Our Schools

Preparing today's learners to be tomorrow's leaders
Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) is home to students in preschool through 12th grade who live in the communities of Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre.

PUSD offers high-quality educational choices for all students. We encourage you to visit your school of residence and discover the possibilities available close to home. We are also an Open Enrollment district, so families have the option to submit an application to attend other PUSD schools.

We invite you to visit any PUSD campus to see our vibrant academics, exceptional teachers, and supportive school communities that nurture the whole child.
PUSD prepares today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. Every PUSD school uses curriculum aligned to California's *Common Core State Standards*. PUSD graduates earn admission to competitive colleges across the country.
ACADEMICS

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DOES PUSD OFFER AT ALL SCHOOLS?

RI GOR
Challenging curricula including advanced or accelerated learning opportunities and enrichment classes

SUPPORT
Project-based learning and small group instruction that supports each child’s unique development

TECHNOLOGY
Tools to create and collaborate including Chromebooks, 3D printers, and robotics

ARTS FOR ALL
Instrumental music, visual & performing arts, and visits to world-class theaters and museums

HEALTH
Sports, gardens, social-emotional learning, flexible seating, and a "growth mindset" approach to learning

AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES
Programs that offer homework help, arts, enrichment, and fun
SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

WHAT SPECIAL PROGRAMS DOES PUSD OFFER TO DEVELOP STUDENTS’ UNIQUE INTERESTS AND TALENTS?

ARTS MAGNETS
GRADES PREK-8
Create and learn through all five art forms: music, dance, visual arts, theatre, and media arts.
-Altadena Arts Magnet,
Eliot Arts Magnet

ARTS ACADEMIES
GRADES 9-12
Academy of Creative Industries
-Marshall Fundamental
Arts, Entertainment, & Media
-John Muir Early College Magnet
Creative Arts, Media, & Design
-Pasadena High School

Express yourself.
**STEM/STEAM GRADES K-8**

Design solutions to tomorrow's problems using integrated science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

-Jackson STEM Dual Language Magnet, Washington Elementary
STEM Magnet, Washington STEAM Multilingual Academy

**MATH ACADEMY GRADES 6-12**

Take radically accelerated math courses including AP Calculus in 8th grade and college-level mathematics in high school.

-McKinley, Sierra Madre Middle, Pasadena High, Washington STEAM Multilingual Academy

**CODE TO THE FUTURE GRADES K-5**

Master computer programming languages through games design and robotics. -Norma Coombs

**STEM ACADEMIES GRADES 9-12**

App Academy
-Pasadena High Engineering & Environmental Science
-John Muir Early College Magnet
Health Careers
-Blair High
Think globally.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE GRADES K-12

Create a better and more peaceful world through a school-wide focus on intercultural understanding and strong personal values.

-Willard, Blair High

NEW!

Armenian Immersion, Grades 9-12
-Blair High

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION GRADES PREK-12

Become bilingual, biliterate and bicultural.
French -Altadena Arts Magnet
Mandarin -Field, Sierra Madre Middle, Pasadena High
Spanish -Jackson STEM Dual Language Magnet, Longfellow, San Rafael, Blair High, Washington STEAM Multilingual Academy
AVID COLLEGE READINESS GRADES K-8

Prepare for college by learning success skills, touring college campuses, and learning alongside college tutors.
-Madison, Washington STEAM Multilingual Academy

BUSINESS & LAW ACADEMIES GRADES 9-12

Business & Entrepreneurship
-John Muir Early College Magnet
Law & Public Service
-Pasadena High

VANGUARD GRADES 6-8

Set the pace through engaging classroom instruction complemented by online personalized learning.
-McKinley

EARLY COLLEGE GRADES 9-12

Earn up to two years of college credits for free during high school through Pasadena City College.
-John Muir Early College Magnet

Follow your dreams.
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Your child's educational journey begins here.

PUSD offers preschool to children ages three to five years old.

Options include:
- Half-day programs
- Full-day programs
- Mandarin Immersion
- Spanish Immersion
- STEAM Curriculum
- Free or reduced monthly rates for families who meet income eligibility
CONTACT

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PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT
Please call to schedule an appointment to enroll your child in a preschool program.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)
Students must be five years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. TK is available for students who turn five between September 2nd and December 2nd. TK students attend their assigned TK school for one year. The following year, students attend kindergarten.

