

Welcome



2026-2027 Professional Development Calendar

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), Division of Special Education, offers a variety of capacity-building events and workshops to local educational agencies within Los Angeles County. This planned calendar of events is updated regularly. A list of upcoming events can be viewed by month within the [Calendar View](#) or by [Type](#).

The Division of Special Education website offers up to date information about current events within the Special Education Division: [Link](#). Check out LACOE's Resource Guide for Inclusion Practices for immediate access to self-guided information about inclusive practices: [Link](#).

Stay connected with the Division of Special Education. Sign up to receive our monthly newsletter.

Many divisions within LACOE also offer a variety of capacity-building events. You can view all of the LACOE offerings in our professional development catalog: [Link](#). Capacity-building events are intended to support and address California state priorities.

LCFF State Priorities/Whole Child Resource Map: [Link](#)

- Priority 1:** Conditions of Learning- Basic Services and Conditions
- Priority 2:** Conditions of Learning- Implementation of State Standards
- Priority 3:** Engagement- Parental Involvement & Family Engagement
- Priority 4a:** Pupil Achievement- English Language Arts
- Priority 4b:** Pupil Achievement- Mathematics
- Priority 4c:** Pupil Achievement- History Social Science
- Priority 4d:** Pupil Achievement- Science
- Priority 4e:** Pupil Achievement- English Learners
- Priority 4f:** Pupil Achievement- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Priority 5a:** Pupil Engagement- Chronic Absenteeism
- Priority 5b:** Pupil Engagement- Graduation
- Priority 6:** School Climate- Suspension
- Priority 7:** Conditions of Learning- Access to a Broad Course of Study
- Priority 8:** Other Pupil Outcomes- College/Career
- Priority 8:** Career Technical Education
- Priority 8:** AVID

Calendar View



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August					
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Friday, August 7, 2026	Understanding and Addressing Student Behavior (AB 1172) Reserved for Non-Public Schools & Agencies	9:00-11:00	Understanding and Addressing Student Behavior (AB 1172)	Fee	Link
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Tuesday, September 15, 2026	Directors' Collaborative	8:30-12:00	In Person: Discussion of topics related to special education for special education for special education directors.	Free	Link
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Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Accessibility Supports for All: A Two-Part Workshop 2026	3:30-5:00	Join us for a 2-part training—presented in partnership with LACOE's own divisions of Learning Acceleration and Academic Support and Special Education & Inclusion to bring you the most up to date information. These sessions are focused on understanding the importance of accessibility resources available for CAASPP, CAST, ELPAC, and daily instruction.	Free	Link
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November					
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Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Introduction to Transition IEPs	3:00 - 4:00	This workshop will provide an introduction on how to write transition IEPs for students in secondary.	Free	Link

February

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Tuesday, March 2, 2027	Charter Collaborative	3:00 - 4:00	Discussion of topics related to special education for administrators who work for charter schools.	Free	Link
Monday, March 8, 2027	Inclusion Conference	8:00 - 3:00	Join us for a free celebration dedicated to special education inclusion. Directors, Coordinators, Program Specialists, Teachers, related service providers and more! Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. The event will take place at the California Endowment in Los Angeles.	Free	Link
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May					
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By Type



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General PD	These capacity-building events cover a variety of topics including the legal basics of special education, transition assessments, early childhood education, and more. The events are usually virtual sessions that last about one hour.
Director's Collaborative	The Director's Collaborative events include a discussion of topics related to special education for administrators such as special education directors.
Coordinator's Collaborative	The Coordinator's Collaborative events include a discussion of topics related to special education and intended for special education coordinators or administrators.
Charter Collaborative	The Charter Collaborative events a discussion of topics with a focus on special education administration within charter schools.
AB 1172 Behavior	This training is only open to non-public schools and non-public agencies wishing to meet requirements under AB 1172 Understand and Address Student Behavior. There is a small fee for this training.
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Tuesday, October 20, 2026	New Special Education Teachers Session 2	3:00 - 4:00	Writing IEPs That Drive Student Success LACOE Division of Special Education is presenting a 3-Part Professional Development Series for Educators Entering the Field. Each session is interactive, application-based, and focuses on building confidence and practical skills they can immediately implement. Option for coaching and 1:1 sessions are available between sessions	Free	Link
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Directors' Collaborative



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Coordinators' Collaborative



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Tuesday, October 6, 2026	Coordinators' Collaborative	3:00 - 4:00	Discussion of topics related to special education for administrators.	Free	Link
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AB 1172 Behavior



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This training is only open to **non-public schools and non-public agencies** wishing to meet requirements under AB 1172 Understand and Address Student Behavior.

Reserved for Non-Public Schools & Agencies

AB 1172 -- Intended for Non-Public Schools and Agencies					
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Contact Matt Roper for additional information about the AB 1172 Training. Roper_Matthew@laoe.edu

EmbraceAbilities



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EmbraceAbilities is a Special Education Resource Lead focused on supporting county offices of education and local education agencies in the continuous improvement of their services for students with extensive support needs.

As part of California's Statewide System of Support, EmbraceAbilities offers technical assistance to county offices and local education agencies through **free** professional development opportunities and resources.

EmbraceAbilities					
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Wednesday, September 16, 2026	Paraprofessional Practices: The Art of Support	3:00-3:45 p.m.	Effective classroom support is both a science and an art. In this interactive one-hour virtual session, paraprofessionals will explore practical, evidence-based strategies for supporting students with extensive support needs while promoting independence, communication and meaningful participation.	Free	Link
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