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SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2023 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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AGENDA

I.	Welcome and Introductions
II.	Committee Presentations
1.	<u>Transition Services</u> :
	Overview
	Ms. Ann Nygren Teacher Coordinator, DOTS
	Department of Rehabilitation
	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
	Ms. Wendy Castillo Employment Specialist
2.	Extended School Year (ESY) in 2023

III. Public Comment

IV. Adjournment

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TAB 1



Special Education Board Committee

May 3, 2023



District Office of Transition Services Division of Special Education

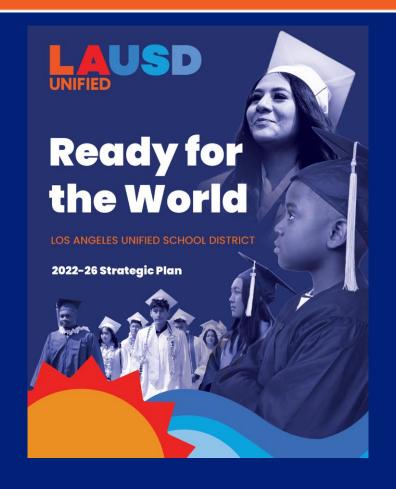
Jaclyn Tolj, Coordinator Ann Nygren, Transition Teacher Coordinator

Alignment to LAUSD Strategic Plan

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College and Career Readiness

Academic Excellence





What is Transition?



Our Mission:

To help prepare students with disabilities ages 14+ to transition from school to adult life.



Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Beginning not later than the first IEP to be in effect when the child turns 16*, or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP Team, and updated annually, thereafter, the IEP must include—

- Appropriate measurable post-secondary goals based upon ageappropriate transition assessments related to training, education, employment, and, where appropriate, independent living skills; and
- The transition services/activities (including courses of study) needed to assist the child in reaching those post-secondary goals.

*IDEA requires that all students must have an Individual Transition Plan (ITP) by the age of 16 BUT **District policy is by the age 14.**

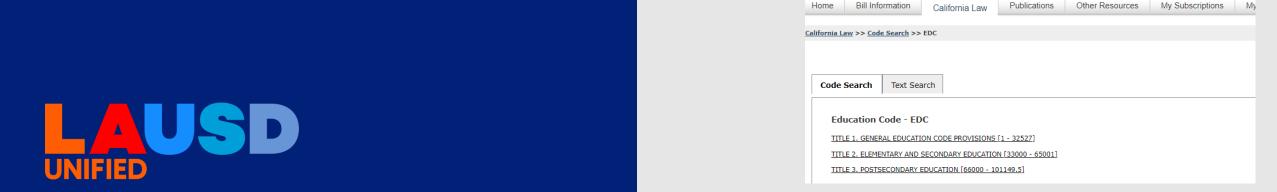




California Education Code §56452-56474

CHAPTER 4.5:

Career and Vocational Education Programs, Transition Services, and Project WorkAbility



