

District Continuous Improvement & Support

August and September 2020 CIS Networks, Workshops, and Events

Click on the event name to open the informational flier. All events are virtual.

August 2020

- Aug. 6 - [LCAP Network](#) (register by July 31)
- Aug. 14 - [LCAP Network](#) (register by July 31)
- Aug. 27 - [Instructional Coach Network](#) meeting (register by Aug. 21)
- Aug. 28 - [Curriculum Breakfast](#) - SEL virtual presentation (register by Aug. 14)

September 2020

- Sept. 4 - [Site Administrators Network](#) meeting (register by Aug. 14)
Opportunity to purchase a unit through TCSJ!*
- Sept. 4 - Curriculum Director Network meeting
- Sept. 8 - [UDL Distance Learning Series](#) (register by Aug. 21)
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- Sept. 15 - [Teachers' Community of Practice](#) (register by Aug. 25)
- Sept. 16 - [Data Network](#) (register by Aug. 26)
- Sept. 16 - [LCAP Network](#) (register by Aug. 14)
- Sept. 17 - [UDL Distance Learning Series](#) (register by Aug. 21)
- Sept. 24 - [MTSS Workshop](#) (register by Sept. 10)
- Starting September: [PLC On-Demand](#) videos and resources (register for access by Aug. 21)

Guidance on Diagnostic and Formative Assessments

[State Superintendent Tony Thurmond](#) announced the availability of a new resource, "[Guidance on Diagnostic and Formative Assessments](#)." This informative document describes how educators can use California's

approved assessments to evaluate where students are academically at the start of and throughout the school year.

Resources for Ensuring the Resilience and the Well-Being of School Personnel, Students, and Families During and After the Pandemic

The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools ([REMS](#)) Technical Assistance Center provides free products, as well as those from Federal partners, to supplement your school safety leadership efforts. Click on the links below to learn more about several of these resources:

- [Child Trauma Toolkit for Educators](#)
- [Creating, Supporting, and Sustaining Trauma-Informed Schools: A System Framework](#)
- [Resources on Trauma-Informed Care for Schools Before, During, and After Possible Emergency Events](#)
- [Resources Supporting Implementing Psychological First Aid in School and Postsecondary Settings](#)
- [Webinar: Psychological First Aid: Addressing Mental Health Distress During Disasters](#) (recording, transcript, and presentation slides)

CalHOPE: Website and Warmline

As part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health Care Services has launched [CalHOPE](#), a website with resources to support people experiencing stress from the pandemic. The CalHOPE Warmline is live and answering calls – telephone or text. (833) 317-HOPE (4673).

SBAC Resource: Smarter Content Explorer

The [Smarter Content Explorer](#) is a user-friendly web tool for educators to conveniently access the Smarter Balanced Content and Item Specifications—key resources used in SBAC test and item development. Users can access customized content generated by a quick search by subject, grade, and target or standard.

This planning resource has been updated to include:

- Range achievement level descriptors, which are grade- and content-specific explanations of the knowledge, skills, and processes that students display at predetermined levels of achievement
- Task model-specific information, such as item type and depth of knowledge, that describes how test items should be written so a student can show mastery of skills and understanding
- Enhancements to the search functionality that allow users to select multiple grades

A five-minute [video demonstration](#), provides an overview of the features found throughout the web tool.

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