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Paso Schools Awarded CSU Grant to Help Students Build Skills for Algebra Success

PASO ROBLES, CA — Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (PRJUSD) has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office to host a Summer Algebra Institute, a five-week academic enrichment program designed to strengthen students' math skills and prepare them for college success.

Through this grant-funded program, PRJUSD will provide incoming middle and high school students with targeted instruction in mathematics and quantitative reasoning, paired with hands-on, real-world learning experiences and exposure to college pathways.

The Summer Algebra Institute will serve approximately 60 students, who are being nominated by their teachers based on academic readiness and potential. To ensure a high level of individualized support, students will participate in small cohorts of approximately 20, allowing instructors to closely monitor progress and tailor instruction to each student's needs.

In addition to focused math instruction, students will engage in a variety of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activities designed to bring math concepts to life. These may include coding, drone programming, and other applied learning experiences that connect classroom concepts to real-world applications.

The program also emphasizes college and career readiness. Students will participate in college knowledge workshops and have the opportunity to visit a CSU campus, giving them a firsthand look at academic programs, student life, and the resources available to support their future success.

"We're proud to bring this opportunity to Paso Robles students," said PRJUSD Superintendent Jennifer Loftus. "Programs like the Summer Algebra Institute reflect our commitment to empowering every student to discover their strengths and chart a path forward. By combining high-quality instruction, hands-on learning, and connections to college pathways, we're helping students build the knowledge and confidence they need to thrive in their future."

Participating teachers will attend specialized training at CSU Fullerton, where they will be prepared to deliver the program curriculum and support students effectively throughout the summer session.

By combining personalized instruction, hands-on learning, and early college exposure, the Summer Algebra Institute is an investment in student success—helping to build confidence in mathematics while opening doors to future educational opportunities.

The program will run Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Lewis Flamson Junior High School from June 10 through July 10.

Students are currently being nominated by their teachers, and a waitlist has been established should additional spots become available. [Paso Schools families may add students in grades 7 and above to the waitlist online.](#)



About Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District serves more than 6,400 students across northern San Luis Obispo County. Guided by its core values of integrity, accountability, collaboration, innovation, compassion, and belonging, PRJUSD is committed to providing a safe, supportive environment where every student feels valued, empowered, and prepared to thrive.

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