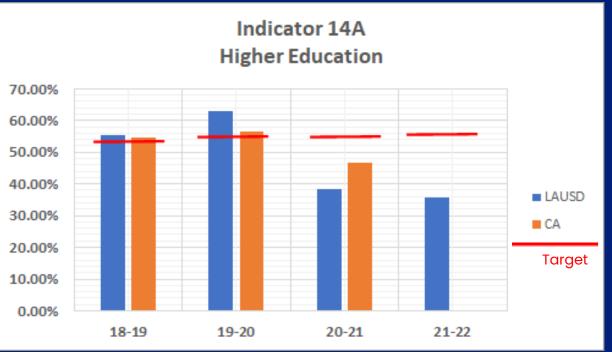
LAUSD Transition Age Youth

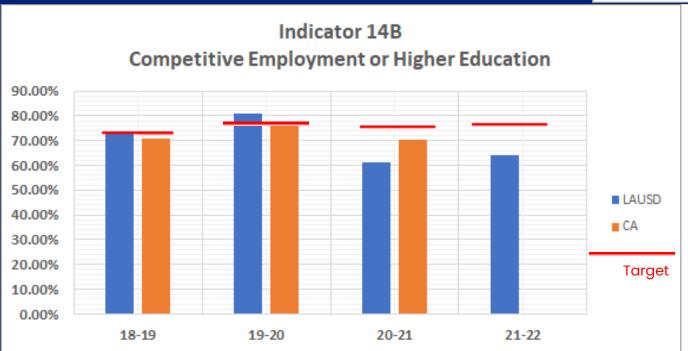
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Primary Eligibility	Ages 14-22
AUTISM (AUT)	4368
DEAF-BLINDNESS (DBL)	2
DEAFNESS (DEA)	71
EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE (ED)	751
HARD OF HEARING (HOH)	297
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (ID)	1788
MULTIPLE DISABILITIES, HEARING (MDH)	28
MULTIPLE DISABILITIES, ORTHOPEDIC (MDO)	458
MULTIPLE DISABILITIES, VISION (MDV)	41
OTHER HEALTH IMPAIRMENT (OHI)	3247
ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRMENT (OI)	151
SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY (SLD)	11067
SPEECH OR LANGUAGE IMPAIRMENT (SLI)	237
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI)	27
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (VI)	66
Grand Total	22599

