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Fresno Unified students and parents,

Fresno Unified remains focused on supporting our students and their families in this new world of distance learning. Last month, Superintendent Nelson shared exciting news. Summer learning would continue for the students of Fresno Unified School District in a distance learning format. We are excited to provide more details around summer learning and introduce our new **Summer Academy & Summer Camp** programs.

**Summer ACADEMIES** are designed to support students with ongoing learning needs or students with credit recovery needs, or to accelerate academic achievement. Like previous summer school programs, students will be identified by their home school and invited to participate in daily teacher led virtual learning activities. Classes include K-3 Literacy Academy, Math Academy, High School Credit Recovery Academy and individualized special education instruction, just to name a few.

**Summer CAMPS** are designed to provide relevant and enriching learning experiences for students of all grade levels. Camps are an opt in learning opportunity. Interested students will be given virtual access to learn and engage at their own pace in activities like Fresno State's Lyles College Summer STEM Camp for grades 3-5, Career Readiness Camp for grades 9-12 and recreational, physical fitness, and academic activities.

**Summer 2020 Camps & Academies will begin on Tuesday, June 9. Students invited to attend a Summer Academy can also choose to participate in Summer Camps.**

Our district team has been working tirelessly to pivot from our traditional planned summer school program to create an initial catalogue of distance learning opportunities. Classes begin June 9 and based on specific class offerings, run through August 3. We look forward to being able to expand our Summer Academy and Summer Camp offerings in the years to come.

**What are Next Steps for Parents and Students**

Students identified to participate in a Summer Academy will receive a communication during the week May 25 that will provide additional details, including their summer learning class schedule. Parents will be notified by SchoolMessenger once notifications have been sent to students. Information about Summer Camps, including a complete list and how to get involved in one or more of these virtual enrichment programs, will be shared in future communications.

Because summer learning will be done virtually, please let us know of any technology needs you may have by contacting your student's current school site to arrange for a device.

Fresno Unified is grateful to our families for remaining academically engaged and committed to their student's educational journey. We're confident that our new distance learning summer programs will provide students with continuity of learning that will position them for a strong academic start in the fall.

To learn more about summer learning, visit [fresnounified.org/summerlearning](https://fresnounified.org/summerlearning)