



# Student Events

Catalog | 2026-2027







"Science Olympiad solidified my love for science. I enjoyed learning about many areas of science. The program allows us to deepen our knowledge in familiar areas and explore fascinating new subjects."





## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) is pleased to offer county-wide events to students. SCOE partners with community organizations, county school districts, and the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County, to coordinate or sponsor several student events throughout the school year. Designed to encourage achievement and create confident lifelong learners, events range from the Science Olympiad to the Academic Decathlon. The winners of local academic contests often have the opportunity to compete in state competitions, opening a whole new world of exciting possibilities for them. I commend our students for their participation and the extra effort it takes to participate in these events. Special thanks to the teachers and community volunteers for their commitment and support to our SCOE student events and activities.



**Scott Kuykendall**

County Superintendent of Schools  
Stanislaus County Office of Education

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# EVENT DATES | 2026–2027

## September

**September** Central CA Esports League – Fall Session

## October

**October 22** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Apprenticeship Expo

## November

**November 19** Elementary Spelling Championship

## December

**December 10** Junior High Spelling Championship

## January

**January** Central CA Esports League – Spring Session

**January 20** Seal of Biliteracy Application Deadline

**January 22** Academic Decathlon Speech & Interview

**January 26** 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stanislaus County Mock Trial I

**January 29 & 30** Junior High & High School Music Festival

**January 30** 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Decathlon

## February

**February** Student Photography Show

**February 2, 4, 9** 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mock Trial II, III & IV

**February 6** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Destination Medicine

**February 11** Mock Trial Championship & Awards Ceremony

## March

**March** Student Art Show

**March** Seal of Biliteracy Student Interviews

**March 6** 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regional Science Olympiad

**March 13** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual History Day

**March 18** 41<sup>st</sup> Occupational Olympics and Career Exposition

## April

**April 3** Maker Hoopla

**April 12** Academic Pentathlon Speech

**April 20** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Academic Pentathlon

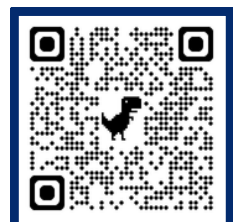
**April 24** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Elementary Science Olympiad

## May

**May** Seal of Biliteracy Awards

**May 8** 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Harold Pope Junior Relays

**May 17–20** STEM Expo



Student event dates and locations are subject to change.

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SEPTEMBER

## Central California Esports League (CCEL)

### League Seasons:

Fall Session: September – November, 2026

Spring Session: January – March, 2027

**Games:** Fortnite, Rocket League, Overwatch 2, Valorant

The Central California Esports League (CCEL) is a collective of educational institutions that govern and moderate a scholastic esports league within Central California. It is free to join, with a membership, your students can take part in any of our events.

We treat the growing field of esports as a traditional scholastic sport. Our teams are not just clubs, but real high school teams that carry with them the same dignity and recognition of a traditional high school sports team. Esports is much more than just playing video games. Our students develop the skills of teamwork, communication, and demonstrating how to be positive digital citizens. All this while learning and working on skills that can translate into the future of the digital workplace, through journalism, online content creation and streaming, graphic design, web development, computer science, and coding.

Esports is also available to Junior High and Elementary Schools. In the Junior High League, games played include: Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers, Rocket League, and Brawlhalla. Minecraft, Mario Kart, and Super Smash Brothers are played in Elementary League. We are looking for new partner schools and districts. Contact us to see how we can help or if you want more information on how to be a part of this amazing community.

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# OCTOBER



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Apprenticeship Exposition

October 22, 2026 | Modesto Junior College, West Campus  
Agricultural Center for Education Pavilion

The Stanislaus County Office of Education, in partnership with Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, Stanislaus Area Manufacturing and Maintenance Joint Apprenticeship Program, and Modesto Junior College coordinates the Apprenticeship Exposition. The Apprenticeship Exposition provides high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to learn more about apprenticeship programs in our area. Students will learn what an apprentice is, how to prepare and apply for an apprenticeship career while in high school and connect with apprenticeship coordinators and employers from multiple industries.

