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Brea's First Magnet School to Open this Fall

The Laurel Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration is currently open for enrollment

BREA, Calif. - For nearly 95 years, [Laurel School](#) has been providing elementary education to students in Brea and this summer it will undergo a complete transformation and reopen its doors this fall as The Laurel Magnet School of Innovation and Career Exploration.

Just as its new name implies, Laurel Magnet School will emphasize innovation and career exploration. Additional areas of focus for the school will include: 1:1 device technology, S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programs, and community partnerships. Curriculum for Laurel will be centered around a "hands-on, minds-on" learning approach to help give students the tools they need to address real world issues affecting them in the 21st century.

"We see Brea schools as being one of the strongest community assets the City of Brea has to offer our businesses, and we want our community to have a part in the education and programming we provide to our students," stated Brad Mason, Brea Olinda Unified School District Superintendent. "We are excited about what the future holds for the students of Brea and look forward to continuing to work with parents, staff and community members to ensure our students are given every opportunity to learn, grow and excel in their education."

Opening a magnet school has been an ongoing discussion amongst the school board and district for the past few years. One million dollars in proceeds from the sale of Brea Corporate Place in 2014 has been allocated by the Board to support the school's startup and planning costs to open.

Enrollment for the Laurel Magnet School is currently open for all students living in Brea and surrounding communities. Students residing within the Laurel attendance area will be enrolled in the new magnet school. Students who are interested in attending the new school and reside outside of the Laurel attendance area (or do not currently attend Laurel) will need to go through an intradistrict transfer process. By board policy, intradistrict transfer requests, which are transfers for families residing within BOUSD boundaries, must be received by the district by March 31, 2016. Students who require a transfer from outside the school district will need to apply for an interdistrict transfer. The window for interdistrict transfers to the Laurel Magnet School is currently open and will close April 29, 2016. All transfers (both intra and inter-district) will be approved based on space availability.

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