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Roosevelt Elementary School earns national recognition as a 21st Century Learning Exemplar, a P21 signature program.

Burlingame, CA September 14 - P21, The Partnership for 21st Century Learning, has designated Roosevelt Elementary School as an exemplar school for 2016-2017. Roosevelt Elementary School received this honor for exemplary 21st century learning practices in preparing students for success in college, career, and life.

P21's [21st Century Learning Exemplar Program](http://www.p21.org/exemplars) searches for and shares the stories of schools and districts that have successfully transformed student learning through innovative practices such as distributed leadership and community partnerships.

"The schools in the Burlingame School District are moving beyond a focus on just content knowledge to promoting creativity, innovation, collaboration and communication as a set of skills to prepare our students for a complex future. Roosevelt School is a prime example of how a school can transition to 21st Century teaching and learning," commented Dr. Maggie MacIsaac, Burlingame Superintendent.

"All learners deserve to grow in a 21st Century Learning environment," stated Dr. Helen Soulé, P21 Executive Director. "It is P21's vision for the innovative practices in education exhibited by all P21 Exemplars to be replicated across the country and world."

In the Spring of 2017, a case study on Roosevelt Elementary School and other 2016-2017 P21 Exemplars will be released and available at www.p21.org/exemplars.

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Roosevelt Elementary School is dedicated to the idea of creating 21st Century Difference Makers. The community of Roosevelt Elementary School in the Burlingame School District has made this commitment completely. Being a school located in the north end of the Silicon Valley, the parents and educators are very

much aware of the skills needed to succeed in the 21st Century. As a school we have a front row seat to the exciting advances that are being made in this technological renaissance. Everyday the community comes together to work in ways that are both innovative and engaging, and completely relevant to the skills that will make our students College, Career and Life Ready.

Roosevelt's P21 landscape is an ongoing effort that began six years ago when our Title One, low income, low achieving public school found itself close to being designated by the California Department of Education as a school in need of mandated program improvement (PI). From a school headed for mandated program improvement to a 2011 California Distinguished school we have learned a lot and know it takes a village to launch a 21st century learning renaissance. To help bridge the learning gap we reached out to Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL). We have and will continue to work with our County Office of Education to develop innovative STEM Projects. Our principal was recognized in 2015 as a 21st Century Educational trailblazer and was honored with a DILA (Digital Innovation in Learning Award).

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