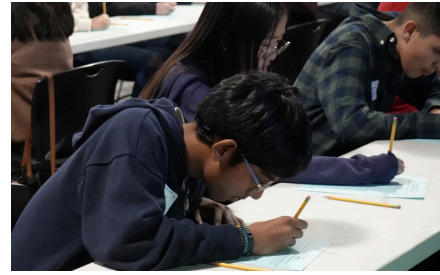
Students will experience interactive hands-on trade demonstrations. Representatives from electrical, plumbing, construction and manufacturing programs will be present to guide students with the hands-on activities as well as answer questions.

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## Stanislaus County Spelling Championships

Elementary (Grades 4 - 6) November 19, 2026 | 5:30 p.m.  
 Junior High (Grades 7 - 8) December 10, 2026 | 5:30 p.m.  
 Martin G. Petersen Event Center | 720 12th Street, Modesto

Each district or school may send their top spellers to the Stanislaus County Elementary & Junior High Spelling Championships. The top two spellers will represent Stanislaus County at the State Competition and the Honorable Mention speller will serve as the alternate.

**Each participating school/district must provide proctors to assist in conducting the event.**

**COST: \$20 per student**

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# JANUARY

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## 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Stanislaus County Academic Decathlon

**Coach Meeting:** September 10, 2026, 4:00 p.m. | SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**Speech & Interview:** January 22, 2027 | SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**Event Date:** January 30, 2027 | Johansen High School – 641 Norseman Drive, Modesto

Stanislaus County high school students compete as individuals and as a team in a series of tests and demonstrations in Academic Decathlon. Decathletes prepare for a competition of academic strength, focused on language and literature, science, mathematics, social science, economics, art, music, essay, interview, and speech. The competition is designed to provide a forum for celebrating and acknowledging achievement and academic excellence in the context of a team environment. The program engages and challenges students of all academic abilities and achievement levels.

### 2026–2027 Theme: Journeys of Transformation An Exploration of Travel and Transportation

**COST:** ~~\$450.00~~ per team of nine students and additional fee of \$10 per alternate student  
– ~~\$350.00~~ (donated by Education Foundation of Stanislaus County)  
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JANUARY



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## **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stanislaus County Mock Trial**

**Coach Meeting:** October 1, 2026, 4:00 p.m. | SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**Trials:** January 26, February 2, 4 & 9, 2027, 5:30 p.m. | Stanislaus County Courthouse, Modesto

**Championship & Awards Ceremony:** February 11, 2027, 4:00 p.m.

Martin G. Petersen Event Center, 720 12th Street, Modesto

Mock Trial is an innovative and engaging civic education program that combines performance based and law-related education in a tournament-style academic competition. High school students, working in teams under the guidance of teacher and attorney coaches, analyze the facts of a hypothetical criminal court case, prepare trial strategy, and enact every role in the trial proceedings. The teams present their cases in real courtrooms before sitting judges and are scored by volunteer attorneys. The program builds self-confidence and develops important life skills, including critical thinking, analytical reasoning, effective communication and teamwork. Students gain knowledge of the link between the constitution and the law as applied by the courts and legal system. The Mock Trial program also includes courtroom art and journalism contests.

**COST:** \$450.00 per team  
- \$350.00 (donated by Education Foundation of Stanislaus County)  
**\$100.00 Final Cost**

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# JANUARY



## **Junior High & High School Music Festival**

**Honor Choir:** January 29, 2027 – 7:00 p.m.

**Honor Orchestra:** January 30, 2027 – 2:00 p.m.

**Honor Band:** January 30, 2027 – 7:00 p.m.

Modesto Junior College Auditorium | 435 College Avenue, Modesto

The Stanislaus County Music Educators Association and Stanislaus County Office of Education co-sponsor the Junior High School and High School Music Festival. Outstanding guest conductors work with an auditioned honor band, honor orchestra, and a festival choir made up of students who are recommended by their high school and junior high school music teachers. Students rehearse the music together and learn new techniques. Each year, three junior high and three high school music teachers assume the role of group managers for this event led by a junior high and high school festival coordinator. The festival culminates with weekend performances from the Junior High and High School Choir, Orchestra, and Band.



