

# NEWS

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## **Saddleback Valley USD Creates SVUSD Virtual Academy Opening Fall, 2017**

Mission Viejo, Calif. (May 8, 2017)—The Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) Board of Education is pleased to announce the opening of SVUSD Virtual Academy for the 2017-18 school year.

SVUSD Virtual Academy will provide students a flexible online education while offering engaging opportunities to collaborate and learn with their peers and teachers in a blended learning environment.

“In our rapidly evolving, globally interconnected, and technological world it is essential that we equip our students with the skills necessary to thrive in this environment,” said Glenn Giokaris, SVUSD Virtual Academy Principal. “Our mission is to utilize the tools of technology to create a flexible and personalized learning experience that supports students cognitive and social-emotional development while inspiring students to explore their passion and purpose, establish an innovator’s mindset, and to build critical thinking and communication skills necessary for career and citizenship.”

Enrollment for SVUSD Virtual Academy is currently open for interested kindergarten (K) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with plans to expand to 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade the following school year. Space is limited, so interested parents and students are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Education Center Board Room located at 25631 Peter A. Hartman Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

The SVUSD Virtual Academy will be located on the Melinda Heights Elementary School campus for 2017-18.

To RSVP for the meeting or for more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2rVHex7> or contact (949) 580-3457. To complete an interest form, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/VirtualSVUSD>.

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