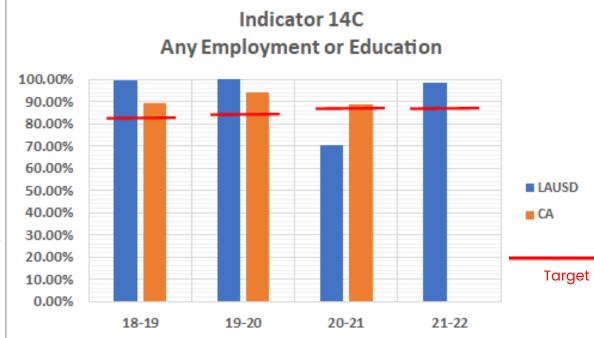


California State Performance Plan Indicator 14

Source: CDE, 21-22 Data projected



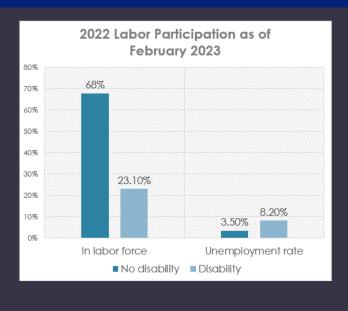




National Disability Data



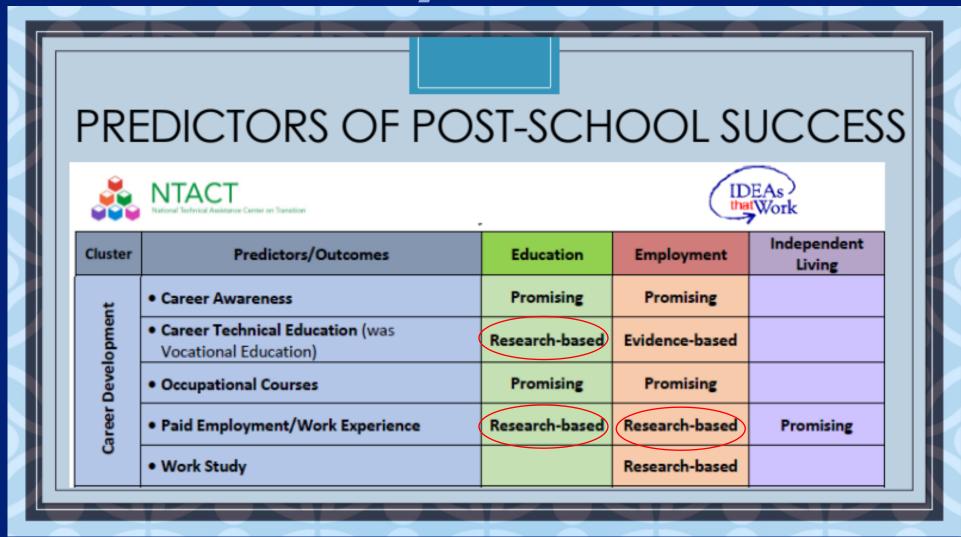




Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 2023



Post-Secondary Practices





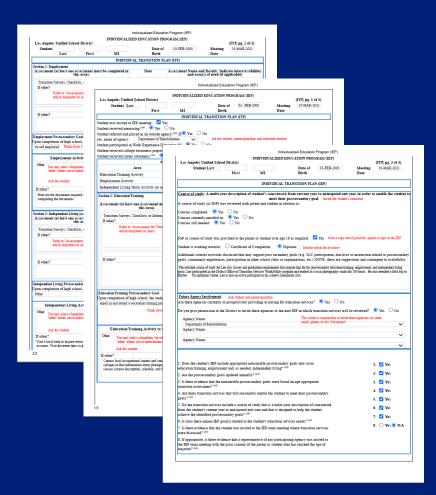
Transition Team

The Transition Team includes:

- Special Education Case Carriers
- General Education Teachers
- Special Education Teachers
- Related Services Providers
- Transition Teachers
- Parents/Guardians
- Agency Partners, as appropriate
- Students



The Individual Transition Plan (ITP)



- Section in the IEP; last 3 pages.
- The template we use to map out a student's transition from school to adult living.
- Reviewed and updated <u>ANNUALLY</u> by the case carrier.
- Outlines transition assessment results, post secondary goals, activities to support the goals, course of study, and agency linkages.
- The IDEA and CA Ed. Code require that all students must have an ITP by the age of 16 but District policy is by age 14.



District Office of Transition Services



https://dotslausd.org/flyers



All LAUSD secondary schools are supported by transition staff.

- 83 Transition teachers
- 12 Vocation and Transition Assistants (VTAs)

Transition planning includes:

- ·Activities of OFFICE OF
- ·Collaboration TON
- ·Assessment CES
- Our mission is to prepare students with disabilities ages 14+ to
 Out make in the life. Transition planning includes
 naturalistic additional and assessment to help students identify and move toward their post
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- Transition activities help student prepare for post secondary education, employment, and independent living
- Targeted and individualized activities are selected based on assessed strengths, preferences interests, and needs

O PREPARATION

- Instruction in employability sk to prepare students for employment
- Partnerships with Department of Rehabilitation and Workability I to provide unique services and paid work-based learning experiences

ASSESSMENT

with outside agencies Provide training and support for

Plan (ITP) development as part of

the Individualized Educational

- Transition assessments are utilized to identify student strengths, preferences, interests, and needs
- Students are assessed in the areas of education, employment, and independent living.

os://achieve.lausd.net/spedDQ15 | 213-241-805 Division of Special Education

Transition Activities

Our goal: to provide meaningful transition instruction to all students 14+ with disabilities.

We provide instruction through a variety of transition activities:

- Small Group Classroom
- Synchronous Asychronous
- Available via Schoology
- Training and resources for school sto

Areas of Transition Instruction:

- Career Awareness
- Post-Secondary Planning
- Job Search and Preparation
- Destination/Transportation
 UNIFILLife Skills/Independent Living



FAFSA Support

In the 2021-2022 State Budget Act, the State of California adopted a new requirement that starting in the 2022-2023 academic year, local education agencies are required to confirm that all high school seniors have completed a FAFSA or a CADAA, expanding access to financial aid to thousands of students, who may have otherwise not been aware of this opportunity.

This requirement went into effect October 1, 2022. (Education Code Section 51225.7).

Transition Teachers supplement the efforts of school site staff in supporting students with disabilities with FAFSA completion.



