

TUOLUMNE COUNTY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

STUDENT EVENTS 2026-27

MAD ABOUT SCIENCE GRADES 4-9 July 28 - August 1 This week-long science program is held at Columbia College and allows students to experience hands-on STEM activities.	WEEK OF INSPIRATIONAL MATH GRADES K-12 August 25-29 Teachers implement lessons engaging problem-solving tasks as a vehicle to build classroom norms for behavior, habits of mind and collaboration.	TUPE CALL FOR PSA GRADES 5-12 September 1 - November 30 Build Your Character, Not an Addiction! Grades 5–12 are invited to create and submit original tobacco, vaping, and cannabis prevention PSAs.	CHILDREN'S FRIENDSHIP CONFERENCE 3rd GRADE September 29 & 30 Students and staff take part in an event providing students with skills to identify and prevent bullying behaviors.
CTE SHOWCASE AND EXPO GRADES 4-12 October 21, 2026 A hands-on event providing students the opportunity to engage with industry professionals. Students explore careers, salaries, educational and certification requirements.	TUOLUMNE COUNTY MATH BOWL GRADES 7-8 November 5, 2026 This event challenges teams of students in a complex mathematical level to complete challenges which test their problem solving skills.	BATTLE OF THE BOOKS GRADES 3-5 November 12, 2026 3rd–5th graders: team up, tackle the 12-book list, and put your reading knowledge to the test in Tuolumne County's First Annual Battle of the Books!	DINNER WITH A SCIENTIST GRADES 5-8 December TBD 2026 This is an event for students and their teachers to learn more about the career opportunities in STEM fields from local professionals.
HOURLY OF AI GRADES K-12 December 7-13, 2026 The 'Hour of Code' is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to introduce students to one hour of computer science and programming	MOCK TRIAL GRADES 9-12 January TBD 2027 High school teams work with attorneys to prepare for a case created by the Constitutional Rights Foundation. They compete by arguing the case in a Tuolumne County Superior Courtroom.	JUNIOR HIGH SPELLING BEE GRADES 7-9 February 24, 2027 Schools in Tuolumne County send their top three students in grades 7-9 to this annual event. The top two finishers will be able to compete at the state level.	HONOR MUSIC FESTIVAL GRADES 6-8 March 5, 2027 The Elementary Honor Music Festival is an annual event that features both choir and band students. It honors the memory of long-time music educator Bruce Paxton.
STEAM EXPO & SCIENCE FAIR GRADES K-12 March 15 - 17, 2027 Students and families participate in a variety of interactive activities related to STEAM learning during this evening event. Make sure to visit the SJCOE Star Lab!	DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION GRADES 3-12 April 30, 2027 Students in 4-12th grades can submit digital images, and students in the 3rd grade can compete by captioning images. The competition is also open to faculty members.	READ ACROSS AMERICA ALL GRADES March 2, 2027 Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2.	SCIENTISTS / ENGINEERS IN THE SCHOOLS WEEK TBD Students in grades K-12 will work on various engineering challenges, often with a visiting professional leading the activity or lesson.
CONGRESSIONAL ARTS COMPETITION GRADES 9-12 April, TBD 2027 A nationwide high school art competition sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Schools will be contacted with more information.	NATURE BOWL GRADES 3-6 April 16, 2027 California Fish & Wildlife sponsor this event, teams of 3rd - 6th grades work to find answers to environment related challenges and compete with other teams in the region.	MOTHERLODE ROBOTICS CHALLENGE GRADES 4-8 May 7, 2027 Student teams work to complete a challenge course using LEGO robots built and coded utilizing teamwork. Students will try to complete tasks for the highest score.	

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