

*Invitation to Participate
2009-10 School Year
Expansion of Project Tomorrow's "YouthTEACH2Learn
(California Schools only)*

Overview

Project Tomorrow, the national education nonprofit group, is seeking to add a limited number of schools to our critically acclaimed, "YouthTEACH2Learn" Program (formerly Science Docent Program) during the 2009-10 school year. The YouthTEACH2Learn Program has operated in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District since 1997. As a result of its success, this program has been targeted for national replication, and the expansion strategy will continue in Orange County, Riverside and Los Angeles counties during the 2009-10 school year.

The 2009-2010 school year will also see the addition of a math component to the program, rounding out Project Tomorrow's focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and career development. Funding is secured for the development of the replication components including: online curriculum, program website, professional development, materials, and program administration. **Participating schools must provide matching in-kind support.**

Program Description & Benefits

This program provides high school students the opportunity to mentor and teach elementary school students in the classroom. The program:

- Increases the number of students entering the teacher pipeline.
- Increases the number of students who take an interest in science and math at an early age.
- Provides teachers with enhanced lessons and encouragement to improve their own teaching skills.

Participating high school students have the opportunity to:

- "Test-drive" teaching as a career.
- Learn 21st century skills
- Develop self-confidence
- Gain great appreciation and understanding of science and math
- Develop desire to continue post-secondary education

Why Participate?

Participating school(s) will receive the following:

- Access to the Project Tomorrow YouthTEACH2Learn High School Curriculum, online Lesson Plan Repository, program website, and communications/networking tools
- Professional development and networking opportunities for high school program teacher (16 hrs) and elementary school coordinating teachers (16 hrs/each). Stipends paid for participation
- Financial support for materials
- Professional services for program coordination, materials support, and program recruitment from a Project Tomorrow program manager
- Program evaluation including materials and an end of year evaluation report outlining the impact on student achievement, high school student career goals, and elementary teacher science or math proficiency
- Spring recognition program for participating high school students and teachers
- Opportunity for Project Tomorrow Science Docents to compete for targeted college scholarships

Requirements

Upon selection, the participating school and/or school district must agree to provide the following in-kind support to the program:

- High school science or math teacher for one class period
- Release time for high school science or math teacher to attend professional development sessions, program meetings and observe docents teaching class at least twice
- Release time for elementary school coordinating teachers to attend planning sessions and recognition event
- Administrative support for the program at the district, high school and elementary school(s)
- Access to students and teachers for evaluation purposes

**To learn more and/or to have your school considered for participation, please contact:
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