Regional Center



https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/



The Regional Center is a nonprofit, private corporation that contracts with the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to coordinate or provide community support, resources and access to services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. There are 21 Regional Centers throughout California, seven of which are in Los Angeles County.



Post-Secondary Educational Law

Once a student graduates or ages out from high school, the student will no longer have an IEP and the IDEA will no longer apply.

Laws that Apply to Postsecondary Education

Section 504

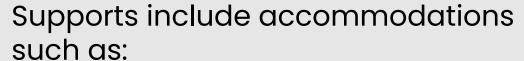
Any school that gets federal funding may not exclude students with disabilities. Section 504 specifies that schools must provide appropriate supports and accommodations so that students with disabilities can participate equally in classes, activities, housing, and any other aspects of school.

Americans with Disabilities Act

When applied to postsecondary education, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is similar to Section 504. The biggest difference is that the ADA also applies to schools that do not receive federal funding.



Post-Secondary Educational Supports



- Alternative testing environments
- Accessible technology
- Note-taking
- Extended time on assignments and tests
- Priority registration

Supports are individualized and typically require a copy of a student's last high school IEP.

Transition Teachers assist in connecting senior leavers with these supports through field trips, presentations and collaboration with local community college offices.



California Department of Education –

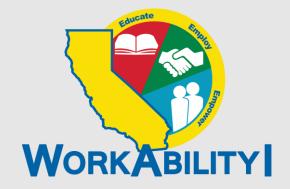
WorkAbility 1 Grant



The WorkAbility I (WAI) program offers students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) the opportunity to complete their secondary education while also learning job skills. WAI provides funding for employability training and subsidized work experiences (§56470-56474).

Grant Highlights:

- Funding for subsidized student workbased learning experiences.
- Funding for Transition staff professional development.
- Ongoing collaboration with WA1 grant recipient Districts and SELPAs across the state of California.



Department of Rehabilitation



https://www.dor.ca.gov/



The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living, and equality for individuals with disabilities. DOR can provide:

• Tuition assistance

- Technology
- Assistive téchnology Transportation assistance
- Counseling
- Specialized assistance for students with low incidence disabilities (ex: hearing/visual impairments)



Department of Rehabilitation-

Transition Partership Program (TPP) Contract

The Transition Partnership Program (TPP) is a collaborative contract developed between the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and LAUSD. TPP provides enhanced, unique, or redesigned coordinated student services in the areas of:

- Job Exploration & Counseling
- Workplace Readiness TrainingWork Based Learning
- Experience
- Self-Advocacy InstructionPostsecondary Counseling



Benefits of TPP

TPP Student Benefits:

- Unique, enhanced and specially designed Transition services beyond traditional "baseline" services
- Work-based learning wages, and funding for work clothing and uniforms
- Eligible to receive services one year after graduating with a diploma (when enrolled in post-secondary education)

Contract Highlights:

- Full time DHH interpreter to support TPP students at work-based learning placements
- Unique supports for students with Visual Impairments through collaboration with DOR Blind Field Services
- Funding for 3 Resource Navigators to support TPP families with benefits planning



TPP Contract Goals & Achievement

School Year	Goal	New Apps.	Total Students Served
2020-2021	750	492	863
2021-2022	750	345	985
2022-2023*	750	550	1154

^{*}As of 3/31/2023





LAUSD Resources for Transition



https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/17049



Transition resources for families is available on the "DOTS"-District Office of Transition Services
page on LAUSD's website, including:

- Options for After High School
- Independent Living
- Outside Agencies
- Additional Transition Resources

CDE Transition Resources



https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/st/



Resources and guidelines from the (California Department of Education) for educators, parents, and agencies to assist transition age youth in identifying and moving toward their postsecondary goals in the areas of:

- Education and Training
- Employment
- Independent Living



Department of Rehabilitation

Eliana Cuentas, Staff Services Manager I



Employment, Independence, and Equality DOR GENERAL SERVICES





ON A MISSION

The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy in pursuit of employment, independent living and equality for Californians with disabilities.