TK ENROLLMENT
Please call the Office of Enrollment for more information: (626)396-3639
All students receive instruction in dance, music, theatre, visual arts, and media arts. Professional artists and a full-time art teacher collaborate with classroom teachers to integrate arts and academics in every classroom, every day. Our French Dual Language Immersion option promotes bilingualism and biliteracy.

We offer a diverse, forward-thinking curriculum that is focused on leadership development, character building, and academic excellence across all platforms. Enrichment opportunities are integrated at every grade level, including weekly choral music; Art and Science Docents for each class which utilize the Art Studio and Science Lab; and school-wide Education Immersive Programs to expand engagement. Our librarian, hands-on STEAM explorations, Lego/Robotics Club, Chess Club, and after school expansion offerings in sports and the performing arts contribute to developing the whole child.

Our school-wide Mandarin Immersion program develops students’ proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Mandarin and Simplified Chinese. The 12,000 square-foot vegetable garden and large fruit orchard enable our Farm to School program, which connects fresh foods with classroom instruction. Our learning environment includes technology integration, library services, student leadership activities, and more.
As a Leader in Me school, we nurture, inspire, and challenge our students to be confident, creative, and successful leaders. We focus on building leadership skills through Stephen Covey’s *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids.*

- Students in 4th and 5th grades participate in electives including yoga, dance, photography, basketball, robotics, and art.
- Our technology teacher provides instruction in computer literacy skills, and our librarian inspires a love of rich literature and expository text.

All students benefit from our STEM curriculum, our full-time science teacher who runs our hands-on science laboratory, and a full-time music teacher who provides vocal and instrumental classes.

- Our Spanish Dual Language Immersion option promotes biliteracy in a nurturing, diverse school environment.
- Our partnership with the Garden School Foundation provides a trained instructor to implement garden-based life sciences and healthy cooking classes using fresh produce from our garden.

Students in our Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program become bilingual, biliterate, culturally sensitive learners.

- Our Harmony Music Program offers intensive after-school music instruction. All students learn how to play violin, viola, cello, and bass in sectionals and orchestra.
- Our full-time librarian fosters a school-wide love of reading. Our Makerspace, garden, and science room encourage students to create, experiment, and investigate.

We offer AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a college readiness system that exposes students to college-going culture and age-appropriate success skills beginning in kindergarten.

- Our students’ educational experience is enriched by our City/School Collaboration Initiative which brings real-world experience into the classroom through our community garden, JPL, LA Astronomers Club, Caltech, and other partners.
- All students are involved in STEAM projects and hands-on labs.

Find tour dates online: PUSD.US/ENROLLMENT
MCKINLEY SCHOOL, GRADES TK-8
325 S. OAK KNOLL AVE., PASADENA/ 626-396-5630

- Our unique TK-8th grade structure allows students, families, and school personnel to establish deep relationships as a school community and affords families continuity of service for 10 years.
- We provide an arts-focused community with three annual theatrical performances and a full-time music teacher.
- Our middle school offers the Vanguard program, a computer platform-based instructional system that allows students to learn at their own pace. Math Academy is also available for mathematically gifted middle school students.

NORMA COOMBS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES TK-5
2600 PALOMA ST., PASADENA/ 626-396-5660

- We are forward-thinking, innovative educators. Our staff pioneered the successful Readers’ and Writers’ Workshop model.
- As a Leader in Me school, we cultivate student leaders by integrating The 7 Habits of Happy Kids.
- We offer coding classes through our school-wide Code to the Future program, a renowned ceramics program for all grades, and weekly science lab instruction.

SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PREK-5
1090 NITHSDALE RD., PASADENA/ 626-396-5790

- Our school-wide Spanish immersion program ensures that all students become biliterate in English and Spanish and develop an appreciation of Hispanic and Latino cultures.
- Our arts focus includes a full-time visual art teacher, music instruction for all students, and a spring musical production.
- A full-time PE teacher provides healthy recreation for students and enables collaborative planning time for teachers.

