Contact Information: Dr. James Koontz, Coordinator, jck6411@lausd.net, (213) 241-8050

MyPLN Keyword: TRANSITION

TK-12 INSTRUCTION SPECIAL EDUCATION (Attachment F)

Description: Professional development will focus on evidence-based practices and strategies designed to support students with disabilities on the core curriculum in grades TK-12 in reading, writing, mathematics, English Language Development skills, Autism, and Dyslexia.



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MyPLN Keyword: SPED

Refer to the appropriate attachments for additional departmental information and Attachment G for directions on How to Access MyPLN and Register for Training Sessions.

MyPLN contains detailed information such as:

- Course Title
- Type of Training: in-person, virtual, salary point
- Background information (if applicable)
- Intended target audience
- Hosting Special Education department
- Date and time information
- Location(s)/date(s)/time(s)
- Registration information
- Pre-requisite information (if applicable)
- Compensation type (if applicable)
- Assistance/contact information
- Parking information (if applicable)

ASSISTANCE:

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