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Palisades Park School District announced that beginning February 1, 2017, teachers and students will be utilizing ST Math in all Kindergarten classrooms. According to the Mind Research Institute, the creators of Spatial-Temporal (ST) Math, this instructional software program provides visual, computer-based math games designed to support deep understanding of math concepts. Students use ST Math on computers or tablets, with teacher guidance within a blended learning environment.

According to the Mind Research website at mindresearch.org, ST Math is currently used by more than 1 million students across the country. Mind Research Institute data, summarized on their web site, suggests that the ST Math program has been shown to double or triple a schools' growth rates in math proficiency. Additionally, ST Math won the 2016 Cool Tool Award for Best Academic Gaming Solution from EdTech Digest, the 2015 SIIA CODiE Award for Best Game-based Education Solution and 2015 District Administration's "Top 100 Products".

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Cirillo is enthusiastic about the new software program. Dr. Cirillo stated, "Our team selected ST Math for the students of Palisades Park because it fits seamlessly with our goal of developing problem solving and critical thinking skills. This software is also closely aligned to state and Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and enables students to work at their own pace towards mastery. We are excited to assess the results as we work to establish an even stronger foundation in math beginning in Kindergarten by blending the best in technology with excellence in instruction and support."