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# FEBRUARY



## Student Photography Show

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### February

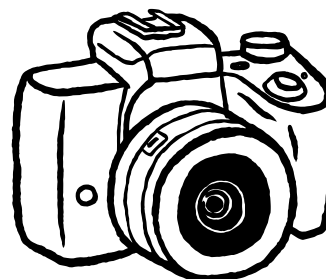
Stanislaus County students in grades preschool–12<sup>th</sup> are invited to participate in the Student Photography Show. This event is an excellent opportunity for young photographers to showcase their creativeness. An entire month dedicated to displaying outstanding pieces of photography that captivate and inspire.

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## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Destination Medicine Conference**

February 6, 2027 | John B. Allard School, 3113 Mitchell Road, Ceres

Destination Medicine is a one-day medical conference that informs and engages high school students who are interested in a career in medicine as to the value and importance of returning to Stanislaus County upon completing their professional education. The event offers information through lecture and hands-on experience in the following specialties:

- EMT-CPR
- Nursing
- Laparoscopic Surgery
- Urgent Care
- Da Vinci Robot
- Emergency Simulation Lab



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# MARCH



## Student Art Show & Reception

March 10, 2027

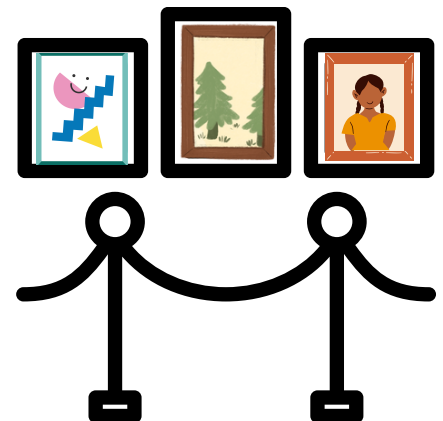
Stanislaus County students in grades preschool-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to participate in the Student Art Show. This event is an excellent opportunity for young artists to showcase their creativeness. An entire month dedicated to displaying various forms of art, highlighting creativity throughout the region. Included is an evening reception to celebrate and recognize students for their masterpieces. Teachers, students, family members, and community members are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments.

