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Jurupa Unified First Day of School is Wednesday, August 9

New programs and initiatives to student learning will usher in the new year

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JURUPA VALLEY, CA - Jurupa Unified is excited to welcome students back for the 2023-24 school year on Wednesday, August 9. The new year will feature programs and initiatives designed to help all JUSD students to succeed in school, in career, and in life.

"We are looking forward to the new school year and the opportunity for our students to succeed academically, and to grow, thrive and benefit from our Vision in Action," said JUSD Superintendent, Dr. Trenton Hansen. "Every one of the nearly 18,000 students we serve deserves the highest quality education possible, along with engaging extracurricular activities and support. We call this The Jurupa Experience, which we are proud to offer at every school, for every student."

Some of the programs/initiatives coming this year are:

Full-Day Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten

Starting this year, JUSD will offer full-day transitional kindergarten and kindergarten programs at all 17 district elementary schools. This change was made in response to research that shows that students who participate in full-day TK/kindergarten programs experience greater academic and social success.

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Expansion of Community Schools

This year also marks the expansion of the district's groundbreaking Community Schools program. In its initial year, the program included six schools. Another six schools will be added this year. The Community Schools initiative was made possible with a California Community Schools Partnership Program grant award. Jurupa Unified was the first district in Riverside County to receive a five-year implementation grant through the program.

Community Schools support the district's most at-need communities. By working with educational partners, Community School programs provide wraparound services to support the whole child. Examples include wellness centers that support mental health, parenting classes, access to medical services, food and clothing giveaways, and more.

Mental Health Supports

Jurupa Unified continues to focus on the whole child, including mental health support. JUSD has a robust, award-winning behavioral health program with a wide variety of services to support students and families. Services include on-campus wellness centers, access to behavioral health professionals and peer support specialists, and referrals for those who need additional services. More information is available on our website: www.jurupausd.org.

Emphasis on Literacy

This year, JUSD will emphasize the importance of Literacy Without Limits with activities and programs aimed at boosting reading and writing proficiency, particularly for our youngest scholars. Families can look forward to fun literacy-themed activities throughout the year.

For more information about the Jurupa Unified School District, please visit www.jurupausd.org

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ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD is made up of twenty-six schools total; fifteen elementary schools, one TK-6 music academy, one K-8 STEAM academy, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation school, one adult alternative school, and one Pre-K school readiness center.