

Innovation 2018-19 Pilots

Pilot Project	Sites	Description
New Tech Practices	César Chávez, Montgomery, North Davis, Patwin, Emerson, Holmes, Da Vinci Charter Academy, Davis High	Grant-funded (Carnegie Foundation) professional development in partnership with the New Tech Network to support Graduate Profile aligned instruction for communication and critical thinking.
High Tech High Leadership Institute	Willett	Grant-funded (California Department of Education) professional development for leadership practices to support Project Based Learning
Harbor Freight Internships	King, Davis School for Independent Studies, Da Vinci Charter Academy	Grant-funded (Harbor Freight) coordination and stipends to support DJUSD student internships in the trades.
MakerSpaces	Montgomery, Willett	Grant-funded (UC Davis School of Education; Davis Youth Robotics) physical space design and curriculum for MakerSpaces.
New Tech Teams	Emerson	Grant-funded (Carnegie Foundation) professional development to support grade level teams in coordinated use of Project Based Learning.
Distinguished Speakers	Da Vinci Charter Academy, King, Davis High	Partially grant-funded (Hewlett Foundation) public speaking, debate, and storytelling support to promote student voice and advocacy.
National Equity Project Fellowship	DJUSD, Korematsu, Holmes	DJUSD leaders fellowship that provides professional development and coaching to lead with an equity lens.
Portfolio Assessments	TBD	Professional development to support secondary teachers interested in student portfolios for learning defense and elementary teachers interested in promoting student-led conferences.
Innovation Summer Institute	DJUSD	DJUSD's regional summer conference to promote innovations in pedagogy (Project Based Learning) and technology (Google), and partially subsidized by fees from non-DJUSD participants.

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Secondary Fall/Spring Summit	All Secondary	Formerly known as “Articulation,” Summit is a secondary conference that occurs twice a year and composed of workshops led by DJUSD teachers.
Elementary PLC Teams	All Elementary	For the 4th Wednesday of each month, all elementary teachers participate in a professional learning community of a topic of their choice and which is led by a teacher trained in facilitating a continuous improvement cycle protocol.
Summer School Incubator	DJUSD	DJUSD summer school programming experiments with innovative practices and structures to support student learning and credit recovery.
Project Based Learning	Montgomery, Willett, Da Vinci Charter Academy, Harper, Holmes	Project Based Learning is used with frequency and high quality at sites throughout the district, many of which include culminating, public products of student learning. Professional development provided internally and through the support of outside organizations.
Elementary Robotics	All Elementary	Each elementary schools is providing after school robotics programming to build student interest in STEM, particularly DJUSD students who are furthest from opportunity.
Career Tech Education Pathways	Secondary	New and existing career pathways are being developed to provide diverse opportunities for college and career preparedness for DJUSD high school students.
Competency Based Grading	Da Vinci Charter Academy, Emerson, Holmes, Harper	Review and pilot of grading practices to be equitable, standards-based, and improve alignment between student proficiency and assessment marks.