### For more information:

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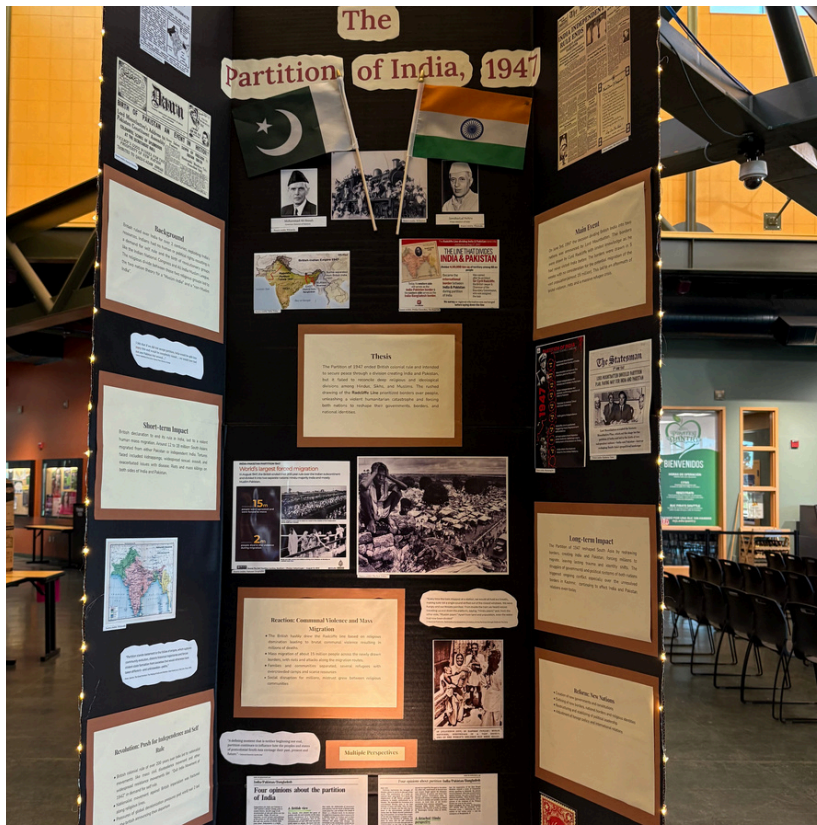
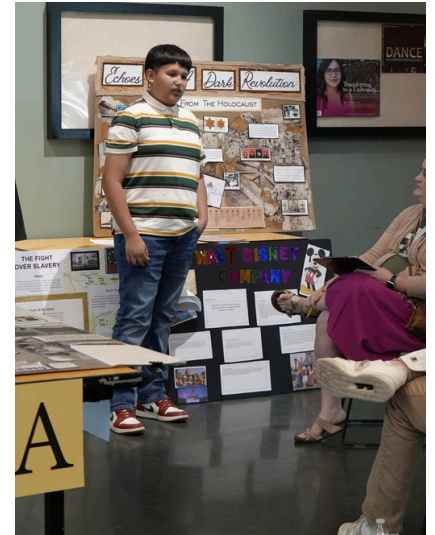
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# MARCH



## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Stanislaus County History Day

**Coach Meeting:** October 29, 2026, 4:00 p.m.  
SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**Event Date:** March 13, 2027, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Martin G. Petersen Event Center – 720 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto

History Day is an educational program that encourages 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to explore local, state, national, and world history. After selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct extensive research by using libraries, archives, museums, and oral history interviews. Students analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topics' significance in history, and create final projects that present their work. The theme for this year is *Innovation in History: Impact, Influence, Change*. Top students in each category have the opportunity to advance and compete at the State Finals scheduled for May 7-9, 2027 at CSU Sacramento.

**Participating schools must provide a minimum of two judges for event day.**

**Students will select one of these categories to present their research-based findings:**

• Documentary • Performance • Exhibit • Website • Podcast • Poster

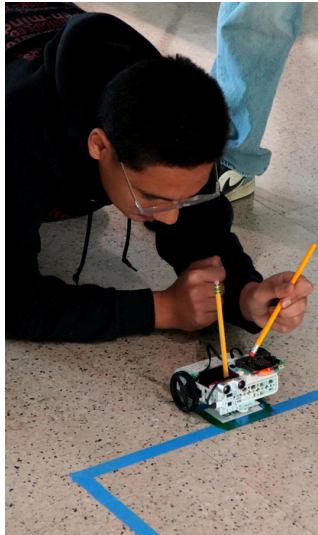
**COST:** \$30.00 per student  
- \$10.00 (donated by Education Foundation of Stanislaus County)  
**\$20.00 Final Cost**



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## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stanislaus County Regional Science Olympiad

**COACH MEETING:** October 8, 2026, 4:00 p.m. | SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**EVENT DATE:** March 6, 2027 | Modesto Junior College, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto

Science Olympiad is a nationwide competition devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education. Teams are composed of up to 15 students for Division B (middle school/junior high) and Division C (high school). The competition consists of a series of events which students prepare for during the year. These challenging and motivational events are balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. Science Olympiad is designed to increase a student's interest in STEM fields and provide recognition for outstanding achievement in team events. The top scoring teams are eligible to compete in the Northern California State Science Olympiad in April.

