



Clovis, Madera, Sanger Awarded Teacher Pathway Grant

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Clovis, Madera, and Sanger Unified School Districts are funded to start a program to grow their own teachers. The California Career Pathway Trust will fund Clovis Unified \$2.7 million over the next two years to develop teacher career pathway programs with Madera and Sanger at eight high schools within the three districts. The pathway will provide a sequence of courses and experiences to prepare high school students to work in early childhood development programs upon high school graduation, and to link with community college and four year university preparation programs for elementary and secondary school teachers. The long term objective is to develop a “grow your own” teacher development program within each district that will produce an increasing number of high quality teachers that mirror the culture and diversity of the students they serve.

High school students who successfully participate in and complete the teacher pathway program will achieve the following benefits:

- paid summer internships working with K-8 students following 11th and 12th grade
- a one-week residential college boot camp in summer following 10th or 11th grade
- participation in the Saturday Academy at Fresno State during 11th and 12th grade
- summer institutes in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)
- paid after school positions as they enter college (earning \$750-\$900 per month)
- consideration for one of 20 teacher education scholarships at Fresno State
- priority consideration for employment by the districts, upon credential completion
- up to 30 units of college credit earned through dual enrollment, Saturday Academy and Summer Internship programs, while in high school

A strong collaborative force of educational and business partners will support the program. The partnership includes; Clovis Community College, Reedley College, and the Madera Center; Fresno State’s Kremen School of Education and Human Development; the California

Teaching Fellows Foundation; the [Central Valley Higher Education Consortium](#); Future Educators Association; Trash for Teaching; ERC; Solunet; and Channel 24.

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