

District Continuous Improvement & Support

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Colonial Williamsburg African American History Content for the Classroom

Click on the links below to access content and resources for classroom teachers:

- "Created Equal: A Museum Theater Exploration" : [Click Here](#)
- Resources for Understanding Race and Inequality through History : [Click Here](#)
- Exploring Our World: Slavery in Williamsburg (YouTube): [Click Here](#)
- Exploring Our World: Clothing, Jewelry, Material Culture, and Experiences of enslaved Black women (YouTube): [Click Here](#)
- Video programs: "Chained to the Land" and "The Freedom Quest of Oney Judge" : [Click Here](#)

SJCOE Assessment Forum - March 12, 2021

In response to the positive feedback from our January 22nd Assessment Forum, SJCOE will be hosting a second Forum to update you on recent information/decisions made by the state Board of Education, to continue collaborating on solutions/strategies, to address the challenges ahead, and to discuss strategies for messaging testing to stakeholders under current conditions.

Assessment Forum - Friday, March 12, 2021, from 11:30am – 12:30pm

Zoom details will be sent to those who register using the following

Registration Link: <https://conta.cc/3rnkUdz>

Free Suicide Prevention Training Available: LivingWorks Start

The California Department of Education, San Diego County Office of Education, and LivingWorks encourage middle and high school staff and students to complete the 90-minute [LivingWorks Start Suicide Prevention Online Training Program](#). The program helps participants learn to recognize when a young person might be experiencing emotional distress or having thoughts of suicide and teaches them how to connect youth to professional help.

Youth who complete the LivingWorks Start Program will be empowered to recognize behaviors in others that could indicate emotional distress or

thoughts of suicide and know how to connect them to professional help. Access this free training at <https://www.lwyouthsummit.com/access-training>. View the LivingWorks Start informational flier [here](#).

SJCOE Virtual Workshops for Distance/Hybrid Learning

Join our SJCOE team for up to 4 unique learning modules that were designed to provide support for your teachers in virtual, hybrid, and transitioning environments:

1. Social Emotional Learning Supports
2. Shifting Relationships: Behavior and Positive Teacher-Student Relationships
3. Choosing Synchronous and Asynchronous Activities
4. Collaboration

[Flyer](#)

Modules 1-4 can be scheduled and customized for individual schools sites. To schedule a specific Module please contact Lisa Bowman at lbowman@sjcoe.net.

CTE Distance Teaching and Learning Quarterly Newsletter

In this newsletter you will find information and resources about virtual work-based learning, curriculum, and events for teachers and students. [Click here](#) to access.

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

When students complete a step, they'll earn a chance at a \$500 scholarship. When they complete all six steps, they'll earn a chance for a \$40,000 scholarship. It is open to all juniors and seniors who attend high school in the US or US territories, regardless of GPA, test scores, family income and citizenship status. [Click here for more information](#).

2021 AP Exams Update

The 2021 exams will match the traditional, published exam descriptions—colleges expect the AP Exam to cover the full spectrum of the corresponding AP course. The College Board will support in-school testing in 2021 because administering exams in schools maximizes access and opportunity.

Any school that needs to socially distance in May 2021 can divide testing across two test dates, reducing the number of students convening for any one exam. An updated testing schedule with two contingency testing dates for each subject—one in the second half of May and one in the first half of June—will support schools that want more instructional time before testing.

Full-length digital contingency exams can be taken at home, if authorized by the AP coordinator, in the event that a school is closed or coronavirus-related risks prevent a student from testing at a school. More details on testing will be available in February.

[Click here](#) to view the College Board's January 2021 updates PowerPoint.

Lexile and Quantile Hub Tools: Free for California Educators

The California Department of Education and Educational Testing Service have partnered with MetaMetrics to offer Lexile® & Quantile® Hub premium tools, free of cost, to California educators. The Lexile & Quantile Hub, an online platform offering educators a variety of instructional and planning resources, features online tools that support student learning and growth in reading and mathematics.

The Lexile & Quantile Hub is now available to all educators with a CAASPP or ELPAC Test Operations Management System (TOMS) user role as part of the single sign on. To access the Lexile & Quantile Hub, log on to TOMS, select the [Links] tab, and then select Lexile & QuantileHub from the list.

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