SIERRA MADRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PREK-5
141 W. HIGHLAND AVE., SIERRA MADRE/ 626-396-5890

- All students participate in our celebrated visual and performing arts programs.
- Enrichment opportunities include Spanish, Peaceful Playgrounds, Lego Creativity Workshop, STEAM Bungalow, and more.
- Our campus environment includes a Japanese Zen garden and koi pond as well as the largest public native garden in California, offset by sycamore trees and a view of Mount Wilson.
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY STEM MAGNET, GRADES PREK-5
1520 N. RAYMOND AVE., PASADENA/ 626-396-5840

- Our hands-on curriculum includes weekly visits to our dedicated STEM Lab and Mac Lab with our STEM Coach, Science Lab Specialist, and Technology Resource Teacher. Explorations and engineering projects connect to classroom instruction, and students learn keyboarding skills, animation, coding, and 3D printing design.
- We have a rich culture of volunteering that keeps families involved and supports student life, including after-school offerings such as gardening, 3D printing, reverse engineering, coding, Innovation Club, Chess Club, yoga, and more.
- A Master Gardener tends to our garden, which expands on life science lessons and supports family health and nutrition.

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PREK-5
2101 E. WASHINGTON BLVD., PASADENA/ 626-396-5740

- Art and music are woven into the curriculum. We offer weekly music instruction for all students; The ArtLoft, a space that connects Language Arts and Social Studies to hands-on art projects; and The Young Americans workshop, in which our students sing, dance, perform, and find their voices through music.
- We are proud to have a diverse student body and staff that promotes cultural awareness. Most of our staff are bilingual, speaking a variety of languages including: Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, and American Sign Language, and Spanish Sign Language.
- Our inclusion program provides opportunities for students with special needs to learn alongside their peers.

WILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PREK-5
301 S. MADRE ST., PASADENA/ 626-396-5690

- The IB Primary Years Programme develops students’ academic, social, and emotional well-being with a focus on international-mindedness and strong personal values.
- Our students reflect a variety of cultures, languages, and lifestyles. We embrace the IB values and treat one another with respect, warmth, and a true regard and appreciation for our differences, as well as for all that we share.
- All students take daily Mandarin and Spanish classes.
SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 6-12
1201 S. MARENGO AVE., PASADENA/ 626-396-5820

- We offer the IB Middle Years Programme for all students in grades 6-10 and the academically rigorous IB Diploma Programme for students in grades 11 and 12.
- The Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program, the International Academy for students new to our country, and the new Armenian Immersion Program add to our world view.
- Our Health Careers Academy offers the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme Certificate.

ELIOT ARTS MAGNET, GRADES 6-8
2184 N. LAKE AVE., ALTADENA/ 626-396-5680

- Our artists-in-residence collaborate with students and teachers to bring creativity and innovation into all subjects.
- Students learn to play and analyze music; develop dance techniques and choreography; perform and produce theatrical shows; and present digital and studio art projects.
- Students create in our dance studio, visual art studios, Mac lab, costume shop, garden, and newly refurbished auditorium.

JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE MAGNET, GRADES 9-12
1905 LINCOLN AVE., PASADENA/ 626-396-5600

- Our Early College partnership with Pasadena City College enables students to earn up to two years of college credits, tuition-free, along with their high school diploma. Courses are offered in an on-campus PCC building during the school day.
- Students also enroll in one of three school-wide College & Career Academies to engage in career exploration and internships with our renowned business partners.
- Our students have an opportunity to explore a wealth of learning options including college courses, AP courses, and electives due to our 8-course/4-period day block schedule.
MARSHALL FUNDAMENTAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, GRADES 6-12
990 N. ALLEN AVE., PASADENA/ 626-396-5810

- Our 6–12th grade model seamlessly bridges students from middle to high school.
- We offer a rich and diverse cultural arts community, which includes the Academy for Creative Industries (ACI). Over 70% of our students our engaged in the arts, including band, orchestra, choir, drama, and visual arts.
- We offer many Advanced Placement courses and collaborate with local partners who support the interests of our students.

PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 9-12
2925 E. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., PASADENA/ 626-396-5880

- As PUSD’s largest comprehensive high school, we offer a variety of outstanding curricular and extra-curricular programs, Advanced Placement classes, and college-level Math Academy courses.
- Students may opt for one of three College & Career Academies: App; Creative Arts, Media & Design; and Law & Public Service.
- We offer Mandarin, French, Spanish, and American Sign Language to students continuing in a dual language program and to students new to world language courses.

