

# Pasadena Unified School Dis

## Math Academy 7th Graders Prep for AP Calculus Test

Pasadena Unified 6th- and 7th-graders are breezing through integrals and reciprocal trigonometric functions, with 7th-graders preparing to take the AP Calculus test.

They're part of the district's new Math Academy, a program designed to radically accelerate the learning curve of mathematically gifted students. Courses are taught by instructors with advanced math training, including a mathematics professor who formerly taught at Pomona College and was tenured at Clemson University.

Students complete math through calculus in middle school, leaving high school open to pursuing pure and applied undergraduate-level mathematics.

Participation is offered to students who demonstrate mastery beyond the current standards



McKinley School 7th-grader Colby Roberts is preparing to take the AP calculus test, a test usually taken in the 11th grade.

and who wish to move at an accelerated pace. The program operates during school hours at McKinley School, Washington STEAM Magnet Academy and Sierra Madre Middle School.



Attending McKinley's Parent Summit are (from left) McKinley Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Jerrell Hill, Dominick Correy of state Sen. Pasadena City Councilman Andy Wilson, Jacqueline Snell, George McKenna, PUSD Chief Business Officer Bernadette Griggs and School Board President

## A Day of Workshops at

McKinley School hosted the Parent Summit recently to bring parents together for a day of workshops.

Topics included adolescent development, navigating high school, strategies for college planning and parenting styles. Educator George McKenna III was the keynote speaker.



Jamie Powell

## College-Bound Graduate

Pasadena Unified students are receiving college acceptance letters and deciding where they will attend college next fall. Destinations for 2017 graduates include Yale, UCLA, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

