

# Reimagining 21st Century Learning

*Opening August 2017*

Da Vinci Communications

Da Vinci Design

Da Vinci Science



Architects: Gensler in collaboration with New Vista Designs for Learning

**Da Vinci Schools and the Wiseburn Unified School District** are reimagining the latest technology and hands-on, interdisciplinary environments for collaborative, project-based learning aligned to workforce needs. Serving up to 1,600 students and 200 faculty and staff, Da Vinci Schools will bring together under one roof its three independent charter high schools that serve as Wiseburn Unified's "home" high schools: Da Vinci Communications, Da Vinci Design, and Da Vinci Science. Each of the three high schools will occupy one floor of the Wiseburn High School facility, maintaining Da Vinci's small learning communities and focus on college completion and career readiness. The greater campus will offer common programs and activities that will bring students from all three student bodies together and serve as a community and recreational hub.

## LOCATION

2 miles south of LAX / 201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo

## KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Flexible and collaborative spaces for college preparatory education in small learning communities focused on innovative and multi-disciplinary project-based learning with real-world impact
- State-of-the art recreational facilities (aquatics center, gymnasium, and sports fields) for school and community use
- Theater/multi-use space for expanded offerings in music, theater, and dance
- A groundbreaking partnership design between a school district and charter organization serving as a model of innovation, collaboration, and asset management
- A 21st century best practice laboratory for domestic and international educators and researchers to study and share best practices
- An unprecedented facility planning process that included community members, educational leaders, teachers, and architects to identify educational and design goals and "must haves" for the campus

## FLOOR PLAN

201 N. Douglas Street (210,000 s.f. main building interior)

### Main Floor

- Main Entrance Atrium
- Wiseburn Unified District Offices
- Da Vinci Schools Home Office
- Theater/Multi-Use Auditorium
- Music Classroom/Recording Studio
- Community Room/Professional Learning Space

### 2nd Floor

- Da Vinci Science
- Project Lead The Way Lab
- Science Lab

### 3rd Floor

- Da Vinci Communications
- Computer Science Lab
- Media Communications Lab
- Science Lab

### 4th Floor

- Da Vinci Design
- Fabrication Lab
- Science Lab

### Outdoors

- Gymnasium
- Sports Fields
- Aquatics Complex



## Q&A

### **When will the new campus be ready?**

Construction is taking place in two phases. The first phase is the main school building and parking lot which are on schedule to open in August 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Phase 2 includes the gymnasium, pool, and athletic field which are scheduled to be completed in March 2018. The first day of school for high school students is anticipated to be August 15, 2017.

### **What opportunities will be available for students to participate in programs and activities across the schools?**

One of the guiding principles of Da Vinci Schools and Wiseburn Unified School District is to maintain small learning communities where students are known, seen and valued. The three high schools (Da Vinci Communications, Da Vinci Design, and Da Vinci Science) will continue to function as independent charter schools, each occupying one floor of the building. Campus-wide programs and activities such as CIF sports, music, school dances, and certain seminars and clubs will bring students from all three high schools together.

### **Will both students and community members have access to the aquatics and sports facilities at the new campus?**

A joint-use agreement with the City of El Segundo designates its Department of Parks and Recreation to maintain the pool and run the aquatics programs. The Wiseburn-Da Vinci and El Segundo school aquatics programs will have priority to use the facilities. The pool facilities also will be available to Wiseburn and El Segundo residents after hours through the City of El Segundo Parks and Recreation Department. The gym and athletic field will be used by Wiseburn-Da Vinci Athletics for seminars and CIF sports. The gym also will be available for rental when it is not in use by students.

### **Will the high schools increase enrollment at the new campus?**

Currently, Da Vinci Design and Da Vinci Science are at their enrollment capacity of approximately 510 students each and there are no plans to increase enrollment. Da Vinci Communications, which is currently half the size of Da Vinci Design and Science, will continue to expand and is expected to reach a similar capacity of approximately 510 students in 2020.

### **What is Wiseburn High School: Home of the Da Vinci High Schools?**

Wiseburn High School is the name of the facility that houses the three Da Vinci high schools and the Da Vinci and Wiseburn administrative offices.