

# In-District Charter Application Highlights

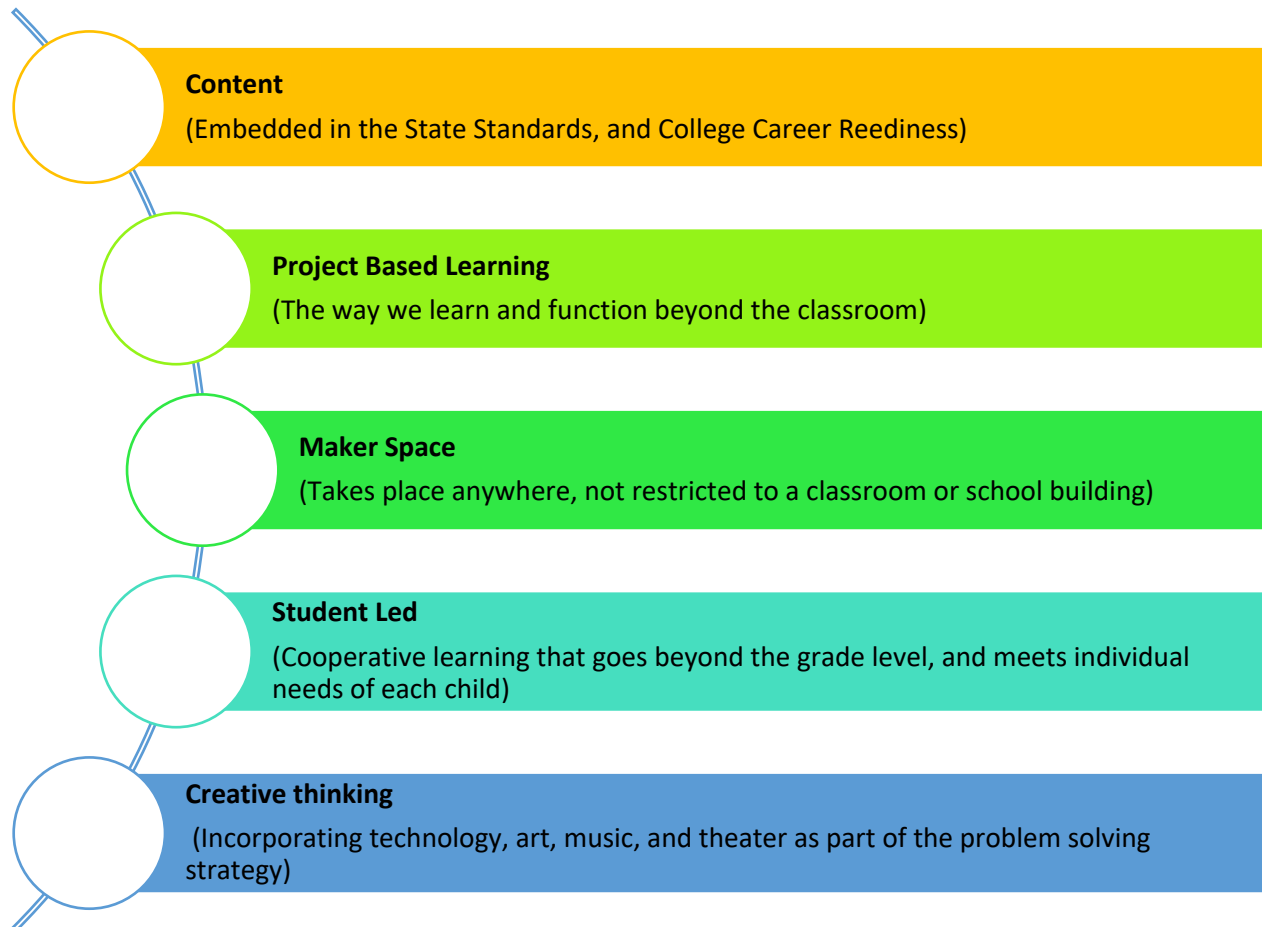
We are considering transforming Ball Dual Language Academy into an in-district charter school with an emphasis on STEAM.

A draft copy of the application is available for you on the school website and in the front office of both buildings. We understand that time might not allow you to read the 42-page application document so we have highlighted the most important information here.