***Each participating team must provide one event supervisor and one event assistant to coordinate and facilitate an event.***

**COST:** ~~\$275.00~~ per team (Includes \$75 National Science Olympiad Fee)  
~~-\$175.00~~ (donated by Education Foundation of Stanislaus County)  
**\$100.00 Final Cost**

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## **41<sup>st</sup> Occupational Olympics & Career Exposition**

March 18, 2027 | Stanislaus County Fairgrounds – 900 N. Broadway, Turlock

The Stanislaus County Occupational Olympics and Career Exposition is designed to promote academic and occupational understanding in various career areas and to recognize those high school students who excel in their mastery of skills and knowledge necessary for success within a given career.

The event includes competency-based competitions leading to individual awards and a career exposition where various agencies, industries, and individuals representing a multitude of occupations are available to discuss careers with students on a one-to-one basis.

The career exposition is often clustered in the following areas: Agriculture, Building and Construction Trades, Business, Health, Hospitality, Industrial Technology/Engineering, Arts, Media and Entertainment and Public Service to enable students to focus on their chosen career(s).

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# APRIL



## Maker Hoopla

April 3, 2027 | Martin G. Petersen Event Center | 720 12th Street, Modesto

Maker Hoopla is a free, hands-on, family-friendly event for preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to "learn through doing" in a social environment. The event exposes elementary grade students to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) learning. It includes activities encouraging students to build, construct, create, design, explore, and invent all while having fun.

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# APRIL



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stanislaus County Academic Pentathlon

**Coach Meeting:** September 17, 2026, 4:00 p.m. | SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**Speech Event:** April 12, 2027 | SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**Event Date:** April 20, 2027 | Martin G. Petersen Event Center, 720 12th Street, Modesto

Stanislaus County junior high school students compete as individuals and as a team in a series of academic tests in the Academic Pentathlon. Each team is composed of students placed in categories based on their GPA. Students prepare for competition in the subject areas of fine arts (art and music), literature (including essay), math, science, and social science. The theme for this year is *Journeys of Transformation: An Exploration of Travel and Transportation*.

The competition provides a forum for celebrating achievement and academic excellence in a team environment and allows pentathletes to participate in an educational setting that fosters a deep respect for knowledge, cooperation, and self-esteem.

**COST:** \$400.00 per team  
- \$300.00 (donated by Education Foundation of Stanislaus County)  
**\$100.00 Final Cost**



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## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Elementary Science Olympiad

**Coach Meeting:** October 13, 2026, 4:00 p.m. | SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**Event Date:** April 24, 2027 | Walnut Elementary, 4219 N. Walnut Road, Turlock

Elementary Science Olympiad is an exciting one-day, 17 event science competition for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. After several weeks of coaching, team studying, experimenting, and individual preparation, teams gather on competition day to test their knowledge and skills in science. Each team is composed of a maximum of 18 members and each school can register up to two teams. This team composition gives students the opportunity to develop skills in teamwork, group and individual planning, and cooperation.

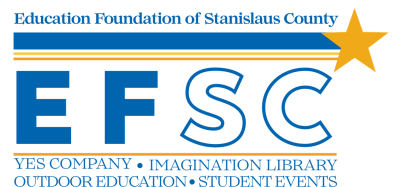
***Each participating team must provide one event supervisor and one event assistant to coordinate and facilitate an event.***

**COST:** \$200.00 per team  
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**\$100.00 Final Cost**

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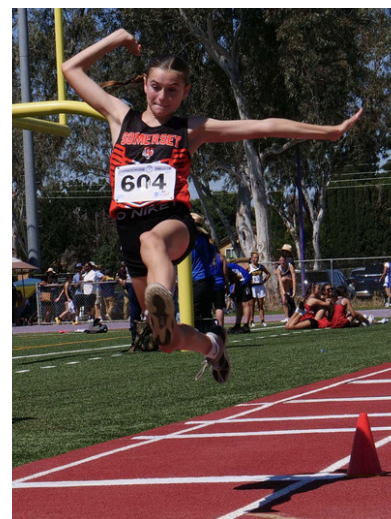
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# MAY



