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EL RISE! trainings launch next week with numerous strands to help educators implement state English Learner Roadmap



ELRISE!

ENGLISH LEARNER ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION
FOR SYSTEMIC EXCELLENCE

Next week, Educational Resource Services and Leadership Support Services kick off their second year of a grant to support implementation of the state's English Learner (EL) Roadmap Policy. The two programs have teamed up to offer a vast array of professional learning opportunities for teachers, administrators, EL coaches and school board members.

Known statewide as EL RISE!, the professional learning series includes sessions on leading school improvement with ELs in mind; strands for primary and secondary teachers, including dual language teachers; meeting the needs of long-term ELs; meeting the needs of newcomers; building district policy for ELs; and an overview for board members. The 11 strands begin on various dates this fall and next spring. Strands are offered virtually with some conducted in a single meeting and others completed in two to four sessions.

"The EL Roadmap is the most important policy to support English learners we've seen in 20 years," said Samantha Tate, administrator for Leadership Support

Services. "We are proud to offer this series of comprehensive trainings to educators throughout the San Joaquin Valley." The Tulare County Office of Education is one of six county offices in the state to serve as regional leads for the EL RISE! program.



EL RISE! was created by Californians Together in collaboration with Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) and Loyola Marymount University Center for Equity for English Learners. Through the series, educators will gain a greater

understanding of the four EL Roadmap principles, become familiar with research on dual language development, develop local implementation plans, and implement those plans throughout their own educational systems.

The series includes the following strands:

- County Office Internal Cross Division
- Developing and Strengthening Programs and Services to Meet the Needs of Long-Term English Learners
- Elementary Coaching to Enact the English Learner Roadmap
- Elementary English Learner Roadmap Dual Language Teacher Strand
- ELR 101 for School Board Members
- English Learner Master Plan Institute: Designing Local Policy Aligned to the California EL Roadmap
- English Learner Roadmap Elementary Teacher Strand
- Integrated and Designated ELD Strand for Secondary Teachers
- Leading School Improvement with English Learners at the Heart
- Leveraging Elementary Academic Text to Deepen Language Proficiency
- Meeting the Unique Needs of Newcomers in the Classroom

For a description of each strand and registration links, visit: commoncore.tcoe.org/eld/professional-learning.

Registration open for TCOE's annual Expanding Your Horizons, returning as an in-person event

Registration is now open for Expanding Your Horizons (EYH), the popular STEM-based conference for young women in grades 4-10. The conference is designed to enlighten and spark their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers.

This year, EYH will be held Saturday, November 6 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the TCOE Conference Center on South Mooney Boulevard in Visalia. The event will include numerous breakout sessions led by women working in STEM fields.

Attendees will enjoy sessions on animal science, robotics, chemistry, biology, coding, and medical sciences. Registration is just \$10 per student and open through October 22. Links to the individual and group registration forms can be found at commoncore.tcoe.org/student-events/expanding-your-horizons.

For additional information, contact Paula Terrill at paula.terrill@tcoe.org.



The Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development will hold its annual Legislative Event October 13



**13th Annual
Tulare County Council
on Child & Youth Development**

LEGISLATIVE EVENT

October 13, 2021 (virtual)

The Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development will host its 13th annual Legislative Event virtually on Wednesday, October 13, from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. The theme of this year's conference is *Moving Forward with Impactful Changes and How it Affects You*.

Lupe Jaime-Mileham, Ed.D., deputy director of the Child Care and Development Division within the California Department of Social Services, will be a keynote presenter. Jaime-Mileham is the former director of Early Care and Education at Fresno County Office of Education. She was co-chair and a founding member of the California State University Fresno Central Valley Bilingual Dual Language Consortium. In April 2016, then Governor Brown appointed her to the First 5 California Commission.

TCOE's Eric Sonnenfeld, assistant administrator for the Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP), will also speak. Sonnenfeld joined ECEP in 2019, having served in early childhood education for the Merced County Office of Education.

The Legislative Event was created to inform decision-makers and legislators about the importance of early childhood education programs and their role in creating life-long learners, particularly in Tulare County.

To register to attend the Legislative Event, visit www.tularecountykids.org.

Around the County

Porterville Unified opens Animakerspace

Last Thursday, Porterville Unified School District held a grand opening for the Garner Holt Education through Imagination Animakerspace at Citrus South Tule. The new lab is the first of its kind for Garner Holt, the world's largest manufacturer of amusement park animatronics. The lab will allow fifth-grade students to learn about animation and experience what it is like working for Garner Holt.

"This will open up a world of opportunities for students and their futures. It will also help students that are interested in the arts and



technology choose a pathway that is right for them,” said SPARK-E, the Specialized Programable Animatronic and Robotic Kit for Education, during a walk-through of the lab.

With help from high school interns, students will work on all aspects of creating a show that they will present at the end of a two-day visit. They will learn sound production, script writing, voice acting, lighting, set design, costuming, code programming, and more.



“This learning experience intersects all the career themes – the 14 career themes within our high school pathway program,” said Cynthia Brown, the director of student pathways at Porterville Unified. “It’s a model of how learning should be. It should be exciting, meaningful, and magical for every single student so they have an idea of what their niche might be for the future.”

Photos above:

~ Porterville Unified Superintendent Nate Nelson cuts the chain at the grand opening of the Garner Holt Education through Imagination Animakerspace at Citrus South Tule.

~ SPARK-E, second from left, addresses visitors. SPARK-E stands for Specialized Programable Animatronic and Robotic Kids Education.

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