

# Poway Unified School District



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#WEARECONNECTACADEMY



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<https://bit.ly/connectjune29>

# Our Team, Thought Partners and Designers!

- ❑ Team PUSD
  - ❑ LSS, Tech & Innovation, Student Support Services, CTE, M & O, Park Village Elementary, Dr. Phelps, PUSD Board of Education
- ❑ Connect Academy Founding Family
  - ❑ YOU! OUR LEARNERS! OUR EDUCATORS!





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"Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be."

- Rita Pierson, Educator



Meet Our Team!

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# Connect Academy 1.0

## Vision

To offer families a future-focused and innovative option to empower world-class learners.

## Mission

To inspire strengths and passions as learners develop resilience, kindness, courage, and creativity through a flexible, digital learning experience.



# Guiding Principles 1.0

*We value a future-focused culture fueled by passion, inspiration, personalization, and inquiry.*

- ❑ We work to build **trust** and **understanding** within our community.
- ❑ We celebrate our various **strengths, passions, and interests**.
- ❑ We strive for **clear** and **inclusive** communication.
- ❑ We believe **integrity** is essential.
- ❑ We know **reflection** is a foundation of learning.
- ❑ We make **connections** to our community, our career options, and our possibilities for future growth.
- ❑ We see **digital tools** as important **resources** for the **learning process**.
- ❑ We seek **partnerships, collaboration, and connections** to share knowledge and extend our network.



# Learner-Centered & Future-Focused!

- ❑ Building on student strengths
- ❑ Utilizing PUSD adopted curriculum
- ❑ K-8 Digital Arts and Computer Science
- ❑ Schoolwide Connect Time
- ❑ Partnering with our learners, community and PUSD team to build our world class learning experience!
- ❑ PUSD supported and provided learner devices
  - ❑ K-5: Chromebook & iPad
  - ❑ 6-8: HP Laptop





# Independent Study Requirements

## PUSD Board Policy 6158

Actions needed by families prior to August 16:

- ❑ Learning Master Agreement (available electronic or hard copy)
  - ❑ The parent and student must sign the agreement
  - ❑ Agreement will be sent via email beginning July 21

Ongoing actions needed by families:

- ❑ PE minutes
  - ❑ Parent signature required every 10 days (digital version)
- ❑ Partnership and ongoing communication with Connect Academy Team

# Balanced Approached 1.0

- ☐ Monday - Friday, 8:30 am Connect Time
- ☐ Day in the life of Connect Academy
  - ☐ Teacher Directed Time
  - ☐ Learner Directed Time
  - ☐ K-5
  - ☐ 6-8th
    - ☐ Rotating block schedule
  - ☐ On Campus Experiences
  - ☐ Materials Distribution



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# Learning Day!



Friday- Student lead, teacher connection opportunities, building this in partnership with our team, community and learners!

# Connect Academy Learning Tools 1.0

- ❑ Canvas - District Learning Management System
- ❑ Google Workplace for Education (Docs, Slides, etc.)
- ❑ Adaptive tools: Lexia & i-Ready
- ❑ Flipgrid
- ❑ WeVideo
- ❑ Tynker
- ❑ 6-8th Adobe Suite
- ❑ Hands on Learning tools
  - ❑ Legos
  - ❑ On & off campus experiences

# Ways to ensure our guiding principles come to life

- ❑ Student Agency
- ❑ 6 C's (critical thinking, **collaboration**, creativity, communication, citizenship/culture, character education/connectivity)
- ❑ Growth Mindset
- ❑ Leveraging Technology Tools
- ❑ K-8 Computer Science & Digital Arts learning