



## **Why Choose the STEAM Academy @ Burke?**

Every year hundreds of families ask that question. There are 15 middle schools within a ten-mile radius, and you have the opportunity to choose one. There are 101 reasons to choose STEAM, however, due to space concerns only 10 of them will be mentioned in this article.

- 1) The STEAM Academy @ Burke has been recognized by the California Legislature and the U.S. Congress for its commitment to innovative and quality educational programs.
- 2) The STEAM Academy @ Burke is a California Gold Ribbon School, a Title 1 Academic Achievement School, and a California Honor Roll School.
- 3) Students are offered a wide variety of elective classes that fall under the STEAM concept, such as Engineering, Coding, Google Apps, Graphic Arts, Spanish, Mariachi, Media & Film Studies, Leadership, Choir, Band, Social Media Video Production, Digital Music Production, & Robotics.
- 4) Every teacher at STEAM is highly specialized in the subject matter they teach, which is unique to the middle school setting. This structure allows for professional expertise in every class.
- 5) Every student at STEAM will participate in authentic Project Based Learning to give them a real world application of concepts and ownership over their own learning
- 6) STEAM is an extremely safe school, we regularly provide Character Counts lessons and Olweus Anti-Bullying lessons, and students feel secure and comfortable on campus.
- 7) Students have constant access to technology; all classes at STEAM are equipped with either Chromebooks or iPads for student use.
- 8) 100% of teachers are certified by the Buck Institute of Education for Project Based Learning to help students develop deeper learning competencies required for success in college and career.
- 9) Many of our teachers are Google Certified Teachers, and all academic teachers use Google classroom as a means to collaborate digitally with students and enhance digital learning capacities.
- 10) STEAM is a smaller school than most other middle schools, with roughly 600 students, allowing for a more personal connection between staff and students.

***Send your child to STEAM and you will discover the other 91 reasons.***