At DOR, it is our fundamental belief that individuals with disabilities can be fully integrated and highly productive community members, employees and colleagues.

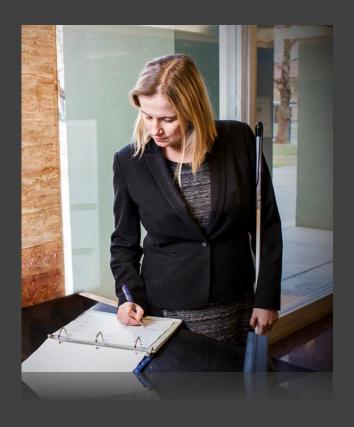




ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for services, an individual must:

- Have a physical or mental impairment
- Require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment





Who Should Apply

1.

Do you have a disability?

2.

Do you want to work?

3.

Are you having trouble getting or keeping a job because of your disability?

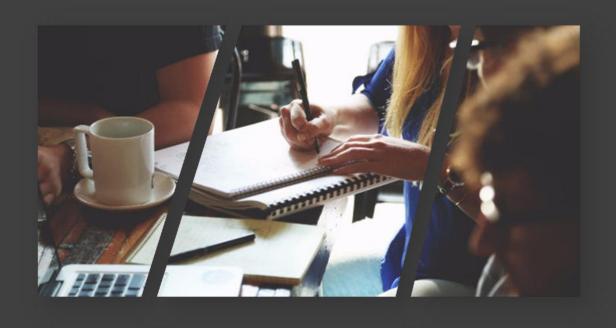
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Do you believe VR services, such as job placement, training, or other job preparation, would help you get or keep a job?

If you answered "yes" to all these questions, you may qualify for DOR services. To learn more, contact your local DOR office.



Program participants are expected to be available, responsible, active and dedicated contributors to their own success.





- SERVICES Benefits Planning
 - Career assessment and counseling
 - Job search and interview skills
 - Independent living skills
 - Career education and training
 - Assistive technology



To apply for services contact a local DOR office:

http://www.dor.ca.gov/DOR-





How to Apply



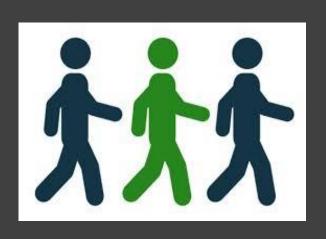
Call in



Mail in



Apply Online



Walk in



CUSTOMIZED SERVICE DELIVERY

We tailor our services to each person individually to ensure a greater chance for success.





By hiring people with disabilities, employers are the key to DOR's mission.

DOR provides education and information to businesses, and can help with integration when needed.

We believe in the talent and potential of individuals with disabilities.



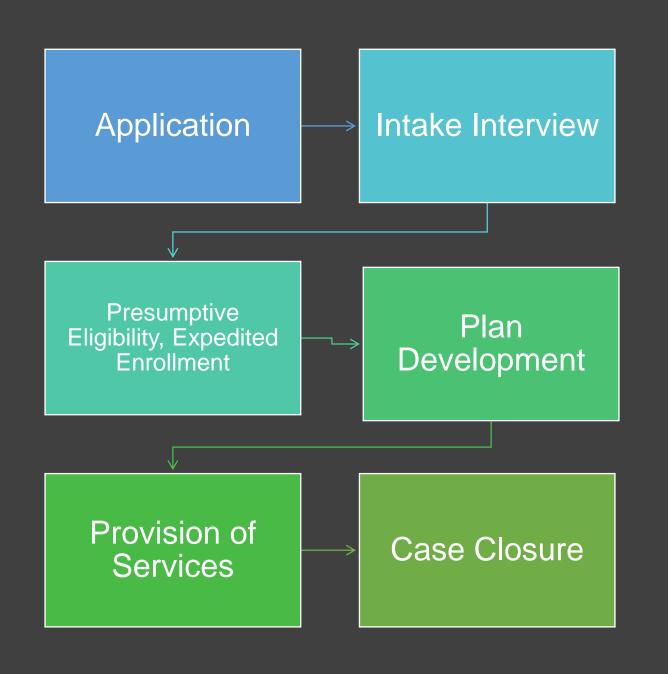


Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS)

