

Providing Educational Services to Parents throughout the San Joaquin Valley

OCED administers Fresno State Parent University as a program of the SJV Rural Development Center. Since 2013, Parent University has offered courses in:

- Digital Literacy
- Parenting Skills
- Civics and Citizenship
- English As a Second Language

Certificate Program Structure

Participants are awarded a certificate when they:

- Complete all class work
- Attend 80% of the 9-week course
- Score an 80% or better on the final exam

Program certificates are awarded during Fresno State Parent University night, held at the end of each 9-week cohort. Families are invited to attend and celebrate the achievements of their parents. Program certificates are signed by the local superintendent or principal and President Castro.

To date, Fresno State Parent University has graduated almost 5,000 parents representing the communities of:

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| Avenal | Huron |
| Coalinga | Madera |
| Cutler-Orosi | Orange Cove |
| Delhi | Reedley |
| Firebaugh | Riverdale |
| Fresno | Selma |

“We are so fortunate to have a partnership with Fresno State Parent University at our school. In the years of the program’s operation, I have witnessed an incredible growth in our parents’ advocacy and parenting, computer and English skills, as well as a deeper understanding in student development. The power of the acquired knowledge in education is making a difference at our school.”
- Javier Gonzalez, Principal, Huron Middle School

