

Professional Learning Resources for Instructional Assistants

This is a curated collection of professional learning resources created/facilitated by PUSD staff during the spring and summer of 2020 with topics relevant to IAs. We recommend collaborating with your site team on topics that would be a priority for fall virtual learning.

All IAs

Title & Brief Description	Link to Recording/Resource
Building Community in Distance Learning <i>Overview of how teachers may structure their class to build community virtually. For IAs there are ideas about how to build relationships with students and an overview of district social emotional learning (SEL) resources.</i> <i>Facilitated by Amy Fousek & Lauren Swissman</i>	Video Slides
Creating a Culture of Relationships <i>This webinar focuses on creating relationships with students with disabilities, building collaborative adult teams, and discusses inclusive language.</i> <i>Facilitated by Nancy Brundrett, Megan Gross, & Trish James.</i>	Video Slides
Flipgrid <i>An easy to follow and thorough introduction to Flipgrid and its many features. Looking for digital collaboration...check it out!</i> <i>Presented by Mike Gizzo & Brenda Gillies</i>	Video
Flipgrid - Part 2 <i>Part 2 - this webinar delves deeper into the possibilities that Flip grid offers.</i> <i>Presented by Mike Gizzo & Jason Spence</i>	Video
Google Drive-Introduction <i>This webinar is designed for beginner users of Google Drive. Includes additional resources in the slide deck.</i> <i>Facilitated by Amy Fousek & Jason Spence</i>	Video Slides
Google Docs- Beginners Tutorial <i>This 25 minute tutorial is a great introduction to Google Docs.</i> <i>Presented by Flipped Class</i>	Video

Google Slides <i>This thorough webinar includes tips for creating, presenting, and cataloging your slides. Also provides great template sites for even more options.</i> <i>Presented by Mike Gizzo & Jason Spence</i>	Video
Google Forms <i>Tips and Tricks to use Google Forms to enhance your virtual classroom, including creating Quizzes and Assessments</i> <i>Presented by Brenda Gillies & Jason Spence</i>	Video
New! IAs in the Virtual Classroom <i>This webinar was designed just for PUSD IAs! The focus of this webinar includes how IAs can support during whole group instruction, with executive functioning needs, and how to support in small group (breakout rooms).</i> <i>Facilitated by Stephen Whittaker & Laura Mueller</i>	Video
Mental Health Strategies for Teachers, Staff, Students & Families <i>This webinar provides information about the brain, strategies to support our well being as school staff, and resources for us and our students! This was a great session!</i> <i>Facilitated by Laura Mueller</i>	Video
PUSD Social Emotional Learning <i>Resource guide developed by elementary counselors to support students and staff well being. Links to activities and additional resources.</i> <i>Created by PUSD Counseling</i>	SEL Resource
Virtual Calming Room <i>This website has links to guided meditations, sounds & music, visual relaxation, yoga, and more! Great for staff and students.</i>	Website
Zoom For Beginners <i>Zoom for beginners touches on the basics of zoom. Sending an outlook invitation and using break out rooms included.</i> <i>Facilitated by Amy Fousek & Lauren Swissman</i>	Video
Zoom Security & Settings <i>This tip sheet provides PUSD guidelines for Zoom security features. It is hyperlinked with additional directions via the Zoom website.</i> <i>Facilitated by Michael Gizzo & Jason Spence</i>	Video Tip Sheet

Special Education Behavior Support Team Canvas Page <i>This public page is designed for staff and families. There are training sessions to watch and resources such as a token board or first/then board to print! It is updated often by the PUSD BST team.</i>	PUSD BST Page
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PreK IAs

Title & Brief Description	Link to Recording
Tips & Tricks for Teaching Virtual Special Education Pre-K <i>This session provides great information on virtual special education Pre-K and how IAs can support students in breakout rooms. Facilitated by Linda Reeve and Stephaine Hudson</i>	Video

