



SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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News, changes, and updates for the 2019/20 school year



CO-TAUGHT CLASSES:

In alignment with the Special Education Strategic Plan priorities and to maximize all student's access to LRE, schools have expanded the number of classes taught jointly by both a general education content specialist and a special education teacher. These classes are referred to as "co-taught".

Co-teaching training for teams of general education and special education teachers was held on
8/26/19

Teams worked together to learn ways to maximize learning for ALL students.

Access Classes:

Students who are working towards a certificate of completion and require modifications to the general education curriculum will continue to access those settings to the maximum extent possible and appropriate. In order to facilitate this ongoing access and accurately reflect their school-day experience, new course profiles have been built specifically for these inclusion opportunities. Families may see new courses titled "Access" in their student's Aeries schedule. (Access Practical Art, Access Physical Education, etc). For these courses, the student's case manager and content teacher will work together to determine the class priorities for each student enrolled in an "Access" class, based on their Individualized Education Program (IEP), in order to maximize student benefit while included in the general education classroom.



New Special Education Information in the AERIES Parent Portal

Gradebook: In response to parent feedback, and in support of our Strategic Plan Priority #2, special education teachers have been trained by the District to build gradebooks using the Aeries student information system. If your student's teacher utilizes the Aeries gradebook you can access the grades by logging into the Aeries Parent Portal and clicking on the classes individually. While the roll-out of these gradebooks for special education courses may happen gradually, we are very excited to offer this option to teachers as a way to promote parent access and communication for all students. Please be aware that Aeries is only one available option for teachers to use. Some teachers may elect to utilize a different gradebook system, in those cases, please work with your student's teacher to understand what their individual gradebook system will look like and how you can keep updated on your student's individual performance and progress in their classroom.



Who to Call?

The district has developed a graphic to help you determine who to call when you need information. Click [here](#) to access the SDUHSD web page and click on the appropriate "Who to contact" form.