



Jahi Garner- Founding Teacher

Jahi Garner is a mathematics and video production teacher at Palm Middle School in Moreno Valley Unified, a school district that serves 34,549 students at 43 schools where 83% of the students qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

Garner assumed his position of mathematics teacher in September of 1999 and is responsible for developing students' understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations. He also oversees the school's video production program and serves as a member of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STeAM) Committee.

Prior to joining Moreno Valley Unified School District, Garner served as a mathematics and entrepreneurship teacher for Bassett Unified School District. Garner has more than 20 years of experience in public education. As a club advisor, he started a Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) chapter on his campus where he reinforced California math and science standards through hands-on projects, group learning, and constantly evolving curriculum. His MESA students earned numerous regional awards at various competitions. Many of his students went on to pursue degrees in STEM fields.

Garner graduated from the University of California, Riverside with a B.S. in Business Administration. He received his teaching credential from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Garner lives in the Inland Empire. In his free time, he enjoys designing websites and photographing street scenes.