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Fullerton School District's Golden Bell-Winning FSD Fest Returns with Even More to Explore



A 2024 FSD Fest Spotlight Speaker presents on her passion for swimming and strategies for helping others find their calling.

(Fullerton, CA) – What is Fullerton School District's FSD Fest? It's something you have to experience to truly believe. This award-winning, free, and family-friendly fun takes place in the heart of Cal State Fullerton at the Titan Student Union (800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92831) on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17. Attendees will get an up-close look at the creative, hands-on learning experiences happening across all 20 FSD school campuses.

FSD Fest isn't your average school event—it's a multifaceted, immersive experience where students take ownership of their learning, proudly share their passions with the world, and put on wide display the fun found in learning. From student filmmakers, robotics engineers, Esports competitors, dynamic TED-Talk-style speakers, young literacy champions, artists, and more, spanning an age range from transitional kindergarten through eighth grade, every corner of FSD Fest is brimming with innovation and inspiration. Recently recognized with a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association, this two-day educational festival offers a vivid showcase of student voice and engagement.



Student engineers showcase their cool robotics skills.

“FSD Fest is where we celebrate students’ passion for learning both inside and outside of the classroom,” said Jeremy Davis, FSD Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Instructional Support.

“You’ll see 6-year-olds screening documentaries, 10-year-olds giving talks on investing, and 400 12-year-olds rocking Esports, with each student discovering the power of their voice.”

Featuring more than 10 distinct events across two days, ranging from live performances to interactive art, STEM exhibits to TED-style student talks, and a multi-category film festival, FSD Fest blends the energy of a school carnival with the polish of a professional conference. Every school in the district will participate through booth exhibits in the Innovation Experience. This showcase of school-site achievements is set to include entrepreneurial learning in transitional kindergarten using puppetry, robust cultural learning experiences, and much more.

FSD Fest continues to turn up the excitement this year with new features designed to engage the entire family. Among the additions:

- A brand-new escape room experience, themed around the district-wide “World of Wisdom” literacy challenge and starring characters from its beloved universe and the chance to win Barnes & Noble gift cards
- Dedicated parent learning sessions, designed to support family engagement

A feature added last year to the experience is the presence of high school students and programs from the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, who will be back this year to showcase what FSD students have to look forward to after they promote from the eighth grade. A new group of talented young artists will also be showcased in the “Wonder of Water” art exhibit, which highlights themes of natural resource conservation and environmental sustainability.



Fullerton Union High School students prep their booth to meet with future students and families.

For many students, FSD Fest also provides their first glimpse at college life. As they enter the halls of CSUF, students are welcomed into an environment filled with colorful lights, hands-on exploration, and cheers from event staff, underscoring the excitement of lifelong learning.



A second grade student from Richman Elementary stands proudly with his best in show award for the Public Service Announcement category of FSD's Film Fest.

“We want every child to feel seen and valued, and every parent to walk away inspired for their child’s future,” added Davis.

“FSD Fest is about creating that magic moment when a student realizes, ‘I belong here. My ideas matter.’”

For more information about FSD Fest and this year’s schedule of events, please visit bit.ly/FSDFEST.

The Fullerton School District (FSD) is located in northern Orange County, California, and serves over 11,400 students in transitional kindergarten (TK) through eighth grade. FSD is home to 15 elementary schools, two TK through eighth-grade schools, three junior high schools, and a distance learning and home school program. FSD features unique programs for students, including a Dual Language Academy for Spanish and Korean languages; a Performance Academy Sports Program that offers a traditional in-person learning experience with time for advanced athletic training integrated into the school day; and robust before, after, and summer school programs. FSD also offers a middle college program, where students can earn college credits and sit for advanced placement (AP) exams administered by the College Board. Additionally, fine arts and performing arts opportunities are available on all 20 campuses. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational experience for all students in a safe learning environment. FSD’s motto, “Great Schools - Successful Kids,” signifies that all FSD students will be given the tools and instruction to achieve academic excellence, hone interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society.

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