



Community Unit School District 303

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Project Synergy is designed for students who are interested in solving real-world problems through hands-on and project-based methods, while exploring various fields of engineering. Students accepted into the program will attend summer experiences, complete an internship opportunity, and take cohort or clustered classes in mathematics, science, and engineering. Project Synergy will provide a four-year pathway that will assist students in establishing knowledge, skills, and experiences that will support them in future career goals. Students will become familiar with and explore multiple fields of engineering, such as aerospace, mechanical, civil, and electrical. Through the program, students will apply their knowledge of research and explore the design process to solve problems through innovation. Students gain experience with industry standard technology, including 3D modeling software, to help them design solutions to solve proposed problems, document their work, and communicate their solutions to peers and members of the professional community.

Project Synergy is a four year program for students with a high interest in pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Students will be expected to commit to all four years of programming including summer experiences. Due to the structure of the program, there are some limited opportunities for students interested in pursuing other elective pathways outside of the program during the school year.

The summer experience dates for incoming 9th grade students will be announced as soon as facilities and staff are confirmed. This will consist of a two week experience, one in person and one virtual, in June this year. The essential experience will build students' skills in engineering and problem-solving processes, in addition to getting to know other students in the Project Synergy Program. Participation in the summer experiences each year is mandatory.

[The Project Synergy application](#) is linked below. The application paperwork must be received by [this online submission form](#) along with your video submission of a Statement of Interest by **Monday, February 5th, 2024**. In order to apply for the program, your child must be in good academic standing and have a plan to successfully complete Algebra 1 (both semesters) or beyond by August 1, 2024.

An acceptance letter for the Project Synergy program will be mailed in February to families once all the information is collected and reviewed. Acceptance will be based on the information collected from the application materials, standardized test scores, and final grades.

Resources:

[Project Synergy - Informational Presentation](#)

[The Project Synergy Application - Class of 2028](#)

[Project Synergy - Application Submission Form](#)

Sincerely,

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