DHHS provides Deaf Culture and Awareness Training, Sign Language Interpreters, Assistive Listening Devices, Real Time Caption, American Sign Language (ASL) Bilingual Proficiency Examination, Annual Statewide (SB 105) Training, and Resources.

DHHS Administrative Unit can be contacted at 916-558-5670 or by email at DHHS@dor.ca.gov





Case Movement





"It has always been my dream to be more independent, and DOR is helping me to do just that."

Have a Higher Quality of Life

- Be Employed: with training and support, an individual with a disability can access a wealth of opportunities to fully participate in and contribute to their community.
- Be Independent: with selfdetermination, equal access to a range of options, and a personal commitment to pursue them; one can choose how to live one's life.
- Be Equal: disability doesn't limit what one can accomplish. A person with a disability has the right to equal access to opportunities to live, work, perform, and contribute on their own terms.

Services

We tailor our services to each person individually to ensure a greater chance for success. A vocational rehabilitation team works closely with each job seeker to establish the best combination of services, and resources necessary to prepare for, find and retain employment.

DOR services may include:

- · Career assessment and counseling
- · Job search and interview skills
- · Independent living skills
- · Career education and training
- · Assistive technology

To apply for services contact a local DOR office: www.dor.ca.gov



The Department of Rehabilitation works to develop programs and support services to benefit people with disabilities. And while we are always looking to improve, the best way to gauge the effectiveness of our services is when every Californian with a disability who desires to work is employed.

This publication is available in Braille, large print or online.

Requests should be made to:

Department of Rehabilitation
Office of External Affairs
721 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-558-5874 Voice
844-729-2800 TTY
externalaffairs@dor.ca.gov



www.dor.ca.gov 916-324-1313



Employment, Independence & Equality

A Guide to General Services









On a Mission

The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living and equality for individuals with disabilities.

At DOR, we know that with guidance and support, individuals with disabilities can be fully integrated and highly productive community members, employees and colleagues.

"It was easy to apply for the program. DOR's team has been there every step of the



way, helping me to find the right job."

Eligibility

To be eligible for services, an individual must:

- Have a physical or mental impairment that substantially impedes his or her ability to secure employment
- Require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment consistent with the applicant's unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice
- Benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in an integrated employment setting

Program participants are expected to be available, responsible, active and dedicated contributors to their own success.

Additional Programs

Assistive Technology Program: provides
AT services to expand the accessibility of
tools, resources, and technology

Blind Field Services: provides vocational rehabilitation and independent living services to blind and visually impaired consumers

Business Enterprises Program: provides individuals who are legally blind the opportunity

to become independent entrepreneurs through food service vendor training

Client Assistance Program: provides information, referral, and advocacy to applicants and consumers of DOR, independent living centers, and other Rehabilitation Act funded programs

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Section:
provides technical consultation and
assistance to staff, community
rehabilitation programs, and other
stakeholders on the provision of
vocational rehabilitation services to
individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing,
late deafened and deaf-blind

Disability Access Services: provides technical consultation and assistance on employment of persons with disabilities, accessibility requirements, and digital accessibility

Independent Living Program: supports California's Independent Living Centers that promote full participation of persons with disabilities to achieve social and economic independence

Mental Health Cooperative Programs: partners with County Mental Health Agencies to assist persons with mental health disabilities to obtain employment Older Individuals who are Blind: provides services and resources to individuals 55 and older who are blind or visually impaired to enable them to remain as independent as possible

Orientation Center for the Blind: provides classes and experiences to assist adults in adjusting to new vision disabilities by immersion in a residential environment

