



# Burnham Wood Family of High Performing Schools

**Da Vinci School for Science and  
the Arts**

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# Da Vinci Campus

## Middle School Building



## High School Building



## OVERVIEW

### What is a Charter School?

- Public School of Choice
- Follows the rules and regulations that govern civil rights, health, and safety issues
- Operates independently of local school districts
- Receives state and federal funding as well as private and corporate funding
- Per student tax dollars for operating revenue

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## District Beliefs

- **Each child is responsible for his/her learning**
- **Parents are an integral part of their child's learning by:**
  1. Committing their child to accepting responsibility for academics and behavior
  2. Participating in all learning opportunities (after school, Saturday, and Intercession tutoring)

# District Beliefs

1. 100 % attendance to include bringing child on time
2. Expecting all students to pass state tests to be promoted
3. Follow the dress code
4. Expect high quality work

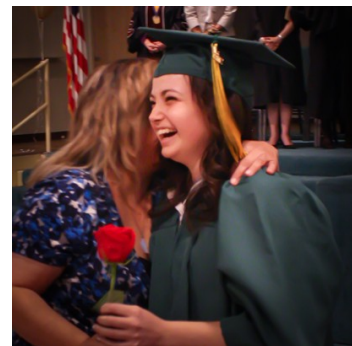


Parents are an integral part of their child's learning by:

1. Expecting all students to participate fully in all academic and cultural opportunities

2. Following the dress code

3. Expecting high quality work



# Title I, Part A Parental Involvement

- Title I Schools – Improving Basic Programs
- Parent-Student Handbook
  - School-Parent-Student Compact
- Parental Involvement Policy
- Encourage Parent Volunteers
- Survey available on District Website for feedback



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## Mission Statement



- The mission of the Burnham Wood Family of Charter Schools is to work in solid partnership with the family and community in order to prepare children to accept responsibility for their own learning. The District schools offer students a framework that will encourage life-long learning with skills, knowledge, creativity, a sense of self-worth and the ethical values necessary to survive and grow in an ever-changing, diverse, global society.





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## Who Can Attend This School?

- Registration of new students is accepted in March
- A lottery will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup>
- After the lottery, students not selected will be placed on waiting lists and accepted depending on space available and in the order in which the complete packets were received
- Siblings of currently enrolled students will have priority
- **Our school does not discriminate on its admission policy on the basis of sex, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, academic, artistic or athletic ability in accordance with the Texas Education Code**

# Procedures for Registration and Enrollment



- Attend Open House Orientation (optional)
- Complete and submit Registration Card
- Notification of April 1<sup>st</sup> lottery results will be sent by e-mail to every applicant
- Students not selected, because of space, will be placed on a waiting list and accepted in the order that the packets were received once space is available

# Procedures for Registration and Enrollment Cont'd



- After acceptance, complete full Enrollment Packet and return required documents within 10 business days (Incomplete packets will be returned to you; when fully completed, please re submit them.)
- If the Enrollment Packet and required documents are not submitted within the 10 business days from the date of acceptance the student will be moved to the declined list until complete enrollment packet is received.
- Parents must assist the Charter School in acquiring *all* records and transcripts from previous school(s) before final placement will be granted.
- Final enrollment and placement resulting from the lottery is conditional on a student's records concurring with parental documents.

# Procedures for Registration and Enrollment Cont'd

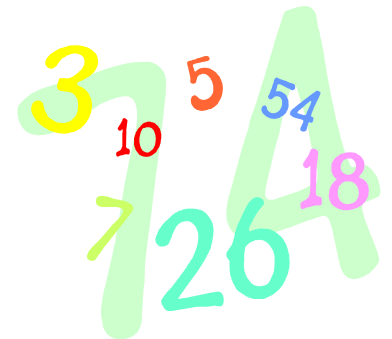


- Students without prior assessment documentation, like the STAAR, EOC, will be evaluated for placement purposes in Reading and Math Families.
- Parent will be notified by phone/e-mail when to bring the youngster to an evaluation appointment if necessary
- After assessment, the school will contact any parent whose youngster is not on grade level to discuss placement options
- Each Student is asked to pay a \$30 Community Supply Fee at this time.