Elementary IAs

Title & Brief Description	Link to Recording
Barton and Distance Learning <i>This series of videos and resources demonstrates how to provide instruction using the Barton reading materials for students with Dyslexia. There is an overview and step-by-step guidance on how to use the program Whizzimo. Facilitated by Linda Ford</i>	Folder with Videos and Resources *You will need to use your PUSD google account (your PUSD email) to access these resources
Benchmark 101 <i>This webinar reviews how to access Benchmark Universe and includes directions for creating an assignment and customizing a text for a student. Presented by Trenace Sevilla & Amy Fousek</i>	Video
Benchmark Quick Tips <i>These short, 3 minute videos, are a handy resource designed for parents or beginner users of Benchmark to quickly learn common features of Benchmark. Created by Benchmark Universe</i>	How to Navigate Access Assignments How to Use e-Book Tools

Building Language for Students with Autism <i>Strategies for providing multiple trial instruction, using visual supports, and evidence-based practices to support students with Autism. Facilitated by Jenna Sleichter, M.A., B.C.B.A.</i>	Video
New! Canvas for IAs (Elementary) <i>This 5 minute video was created just for you! Learn how to navigate key features for supporting elementary students in their teacher's Canvas page.</i>	Video
Lexia Introduction (TK-1) <i>While IAs may not have login access at this time, this video provides an introduction and overview into what Lexia is and how it may be used for reading instruction/support for TK-1st grades.</i>	Video
Seesaw <i>Intro to seesaw. This webinar goes step by step for creating your class. Great visual directions and creative ideas for maximum success. Facilitated by Amy Fousek</i>	Video
Think Central Math 1.0 <i>Think Central is our elementary math tool available for students and families as well as teachers. Thoroughly explains how to "get started" including settings and how to adjust the dashboard. Facilitated by Amy Fousek/Thy Dinh</i>	Video
Virtual Math Manipulatives (TK-2) <i>Training shows by example how to successfully use manipulatives virtually to teach math to early learners. Created by PUSD Math TOSAs: Thy Dinh & Jamie Walsh</i>	Video Slides *You need to be logged into your PUSD email to access these materials.
Virtual Math Manipulatives (3-6) <i>Great half hour intro with clear goals for sessions spelled out. The examples for teaching with manipulatives virtually are easy to follow and innovative. Created by PUSD Math TOSAs: Thy Dinh & Jamie Walsh</i>	Video Slides & Resources *You need to be logged into your PUSD email to access these materials.

Secondary IAs

Title & Brief Description	Link to Recording
Beginning with Desmos Activities for Math (6-12) <i>This hour long webinar introduces staff to the online collaborative math program Desmos. Presented by Traci Jackson</i>	Video
Building Language for Students with Autism <i>Strategies for providing multiple trial instruction, using visual supports, and evidence-based practices to support students with Autism. Facilitated by Jenna Sleichter, M.A., B.C.B.A.</i>	Video
New! Canvas for IAs (Secondary) <i>This 8 minute video was created just for you! Learn how to navigate key features for supporting elementary students in their teacher's Canvas page.</i>	Video
Introduction to Kami <i>This webinar introduces users to Kami which is an online tool students and teachers can use to annotate a text or PDF. Facilitated by Amy Fousek & Jason Spence</i>	Video
Jamboard for Math Collaboration <i>Learn the what, why and how for Jamboard. Tools for creative and easy ways to create a jamboard for your specific needs. Monitoring options also explained. Taught by Traci Jackson, Math TOSA.</i>	Video & Resources
Learning Strategies in the Virtual Classroom (High School) <i>This link provides a detailed PowerPoint slide deck with tips on ways to support students in Learning Strategies courses. Created by Michelle Jilly & Stephen Whittaker</i>	Slides
Recording a Loom Screencast <i>Complete introduction to Loom! Starting with account creation, recording, sharing and hints and tricks for using this application.</i>	Video

<i>Facilitated by Mike Gizzo & Lauren Swissman</i>	
Study Skills/Tutorial in Virtual Learning (Middle School) <i>Strategies for supporting students in middle school study skills or tutorial classes. Created by Michelle Jilly & Stephen Whittaker</i>	Video