## 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Harold Pope Junior Relays

**Coach Meeting:** Feb. 22, 2027, 4:00 p.m. | SCOE, 1100 H Street, Modesto

**Event Date:** May 8, 2027 | **Location:** Johansen High School, 641 Norseman Dr, Modesto

Stanislaus County students in middle school or junior high school may participate in the Harold Pope Junior Relays, a long standing event and tradition in the community. The event includes field and track events for boys and girls. Junior Relay medals are awarded for first, second, and third place, while ribbons are awarded for fourth, fifth, and sixth place.

***Participating schools must provide two or more volunteers to assist with the Junior Relays event.***

**COST:**

**# of Students**

**Cost**

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**Final Cost**

**1-15**

**\$100**

**\$50**

**\$50**

**16-150**

**\$150**

**\$50**

**\$100**

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## Seal of Biliteracy

**Application Deadline:** January 20, 2027  
**Student Interview Event:** March 2027  
**Awards Night:** May 2027

Please refer to the Stanislaus COE Seal website for the complete list of requirements, deadlines, and important dates.

The Stanislaus County Office of Education will recognize students who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one other world language through the Stanislaus County Seal of Biliteracy program.

### What is the Stanislaus County Seal of Biliteracy?

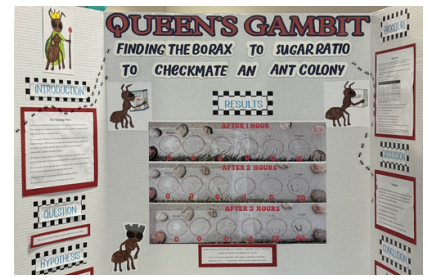
The Stanislaus County Seal of Biliteracy is a county-level, merit-based recognition awarded in partnership with the California Department of Education and local school districts. It recognizes and honors students who attain reading, writing, listening, and speaking proficiency in English and at least one other world language by high school graduation. The Seal is officially noted on the student's high school transcript and serves as verification of their linguistic expertise to potential employers and colleges.

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MAY



## STEM Expo

May 17-20, 2027 | Martin G. Petersen Event Center | 720 12th Street, Modesto

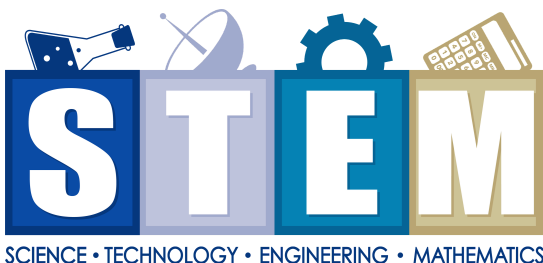
Stanislaus County STEM Expo is an innovative alternative to the typical science fair – striving to give school-age students from kindergarten through 12th grade a place to exhibit their work alongside entertainment and learning opportunities for the whole family – including STEM based activities and interactive exhibits from local scientists, organizations, schools, and companies.

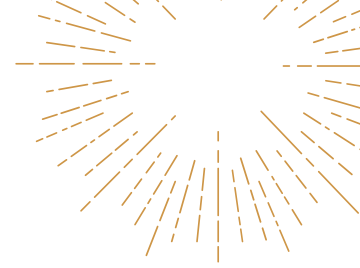
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In partnership with the Stanislaus County Office of Education, the Foundation supports Outdoor Education, Student Events, Youth Entertainment Stage (YES) Company, and the Imagination Library. These programs impact over 17,000 county-wide youth, from birth to 12th grade, and provide opportunities that promote excellence in education.

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