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## The Middle School Provisions

- Cooperative learning
- Core Knowledge Curriculum
- Mastery Based Instruction
- Enrichment Programs
- Fine Arts & STEM Emphasis
- Pre AP classes in Math & English grades 5-10
- After School & Saturday Tutorials

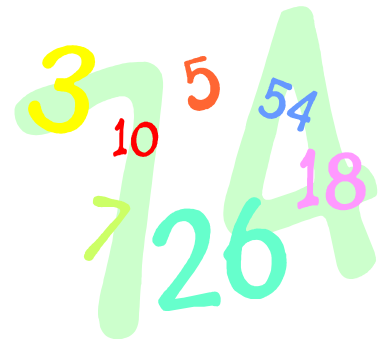


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## The High School Provisions



- AP classes in grades 11 & 12
- Dual-Credit Classes
- Engineering & Technology classes in grades 9-12
- Fine Arts (Art, Band, Orch., Guitar, Theatre, Choir)
- Community Service
- Internships
- Apply & be accepted to a four year baccalaureate granting institution
- After School and Saturday tutorials
- Project Based Learning



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## Da Vinci Provisions Cont'd



- Music & Theatre classes

- Daily P.E. classes

- UIL Basketball and Volleyball

- Robotics





# OVERVIEW

Da Vinci offers thematic celebrations throughout the year

1. Literary Fair

4. Science Fair

2. International Day

5. Engineering/

Robotics Projects

3. I Have a Dream Day





# Field Trips

- **Heritage Music Festival:** Anaheim, San Antonio  
Choir, Band, String Ensemble
- **Robotics:** Dallas, Lubbock  
First Technical Robotics, FIRST Robotics Competitions
- **NASA Space Competitions:**  
University of Alabama Huntsville
- **High School Senior Trip:**  
New York City, Washington DC



# Academic Policies



- Uphold the placement by prior schools of all students who failed State Assessment Tests
- Evaluation of every accepted incoming student for placement at appropriate skill levels
- Consideration for retention when a student does not pass state achievement tests
- Consideration for retention when a student has excessive absences (excused and unexcused)

# Social and Character Development Goals

- Offering fine dining principles during lunch
- Following Dr. William Glasser's precepts about Making Good Choices as our discipline standard
- Adhering to a school-wide dress code
- Following school-wide rules that emphasize mutual *respect, responsibility, and quality of self and work*

# Social and Character Development Goals, *cont'd*

- Consideration for Retention when Behavior Targets are not met
- Requiring 100% attendance [*no unexcused absences*] and tutorial instructional time after-school and on Saturdays as requested by the teacher

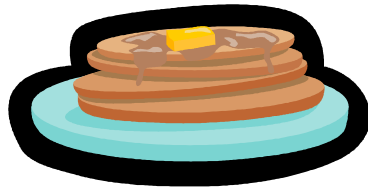
# Sense of Family and Community

- Inviting parents to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per year
- Encouraging communication between teachers and parents through School Reach and our website: [www.burnhamwood.org](http://www.burnhamwood.org)
- Celebrating our students' success through academic celebrations & recitals

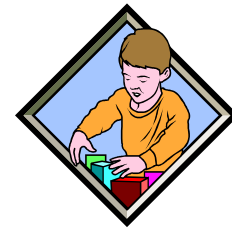


# Amenities

- Hot breakfasts and lunches available for a reasonable fee



- After school day care/enrichment programs on site through the El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. (EPEI, Inc.) for a small fee [\$6.50 pre day]



- Free & reduced nutrition program for all who qualify

Question Time



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING  
YOU JOIN OUR FAMILY OF  
SCHOOLS