Supported Employment Program: provides on-the-job support (e.g. job coaching) to individuals with the most significant disabilities

Transition Partnership Program:
partners with local education agencies to
assist in the successful transition of high
school students into employment and/or
secondary education

Traumatic Brain Injury Program: provides vocational rehabilitation and independent living services in a supportive environment to meet the growing needs of Californians with TBI

Workforce Development Section: provides employment information, resource materials, consultation, training, and technical assistance to private and public sector employers

Thank you

For more information, please contact: Eliana Cuentas (562) 465-0543 Eliana.Cuentas@dor.ca.gov







South Central Regional Center

Presented by Monique Craig, Education Specialist and Wendy Castillo, Employment Specialist



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TAB 2



Special Education Board Committee

May 3, 2023

Extended School Year (ESY) 2023

Presented by Oscar Rodriguez, Coordinator, Special Education Operations



Objectives

ESY Consideration by the IEP Team

Parent information review and updates for ESY 2023

ESY Site and current enrollment for ESY 2023





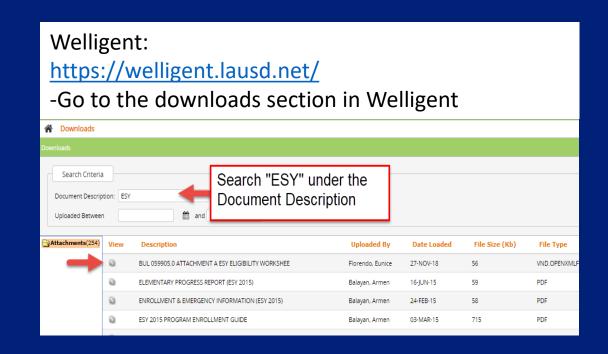
ESY Eligibility: BUL 059905.0

ESY Eligibility Criterion:	Guiding Question:
Criterion 1:	As a result of school breaks, has a student with disabilities demonstrated a significant regression (beyond typical regression experienced by students with disabilities) corresponding with limited recoupment capacity?
Criterion 2:	As a result of school breaks, has the student with severe disabilities demonstrate a loss of critical skills and/or the ability to access the alternate curriculum? Will the loss of these skills increase dependency on future caretakers and reduce the ability for the student's inclusion with nondisabled individuals?
Criterion 3:	Does the student with disabilities have documented special circumstances and/or other factors demonstrating the need for ESY, as determined by the IEP team?



Two Ways to Access the ESY Consideration Worksheet

ESY Employee Website: https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/17047 **Extended School Year (ESY)** District Resources for Employees California Code of Regulations. Title 5. Section 3043(d) states: "ESV services shall be provided in accordance with 34 C.E.R. section 300.106, for each individual with exceptional needs who has unique needs and requires special education and related services in excess of the regular academic year. Such individuals shall have disabilities which are likely to continue indefinitely or for a prolonged period, and interruption of the pupil's educational programming may cause regression, when coupled with limited recoupment capacity, rendering it impossible or unlikely that the pupil will attain the level of self-sufficiency and independence that would otherwise be expected in view of his or her disabling condition. The ESY Parent Portal is now open. In addition, the ESY Roster is now open for school sites to view eligible students for ESY in Welligent. (3.13.23) Parents should receive ESY Welcome Letters during the second week of June **ESY - Employee Resources** To apply for an ESY employment opportunity for the positions listed below, you will need to visit the Summer Applications ESY Manual and FAQs Portal at summer.lausd.net. The site is only accessible if you re connected to the LAUSD network. ESY School Locations (Feeder Patterns) If you apply outside of the LAUSD network, please click here ESY Policy Click here to access the **ESY Eligibility Bulletin** BUL-059905 : Guidelines for IEP Teams Students Reing Considered for ESY Programs ESY Eligibility Worksheet - Fillable (Att. A) Click here to access the **ESY Eligibility Worksheet**





ESY Updates-Parents



ESY Information available on our Operations Website

New Special
Education Division / New
SpEd Extended School Year
(ESY) (lausd.net)

Information is fluid and can change. Please check website or Schoology group for the latest updates.



