

# The Squeeze: Fresh Ideas

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## SAVE THE DATE!



November 2nd will be a district-wide professional learning day and as an integral part of that, will be this year's Technology Festival, "Tech to the Future." Join us as we

celebrate and learn from one another how we can change the future narrative of instruction and learning! Call for Presentations will be coming out soon!

## SOCIAL STUDIES ALIVE!

After 14 years since our last elementary social studies curriculum adoption, our teachers voted for TCI's Social Studies Alive! elementary program. This TCI K-6 program includes engaging ready-to-use content, interactive activities, and immersive technology. Additionally, the link below will provide you with resources such as the recording links to the August 13 and 16 trainings, TCI/Wonders correlations, and much more. Please contact our Department of Curriculum & Instruction for any questions.

**TCI** [OUTLINE LINK](#)

## Science



### ELEMENTARY SCIENCE: Amplify K-6

Wondering how to navigate the Amplify Science curriculum website? The 10-minute navigation video for your grade may be helpful:

- [Navigating Amplify Science Elementary](#)
- [Navigating Amplify Science Middle School](#)

Did you know you can find self-paced professional learning resources on the [Amplify Science Program Hub](#)?

Are you ready to prepare to teach your first unit? In addition to the Program Hub resources, you can check out these articles for guidance:

- [How to Plan for a Unit, with an overview of the Unit Guide](#)
- [Details on Materials and Preparation](#)
- [Directions for locating Digital Resources, which you'll need to access to complete most lessons](#)

### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

**Chat:** Log in and click on the chat icon in the bottom right of your screen within the curriculum.

**Email:** [help@amplify.com](mailto:help@amplify.com)

**Phone:** 1-800-823-1969

**Amplify Science Program Hub** (*heads up: you must to be logged into Amplify Science to enter!*)

Any other questions? Contact Lisa Green:

[lgreen@orangeusd.org](mailto:lgreen@orangeusd.org)

# Amplify.

## SAVVAS

### HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE: SAVVAS ELEVATE

To access on demand training visit:

<https://mysavvastraining.com/products/elevate-science-ca-6-8>

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE: SAVVAS ELEVATE

To access on demand training for Miller and Levine Biology:

<https://mysavvastraining.com/products/414>

To access on demand training for Experience Chemistry

<https://mysavvastraining.com/products/experience-chemistry-ca>

If you haven't already, please fill out our professional learning survey regarding August 13 and 16th and future professional learning needs.

<https://tinyurl.com/August2021PDSurvey>



# Access for All

As you've hopefully already seen, all students in Orange Unified now have access to a device to utilize for their learning. Pre-K through 2nd graders now have an iPad while 3rd through 12th grades now have a Dynabook laptop. Many sites have additional iPads and other devices to use for a variety of initiatives beyond the 1:1 devices as well. With equitable access, we are excited to support teachers with fully utilizing the tools available to connect with students and transform their learning atmosphere into something truly amazing.

**Additional 1:1 Info:** <https://bit.ly/2X4svnP>

## A+ Teacher Program



Designed to support educators in the classroom through a collaborative environment with their colleagues, this program will focus on the new 1:1 iPad classrooms to impact learning through research based instructional practices.

SignUp by October 8th:  
<https://bit.ly/3fFqnIA>

## Lego Leads

Lego Education was an integral part of summer school and a huge hit! Lego Education kits are currently being redistributed to all sites for integration into Amplify Science lessons through the year. Keep an eye out for more information on your new site Lego Lead and learning support with Lego Education!



## Orenda Math Update:

It's great to hear that most grade levels have completed their standards matrices and Unit 1 common assessments!

Teachers who need extra time to continue working on the matrices and/or assessments will be receiving an invite from Lisa Green offering extra earnings.

We appreciate all the hard work you're putting in and look forward to supporting you as we move forward.

Looking for more ideas and activities?  
[orangeusd.org/math](http://orangeusd.org/math)

