



“Da Vinci Schools are among the very finest I've seen.”

- Dr. David Brown, Former Executive Director of the Western Association of Schools & Colleges -

Reimagining 21st Century Learning

Da Vinci Schools are associated with many of the most innovative industry, higher education, and nonprofit leaders in the country who are committed to ensuring our nation's young people are prepared for college completion and 21st century jobs.

Founded in 2008, Da Vinci Schools serve more than 2,000 students from 80+ zip codes in four charter high schools, a K-8 home school-hybrid model, and a post-secondary pathway leading to degree completion. Da Vinci high schools serve as the “home” high schools for Wiseburn Unified School District in an unprecedented district-charter partnership.

Da Vinci Communications, Da Vinci Design, and Da Vinci Science provide high school students a rigorous, real-world, college and career curriculum in a community centered environment. Da Vinci's K-8 Innovation Academy offers a unique elementary school model blending at-home and in-school learning. A college completion program, Da Vinci Extension, offers students a pathway to degree completion at Da Vinci, in partnership with UCLA Extension, Southern New Hampshire University, and El Camino College. Da Vinci RISE High serves homeless, foster, dropout, probation, and other youth who have struggled in a traditional school setting.

Fired with a desire to build an innovative pipeline from kindergarten to career, Da Vinci's cutting-edge curriculum blends project-based learning with input from leading industry partners to ensure real-world application and workforce alignment in order to maximize students' success in college and the workforce.

Da Vinci's current high school student demographics are: Hispanic—53%; African American—15%; Caucasian—19%; Asian—4%; multi races/other — 9%; 43% of students meet eligibility for free/reduced meals.

In Fall 2017, Da Vinci Communications, Da Vinci Design, and Da Vinci Science moved into a four-story, innovative new campus at 201 N. Douglas St. in El Segundo, CA. Designed by Gensler, the campus features the flexibility and openness typical of creative workspaces.

Results + Recognition

- One of the best college ready rates in the state and beyond with 99% of Da Vinci graduates completing their UC/CSU admissions requirements and 80% receiving 4-year university offers (Class of 2017).
- Accepted to every UC and Cal State, and MIT, Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Dartmouth, Columbia, Brown, Purdue, USC, Loyola Marymount University, and many other private and public institutions.
- More than 100 community partnerships with top industry and higher education leaders, including: Northrop Grumman, Belkin, Chevron, Boeing, SpaceX, Gensler, 72andSunny, El Camino College, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UCLA Extension, Southern New Hampshire University, and many more.
- Winner of two prestigious national awards: a \$10M XQ ‘Super School’ grant funded by Laurene Powell Jobs to reimagine high school and a NextGen grant funded by the Gates and Hewlett Foundations for innovative practices.
- Best practice demonstration site for establishing a regional real-world learning model as part of a \$15 million Career Pathways grant with LAUSD from the state's Department of Education for programs linking learning and career and technical education.
- 300+ education groups from 6 continents have come to Da Vinci to study Da Vinci best practices.
- Da Vinci Science is a Certified Project Lead The Way (PLTW) School. Dr. Vince Bertram, the president and CEO of PLTW, calls Da Vinci a “global model for STEM education.