## What is STEAM?

It's an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics to guide student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

This learning approach allows us to integrate:



## Which grade levels will this effect?

The in-district charter is meant for all students. Hence, it will affect all students in Pre-Kinder through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, including bilingual and special education classes.

## If approved, when will this begin?

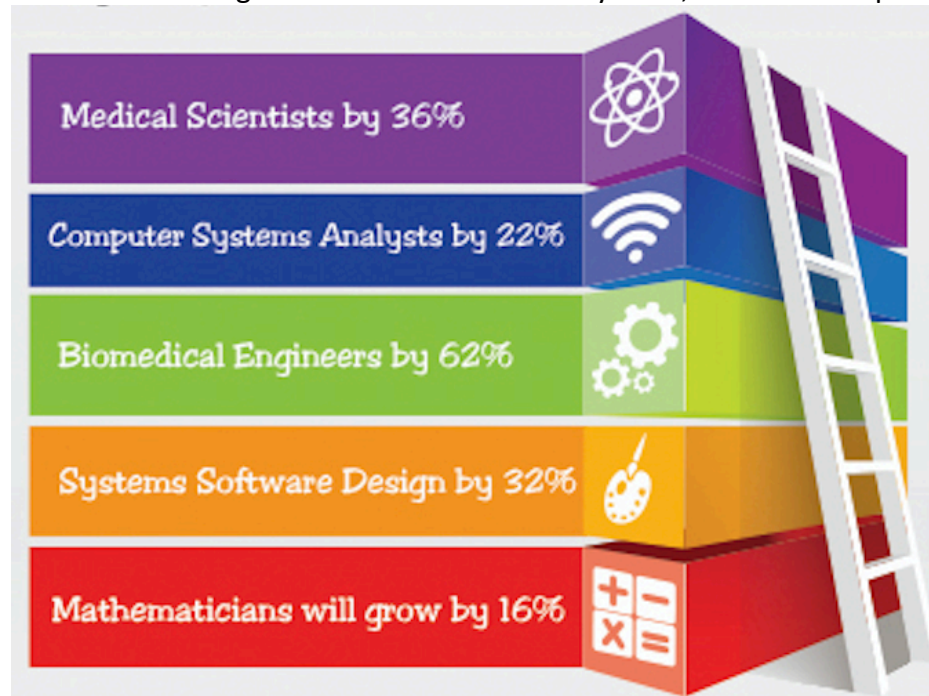
If community and board approve, we would like to start providing you child with STEAM learning in 2019-2020 school year.

## What changes will take place at Ball Academy?

A few changes will take place to better integrate STEAM into the daily schedule,					
<b>Extended Learning Time</b>	Currently we finish at 3:20PM as an in-district Charter we will finish at 4:15PM (Pre-Kinder will still finish at 3:20)				
<b>Planning Time</b>	To ensure high quality instruction, teachers will meet weekly for professional learning. So, school will end at 1:00PM one day a week.				
<b>Possible Schedule</b> <i>PreK till 3:15PM</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:00 – 4:15	8:00 – 4:15	8:00 – 4:15	8:00 – 4:15	8:00 – 1:00
<b>Fine Arts &amp; Technology</b>	All students Pre-Kinder through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade will be able to participate in Art, Music, Band, Technology, Multimedia Production				
<b>Social Behavioral Learning</b>	Additional support for students to prepare them for Pre-AP classes and college life.				
<b>PBL with Liberal Arts</b>	All Project Based Learning (PBL) lessons will integrate liberal arts components. So, students will be provided with both problem-solving and creative thinking skills in real world situations				
<b>Inquiry Based Learning</b>	Students in Pre-Kinder through 2 <sup>nd</sup> will have a daily 15 min out door inquiry-based learning. Where students explore the world and design their own topic of study.				
<b>Technology</b>	Student in PreK – 1 <sup>st</sup> will have a 2 to 1 technology integration Students in 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> will have a 1 to 1 technology integration				

## Why do we believe this is important to our students?

Because according to the national statistics by 2020, the need for qualified specialist will grow in



**Imagine what those numbers might be when your child graduates.**