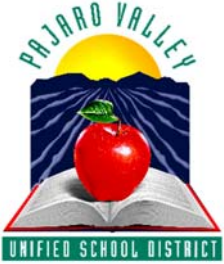


**PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive contributions to the community and global society.



**Press Release**

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**Pajaro Valley Unified School District in Partnership with Khan Academy and NWEA to Accelerate Student Learning**

Watsonville, CA. August 12, 2019 – Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) is one of only five school districts in the nation selected to partner with Khan Academy NWEA to pilot MAP Accelerator. In the 2019-20 school year, seventeen of our schools\* will pilot MAP Accelerator, a tool that supports accelerated learning through the integration of personalized learning and assessment by automatically generating learning pathways for students based on their MAP Growth scores.



Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools, stated, "This partnership is an exciting opportunity to provide access to authentic personalized learning for our students and support their academic performance in mathematics. The MAP Accelerator uses Khan Academy's Mastery Learning System to allow students to work at their own pace and teachers to customize each student's pathway, track progress and identify support systems and skills necessary to fill in gaps and accelerate their learning. Our participation in this pilot is aligned with the District's vision to support each student to excel academically through personalized instruction."

PVUSD is one of five districts selected to participate in the MAP Accelerator pilot; other districts include Madera USD and Glendale USD in California, Jefferson County Public Schools in Kentucky, and Clark County School District in Nevada. This pilot year there will be over 180,000 students participating and it will be available in English and Spanish.

"Partnering with NWEA takes our tools and resources for teachers to the next level," said Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy. "We've long heard from teachers who want to use MAP Growth as more than a benchmark. Now teachers can use Khan Academy to focus on learning what's needed most. And it's simple and time-saving, which is important since teachers already have so much on their plates."

Entering into this partnership with Khan Academy and NWEA was an easy decision for PVUSD. For years, the District has used Khan Academy as a student and teacher resource to support individualized learning. Combining this learning tool with NWEA's MAP Growth classroom assessment allows teachers to identify the extra help students need to reach their academic goals as well as to inspire learning for students who are ready to move ahead.

PVUSD's #OneTeam continues to grow strong. Here is a link to NWEA and Khan Academy partnership announcement video: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/338037036>.

\* Participating Schools: Alianza Charter, Ann Soldo Aptos Jr, Bradley, Calabasas, EA Hall, Freedom, Hall District, Lakeview, Landmark, Mar Vista, Mintie White, Ohlone, Rio Del Mar, Rolling Hills, Valencia, and Watsonville Charter School of the Arts.

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\* Pacific Coast Charter \* Watsonville Charter School of the Arts \* Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education