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## Poway Unified reopens several campuses for summer learning and enrichment programs



(SAN DIEGO, CA) – This week, the Poway Unified School District reopened three school campuses to PUSD students, for in-person learning and enrichment programs, after months of emergency school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, July 6, the first of three sessions of PUSD’s Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) summer camps kicked off at the Twin Peaks Center located in Poway. Approximately 70 students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> are

exploring art, engineering, robotics, business, coding, music, and more. Class offerings and additional information can be found [here](#).

YEP is operated by the Poway Adult School, and staff have taken careful measures to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. All students are screened upon arrival, and go through a temperature-taking and hand-washing station. Students and staff are wearing face coverings, and are physically distanced in the classrooms wherever possible. You can view additional photos [here](#).



Also on Monday, July 6, PUSD’s Extended School Year (ESY) for students in special education opened at Design39Campus and Mt. Carmel High School. Nearly 600 students TK-12 are participating in ESY, a summer program designed to maintain individual progress over the long break. Of those, 280 students are attending classes in person, while 300 are learning online. Special Education staff planned for weeks how to safely bring back students and implement health guidelines such as physical distancing, temperatures screenings, cleaning and

disinfecting, and good hygiene and frequent handwashing. Structure, socialization, and a personal environment for students in special education is especially important during the shelter in place orders. Please click on the image below to view the ESY video.



“I am so incredibly proud of PUSD staff for leading the way in bringing our students back to school while successfully ensuring the proper health and safety measures are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Schools across the county, state, and country are grappling with how to reopen our schools. While the number of students on our campuses is smaller than during the school year, these programs are allowing us to fine tune our site specific plans for the Fall. We all know students learn best and thrive when they are physically at school. It’s a joy to see them back,” said Marian Kim Phelps, Ed.D.

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