ESY Updates- Employees



ESY Information available on our Operations website:

New Special Education Division / Employees - ESY (lausd.net)

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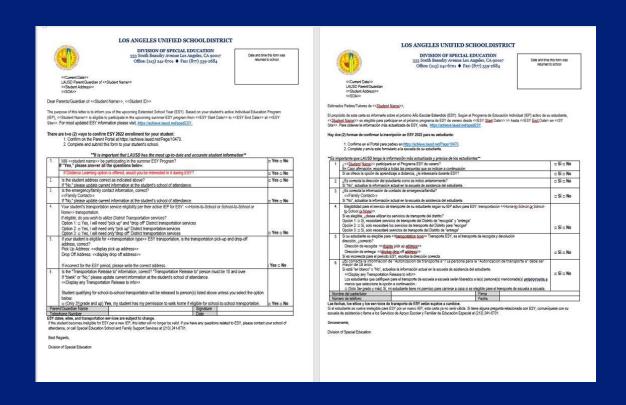


ESY Parent Confirmation Letter (PCL)

Starting in March 2023

The Division of Special Education Operations sends:

- Parent Confirmation Letters to all 32,000 students eligible for ESY to their address of record
 - Schools generate all letters for all newly ESY eligible students after Operations mailed letters to parents
- Black Board Connect reminders are sent to parents of ESY eligible students
- Welcome letters are sent to parents prior to the start of ESY





ESY Participation

Parent/Guardians have 3 options to confirm their student's ESY participation

Option 1: Parent Portal



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

Option 2: Return the PCL to the school site.

The School will submit the PCL on the ESY Portal

Los Angeles Unified School District

ESY Applications

Option 3: Parent can reach out to School and Family Support Services

School and Family Support Services

TELEPHONE: (213) 241-6701 FAX: (213) 241-5168 TTY: (213) 241-2511

EMAIL: spedsfss@lausd.net WEBSITE: https://achieve.lausd.net/sped



ESY 2023 Enrollment Timeline

ESY Confirmation Begins in March and ends in June

Parent Portal will close

June 2, 2023

ESY late enrollment for students. Families can go to their child's designated ESY site to enroll

June 23, 2023

Last Instructional Day for ESY

July 25, 2023

June 9, 2023

ESY Portal will close

June 26, 2023

First Instructional Day for ESY



ESY Sites Information

	Elementary	Special Education and Career and Transition Centers	Secondary Schools (Middle and High Schools)
Number of sites	35	11	13
ESY hours	8:00 am - 12:20 pm	8:30 am - 12:50 pm	8:30 am - 12:50 pm
Current Enrollment	Alternate Curriculum Declined ESY: 92 Yes: 345 No Response: 1,765 Total Eligible: 2,202 Core Curriculum Declined ESY: 589 Yes: 2,080 No Response: 13,280 Total Eligible: 15,949	Alternate Curriculum Declined ESY: 178 Yes: 492 No Response: 952 Total Eligible: 1,622 Core Curriculum Declined ESY: 178 Yes: 5 No Response: 75 Total Eligible: 15,949	Alternate Curriculum Declined ESY: 92 Yes: 345 No Response: 1,765 Total Eligible: 2,202 Core Curriculum Declined ESY: 589 Yes: 2,080 No Response: 13,280 Total Eligible: 15,949

Summer Offerings



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Beyond the Bell (BTB) Expanded Learning Programs for select Title 1 sites

Extended
School Year
(ESY)

*Summer Term
High School
Credit &
Concurrent
Enrollment

Early Education
CA State
Preschool
Program

Summer Enrichment (Virtual, K-12) International
Newcomer
Program/Migrant
Education
Program

Internships

Thank You

The Division of Special Education is looking forward to a smooth and successful summer session





