

Dear BrainworX Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Monday, August 6th marks the starting date of the new school year and another exciting year at BrainworX Academy. **There will be a mandatory orientation meeting for all students and parents in the lobby of BrainworX Academy, the second story of the Career Technical (CTEC) building as follows:**

Incoming 9th Graders: Thursday, August 2nd at 5:30pm
Incoming 10th - 12th Graders: Monday, August 6th at 5:30pm

The following questions are provided with answers to help you plan for the new school year:

1. What should I expect at orientation?

- Introduction to the BrainworX teachers
- Introduction to the Venture Academy Handbook, BrainworX Handbook, and Defense of Mastery project
- Discussion of necessary supplies and other essentials
- Discussion of class schedules

2. Where do I go on the first day of school? On Monday, August 6th, students should report, upstairs, to the BrainworX Academy lobby of the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) at 2911 Transworld Dr., located two buildings to the east of Venture Academy's main building. Signs will direct you to the BrainworX location on the second floor. All students will be assigned a room to begin the day.

3. What should I expect in the first week? The first three days, August 6th, 7th and 8th, will be a modified schedule. All students will start school at **8:00 am** and be dismissed at **12:00 pm**. The first two days, students will be placed into mixed-grade learning cohorts. Students and teachers will be participating in team building activities focusing around relationship building, problem solving, critical thinking, and team collaboration. Students will start rotating through their period schedules on **Wednesday, August 8th with first period beginning at 8:00am. Dismissal will be at 12:00 pm.** Full day schedules will begin on Monday, August 13th.

As part of preparation for classes it is important for students to note the following:

Dress Code –

You are required to dress appropriately. Inappropriate dress will result in the student being issued substitute clothing or dismissal for the day. Some things to remember: no sagging of pants; no cleavage showing; no bare midriffs; shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh length; no underwear showing including bra-straps; wording and graphics on t-shirts should be appropriate for school. Refer to California State Educational Code for further questions. Teachers will monitor clothes that may be considered gang-affiliated.

Supplies –

Below is a list of items that are requested by all of the BrainworX teachers. Additional supplies may be necessary depending on the course or the individual teacher. Please come prepared for classes on August 8th with the following items, many of which are on sale at Target, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Staples, Office Depot, etc.

- pencils, black and blue pens, highlighters
- college-ruled filler paper
- 1 1-inch binder with dividers
- 1 *composition* notebook **per class**

We look forward to seeing you,

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