

UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS**Coffee with the Region Special Education**

- The Division of Special Education has begun holding “Coffee with the Regional Special Education team” sessions to share updates and gather input from families and stakeholders.
- Sessions are similar to last year’s Listen and Learn Campaign and are offered in a **hybrid format** for broader participation.
- Regions East, South, and North have already held their sessions.
- Region West’s session is scheduled for December 8, 2025. Consider attending this session if you haven’t had the chance yet. This will be the final session of the fall semester.

Date: December 8, 2025**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**Location:**

Webster Middle School
11330 Graham Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90064

Zoom: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/86784334741>**Webinar ID:** 867 8433 4741**School and Family Support Services (SFSS)**

- The School and Family Support Services (SFSS) department has released **updated brochures**.
- Brochures are available in **11 languages**: English, Spanish, Armenian, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.
- SFSS assists parents/guardians with inquiries, concerns, or complaints related to special education or a child’s IEP.

Brochures are available at <https://sped.lausd.org/apps/pages/parents>.

DATA & METRICS**Year-to-Date IEP Team Meetings Completed**

Updated information will be provided in the January 2026 report.

- **Timeframe:** July 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025
- **Total IEP Team Meetings Conducted by LAUSD:** 24,439
 - **Excludes:** IEP team meetings held at independent charter schools

Students with Disabilities Enrollment

As of October 31, 2025, 68,936 students with disabilities were enrolled in District schools.

PARENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**Special Education Region Ambassador**

- Please join us for our Special Education Region Ambassador session, “Helping Your Child Thrive: Supporting Instruction at Home.”
- We encourage all CAC members to share this information widely within your school communities to help more parents learn about and participate in these valuable sessions. We appreciate you spreading the word so we can continue expanding the reach and impact of these sessions for even more families.
- Sessions will be held in each Region as follows:
 - Region **East** at Fishburn Elementary on 12/9/25 at 9 am.
 - Region **West** at Wilshire Crest Elementary on 12/12/25 at 9 am.
 - Region **South** at Region South Parent Center on 1/13/26 at 9 am.
 - Region **North** at Bertrand Elementary on 1/22/26 at 10 am.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING FOR STAFF**Modified Core Instruction**

LAUSD is committed to **ongoing professional development** to empower educators and strengthen instructional practice. We prioritize learning that helps teachers meet the needs of all students, including those with extensive support needs. Below are a few of the professional development sessions that have taken place so far this year:

- **Foundations of Modified Core Curriculum Instructional Training**

This two-day training guides the implementation of the Unique Learning System (ULS) and Oxford Picture Dictionary (OPD) curriculum, offering strategies and tools to support diverse learners in accessing grade-level content.

- **Unique Learning System 2.0**

Unique Learning System 2.0 (ULS 2.0) introduces key updates to the original platform. Participants will learn instructional strategies to effectively integrate ULS 2.0 and support the diverse needs of learners.

- **Assessment Tools**

This training reviews key assessment tools for informing instruction and developing IEPs, including informal assessments, PLPs, SANDI, and i-Ready. Participants will also practice writing standards-based IEP goals aligned with assessment data and student needs.

- **Community Based Instruction 3.0**

This training provides educators with an opportunity to learn about procedures, documentation, and best practices for implementing Community-Based Instruction (CBI) in real-world settings for students in grades 9–12 and Career & Transition Centers (CTCs) using the updated CBI Handbook (2024).

- **Diploma Information Sessions**

Live information sessions are held monthly. Recordings are available for on-demand access.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

There are no legislative updates currently. The State Legislature is currently in recess, and Congress will not begin negotiations on the federal appropriation bills until January.

RESOURCES / UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS**Winter Academy 2025–2026**

- **Dates:** January 5–9, 2026
- **Schedule:** Follows a regular school day, including breakfast, lunch, and breaks
- **Location:** At a school within the student’s community
- **Personalized Learning:** Each student receives individualized instruction based on academic needs
- **Eligibility:** Open to all students with disabilities in grades TK–12
- Includes select Special Education Centers and Career and Transition Centers (CTCs)
- **Supports:** Students will have access to the same supports they receive during the regular school year
- **Activities:** Individualized instruction plus enrichment activities
- **More Information:** <https://www.lausd.org/winteracademy>

CAC Midyear Elections

The Division of Special Education and the Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement will hold midyear elections on December 12, 2025, to fill two CAC vacancies for Parent of a Student in General Education (one representative and one alternate). The election will be conducted virtually, with in-person tech support available at the SFACE office. Committee members are asked to share this information widely within their schools and communities.

Date: December 12, 2025**Time:** 9:00 a.m.**Zoom Link:** lausd.zoom.us/j/85006173638**Zoom ID:** 850 0617 3638 **Passcode:** 2026

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LAUSD Mental Health Hotline	213-241-3840	https://www.lausd.org/Page/12120
Parent Portal	213-481-3350	https://lausdapp.lausd.net/auth/landing
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