



Why Choose The STEAM Academy?

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) 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, Environmental Studies, Leadership, Choir, Band, Social Media, Creative Writing, Digital Music Production, & Robotics.
- 3) Every teacher at STEAM is highly specialized in the subject matter they teach, which is unique to the middle school setting. This structure that allows for professional expertise in every class.
- 4) 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
- 5) STEAM is an extremely safe school, we regularly provide Character Counts and Olweus Anti-Bullying lessons, and students feel secure and comfortable on campus.
- 6) Students have constant access to technology; all classes at STEAM are equipped with either Chromebooks or iPads for student use.
- 7) Eighteen 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.
- 8) Seven 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.
- 9) On the most recent statewide exams, STEAM Academy has been the only school to meet every single AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) goal set forth by the state.
- 10) STEAM is a smaller school than most other middle schools, with roughly 600 students, allowing for smaller class sizes and a more personal connection between staff and students.

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