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Regional nonprofit launches mentoring program for science-oriented students

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A regional non-profit foundation has launched a pilot program, which starts today, to provide mentors to help students at five Sacramento area schools in STEM – science, technology, engineering and math.

Other Sacramento County schools also can request to participate in the pilot program, which runs through April, said Ryan Endean, spokesman for the sponsoring Sacramento Regional Science & Engineering Fair Foundation.

The foundation's Regional STEM Mentoring Program will pair trained mentors to volunteer in after-school programs and explore the jobs of local scientists, engineers and other technical experts and to provide students with hands-on experiments.

Participating schools in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District include W.E. Mitchell Middle School and Cordova High School, both in Rancho Cordova, as well as Folsom High School and Sutter Middle School, both in Folsom. In the Natomas Unified School District, mentors will help students at Heron Elementary School in Sacramento.

The foundation is operating the pilot program through a grant from Intel. The nonprofit also organizes the annual Sacramento Regional Science and Engineering Fair in March.

For more information about the program and participation, visit www.RSMprogram.org.

Information about the foundation is available at www.sacSTEMfair.org.

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