

JUSD Students LEAP Into Learning With Summer Program

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JURUPA VALLEY - Students in the Jurupa Unified School District are spending their summer learning and having fun with the free LEAP (Learning Engages All Possibilities) program.

Nearly 300 courses are offered in this program – now in its second year. The half-day classes are available Monday-Thursday until June 30 at every elementary and middle school. A total of 2,850 students are enrolled in LEAP classes, which aim to engage students through hands-on learning opportunities that support academic growth and social-emotional learning.

Teachers designed the engaging and creative classes that make up the LEAP program, infusing science, mathematics, language arts, leadership, art, physical education, technology, and other skills into lessons.

The district's partnership with Think Together also has allowed families to choose supervised activities and care for their students for a full day -8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday through July 15. The JUSD Nutrition Services team is providing free breakfasts and lunches for those who participate in the summer enrichment programs.

"The LEAP program gives students an opportunity to continue to learn and develop new skills while they have fun and make friends in a relaxed atmosphere," stated JUSD Superintendent Dr. Trenton Hansen. "It's wonderful that we can offer this free opportunity to our community at all of our elementary and middle schools. I also am appreciative of the teachers and support staff who give their time and share their dedication and creativity with our students, helping us to maintain learning and engagement during the summer."

"Our students have been able to explore interests and discover strengths they may have not previously realized they had," added JUSD Director of Elementary Education Ron Zahnd. "Students and families have been provided the voice to select their courses. This has resulted in them making deeper connections with teachers and developing a feeling of empowerment. LEAP also has provided our community a safe, orderly, and fun environment for students whose families may have childcare needs, or wish to break up the long summer with enriching activities."

To learn more about our JUSD summer programs, visit the Jurupa Unified School District website: <u>jurupausd.org.</u>

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ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD is proudly 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.