



WorkED

Esports

Our esports program isn't just about gaming. It's about equipping students with essential life skills, fostering teamwork, and preparing them to excel no matter where life takes them.

Did you know?

*In the 2023-2024 school year, Esports participants had a 33.5% lower absence rate compared to non-participants. Additionally, 60.2% of Esports students reported never participating in any extracurricular activities prior to joining the Esports program.

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Partners that trust WorkED



Elk Grove Unified School District



*Source: Moreno Valley, CA study

Overview

Our esports program turns gaming into a launchpad for career discovery, teamwork, and personal growth. Students sharpen skills, build confidence, and unlock future opportunities both in and out of the arena.

Career Exploration

Our program combines competitive gaming with specialized career exploration in the thriving esports industry. Students discover pathways in areas like content creation, marketing, coaching, and broadcast production.

Social & Emotional Growth Gaming goes beyond the controller. Our program helps students build strong relationships, develop empathy, and enhance emotional well-being.

Confidence & Performance

From honing skills to showcasing them in competitive events, our program is designed to build confidence and develop well-rounded individuals ready to succeed.



Esports Implementation Architect

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Julie specializes in aligning esports and CTE content with district goals, emphasizing wellness and engagement. She has over 15 years of experience training teachers in STEAM programs and six years building esports ecosystems across the globe. She was also awarded the*gamehers 2025 Award for Esports Excellence.

Pathways

Our program combines structured curriculum with competitive experiences, giving students the chance to explore careers, build confidence, and showcase their talents in and beyond the arena. With opportunities ranging from team-building challenges to final tournaments, every pathway is crafted to inspire growth, spark creativity, and connect gaming with success.

Pathways*	Description	TK-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
Mario Kart 8	Students refine their racing skills by mastering drifting, boost management, and strategic decision-making to keep them in the lead.		✓	✓	✓
Minecraft	Students collaborate on competitive design challenges that test creativity, teamwork, and quick movements.		✓	✓	✓
Rocket League	Students build precision by learning to control the game's physics system and applying advanced positioning in fast-paced matches.		✓	✓	✓
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate	Students develop competitive skills by selecting a main character, honing their abilities, and practicing adaptive strategy to overpower their opponent.		✓	✓	✓
Sim Racing	Students will compete in high-speed virtual races, honing their driving skills, strategy, and precision in realistic racing simulations.			✓	✓
Aligned Standards		Flexible Scheduling			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career and Technical Education (CTE) (Grades 7-12 only) Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) 		Work ED programs are designed to meet schools where they are. Whether it's afterschool enrichment or intersession learning, our flexible model makes it easy for districts to integrate esports into their schedules with offerings for every grade level.			

***Each game comes with a dedicated curriculum that guides players from beginner basics to advanced strategies, helping them understand what it takes to practice, improve, and compete like a pro.**

Benefits

An example of the multifaceted benefits of esports, this table highlights how structured gameplay supports student growth beyond the screen. Through esports, students strengthen communication by confidently sharing ideas, practice collaboration through teamwork in familiar games, build adaptation by thinking quickly and making smart decisions, and develop critical thinking by going beyond the basics to form their own conclusions.

The Multifaceted Benefits of Esports	
Communication	Ensures students feel confident speaking in front of and sharing ideas with peers and adults.
Collaboration	Utilizes familiar games to teach effective teamwork skills in different group settings.
Strategic Planning	Enhances student ability to think on their feet and make smart decisions in various contexts.
Critical Thinking	Encourages students to think beyond the basics and come to their own conclusions.

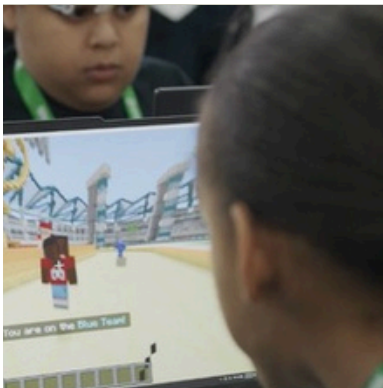
Curriculum

Our curriculum blends esports with career discovery, offering a structured path that develops both technical gaming skills and essential life skills. Each lesson builds on the last, blending game mechanics with personal growth so students learn not just how to play, but how to think, lead, and collaborate.

Outcome	Metrics
Soft-Skill Development	Emphasis on communication, leadership, adaptability, and critical thinking. Measured through peer feedback, coach evaluations, and teamwork assessments.
Career Exploration	Exposure to careers like content creation, marketing, and production through role-based projects and student reflections on career interests.
Esports Competency	Student's skills are tested with on-going and cumulative competitions that allow them to understand how they've improved and where they still need work.

Videos

Explore our videos to see Work ED's Esports programs in action. Watch students grow in confidence, collaboration, and critical thinking through competitive gaming, teamwork, and strategy. These video highlights showcase the excitement, talent, and impact of our programs—both in the classroom and in competition.



Watch us open doors for students in the Bronx by introducing new skill sets and career paths through game design and esports.



Watch us transform learning in Stockton, CA as esports sparks student engagement, boosts motivation, and opens pathways to future careers.



Discover how esports can inspire students to learn, build real-world skills, and see new career possibilities.

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About Our Esports Manager

Will combines a passion for education and competitive gaming, using esports to drive student skill development. He has 9 years of esports experience and 6 years in education, delivering virtual and in-person programs that collaborate with industry experts to design engaging student content. He believes video games are one of the best access points for learning because they bring people together.