SIERRA MADRE MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRADES 6-8
2925 E. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., PASADENA/ 626-396-5880

- We provide a comprehensive educational experience including a robust visual and performing arts program.
- Our unique Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program option gives students an opportunity to further strengthen their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Mandarin and English.
- Our SMMS Service Club is the most popular club on campus, promoting volunteer opportunities in and around our city.

WASHINGTON STEAM MULTILINGUAL ACADEMY, GRADES 6-8
1505 N. MARENGO AVE., PASADENA/ 626-396-5830

- Our campus is home to a Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program, the Math Academy for highly advanced math students, an incomparable musical theatre program, and AVID college readiness electives.
- Hands-on STEAM lessons and project-based learning are integrated into our core classes, and STEAM classes are taught in our Design Lab outfitted with tools, 3D printers, and materials that inspire creativity.
- We are the first school in California to earn the National Certificate for STEM Excellence.

Find tour dates online: PUSD.US/ENROLLMENT
Find your school of residence
online: PUSD.US/ENROLLMENT
ENROLL IN PUSD

STEP 1: RESEARCH

Visit your school of residence and other schools that interest your family.

STEP 2: SELECT

Select your school of residence, or complete an online Open Enrollment application to select other schools you prefer. Open Enrollment applications are required to apply for:

- Schools other than your school of residence
- Dual Language Immersion Programs
STEP 3: SUBMIT

Submit a registration packet at your school of residence or your assigned lottery school. You will need:

- Child’s birth certificate
- Child’s most recent immunization record
- 2 proofs of residency:
  - Recent gas, water, or electric bill
  - Deed of trust, mortgage receipt, rent receipt with lease agreement, or property tax bill
- Transcripts (middle & high school only)

Find tour dates and the Open Enrollment application online: PUSD.US/ENROLLMENT
1. **AT WHAT AGE MAY MY CHILD ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN?**

Students must be five years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. Transitional kindergarten (TK) is available for students who turn five years old between September 2nd and December 2nd. Please call the Office of Enrollment to determine your child’s TK school of residence: (626)396-3639.

2. **WHAT IS A SCHOOL OF RESIDENCE?**

All students are guaranteed a seat at their school of residence, an assigned school based on a student’s home address. Visit PUSD.US/ENROLLMENT to determine your child’s school of residence. To register your child at your school of residence, contact the school directly for registration forms. Bring registration forms and the documents listed on p. 20 to the school’s office.

3. **DO I NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN ENROLLMENT?**

No, Open Enrollment is optional. It is only required for K-12 students who: a) wish to attend a school other than their school of residence, or b) students who wish to enroll in a Dual Language Immersion Program.

4. **WHAT IF I MISS THE OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES?**

You may enter the second lottery if you miss the first lottery. New resident families who miss both rounds of the Open Enrollment lottery may request to join a school waitlist, or they may enroll in a school with remaining open seats. Requests are made at the Office of Enrollment. All students are guaranteed a seat at their school of residence.

5. **IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS?**

No, families are responsible for providing transportation (except for certain special education students).
6. HOW DO I APPLY IF PUSD IS NOT MY DISTRICT?
Families who do not live in Pasadena, Altadena, or Sierra Madre may submit an application of interest and permit request at the Office of Enrollment. Visit PUSD.US/ENROLLMENT for dates.

7. WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD PREFERENCE?
Half of available seats at lottery-only schools and in dual language programs are reserved for students who live within a designated area around the school. Students who live within this area may be more likely to be accepted, but they are not guaranteed placement in these schools or programs.

8. DO PRESCHOOL AND TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS RECEIVE PRIORITY TO REMAIN AT THE SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN?
No, preschool or TK enrollment is not a reason for priority registration. Entering kindergartners may register at their school of residence, or families may participate in Open Enrollment to opt for other district schools or dual language programs.

9. WILL SIBLINGS BE PLACED AT THE SAME SCHOOL?
Yes, a new student who plans to attend the same school as an older sibling may register during priority registration if the older sibling will remain at the school for the next year. Twins participating in the lottery must put the same choices in the same order on their applications to be assigned to the same school. When one of the twins receives their lottery assignment, both students will receive it.

10. DO FAMILIES NEED TO SUBMIT AN OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION EVERY YEAR?
No, families who are accepted and enrolled in a school through Open Enrollment may remain at that school without re-applying. Additionally, students in magnet, IB, and dual language programs qualify for priority registration at secondary schools that offer the continuation of the program.
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