Blair IB (Middle School) Fact Sheet

Blair is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School authorized to offer both the Middle Years and IB Diploma Programmes. All students in grades (6-10) are part of the Middle Years Programme; at the end of 10th grade, students may choose whether to pursue the full IB Diploma.

Address: 1201 S. Marengo Ave, Pasadena, CA  91106
Middle school is “C” building, at SE corner of Marengo and Wallis St., just south of Allendale Library/Park.

Phone: 626-396-5820
Website: blair.pusd.us

Middle School hours: 8:30 am - 3:40 pm
Monday Late Start: 10:20 am

School Grade levels: 6th - 12th

Regular school tours: Check penfamilies.org/calendar for updates

Parent Ambassadors: Mary Ann Kelly, Missy Griffin, Emily Mencken (DLIP)

Principal

David Ibarra - Mr. Ibarra was selected as principal of Blair IB Secondary School in 2016, having previously served as Assistant Principal at Pasadena High School. Amy McGinnis was appointed in 2019 to serve as Assistant Principal for the middle school.

Teachers/Staff

Classroom teachers are all credentialed. Several Blair teachers have been recognized as Rotary Teachers of Excellence. The school has an IB Diploma Coordinator (Ms. Karen Law), an assistant principal for the high school (Dr. Elisa Perez) and three counselors.

Students (2020-21) Total Enrollment: 1,102 (6th-8th = 525; 9th-12th = 577)

Demographic information based on school-wide 2020-21 enrollment:

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<td>Hispanic</td>
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EL and Free/Reduced Meal percentages based on schoolwide (grades 6-12) 2019-20 enrollment:

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<th>English Language Learners (ELLs):</th>
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<th>Students with Disabilities:</th>
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* Blair has a significantly higher concentration of English Learners compared to other PUSD middle and high schools because it is home to the International Academy, which serves students newly arrived in the country who do not (yet) speak English.

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Open Enrollment (for 2020-21 School Year)

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<th># of applicants who listed Blair as 1st choice</th>
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<td>% of applicants who listed Blair as 1st choice and got in</td>
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PUSD will post the range of open enrollment seats projected to be available for the 2022-23 school year in January 7, 2022. Families are encouraged to rank all schools they would prefer to their assigned school of residence in order of preference, regardless of OE seat projections, and to opt in to the 2nd lottery if they do not get their preferred school in the 1st lottery.

What has changed recently that may have an impact on academic performance? Blair’s International Academy (newcomers) grown substantially over the past few years. These scores are incorporated into all of Blair’s test scores. The proportion of students feeding from the dual-language Spanish-English immersion program has increased in recent years. A new principal was appointed in 2016, and two new assistant principals in 2019.

School Environment

As an IB school, Blair requires all students to complete community service requirements. Middle school students elect class officers, including representatives to the schoolwide Student Senate. More than 80% of Blair students come from outside the Blair attendance zone, choosing Blair for the programs it offers. Blair has a strong tradition of acceptance and celebration of individual and cultural identities, promoted by the IB program and Student Clubs.

Middle School Schedule, Electives & Enrichment

Schedule: 6-period day with 61-minute periods; weekly Advisory period.

Class size: Classes typically are about 34 students.

6th Grade Class Configuration: 6th graders have single-subject credentialed teachers for most classes. They change classes each period. 6th graders stay on the middle school campus except for PE and band.

Electives: Robotics, Orchestra, or Yearbook daily; Visual Art, Band or Choir and Spanish on alternating days. Other electives include Government Fundamentals (ASB, or student government), Model United Nations. As of this year, students in the Spanish Dual Language Immersion Track have: Spanish and Social Studies

Opportunities for Advanced Students: Honors classes in all subjects. GATE-identified students receive differentiated instruction at Blair in middle school. Math acceleration track allows students to complete the Common Core Math 6-8 sequence in two years and take Common Core Math 1 in 8th grade. Additionally, honors, AP, and IB Diploma courses are offered in high school.

Opportunities for Academic Intervention: Benchmark Tutoring program, individual tutoring with most teachers.

Clubs and Activities: Associated Student Body (ASB / student government); Future problem solvers; Middle School Spirit Club; Safe School Ambassadors; Peer Mediation Reading Club; Art Club, Drumline,
Jazz Band, Cheer, Blair IB Singers. Students also have the opportunity to participate in high school clubs and activities, such as the Ovations, offered through the after-school program.

**Athletic Program:** Through the LEARNS after-school program – flag football, tennis, volleyball, basketball, soccer, swimming and softball.

**Other Programs:**
- **International Baccalaureate:** All middle school students are part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme, which continues through 10th grade. (High school students may choose to pursue the IB Diploma Programme, Health Careers Academy, or may follow a mainstream program with honors and Advanced Placement options.)
- **Spanish-English Dual Language Program:** PUSD’s Spanish-English DLIP elementary program began feeding to Blair IB Middle School in Fall 2014, and makes up an increasing proportion of student enrollment.

**Facilities**
Blair’s High School “A” building reopened in early 2019 after an extensive renovation. Includes school’s main offices, counseling, library, cafeteria, music rooms, and family resource center.

- Library hours: **7:30 am - 4:00 pm**
- Number of library books: **8,200**
- Credentialed Librarian: **1**
- Computer labs: **3 labs**
- Science lab: **6**
- Gym: **Yes** (MS students use HS campus)
- Showers/Locker Room: **Yes**

**After-School Programs**
**After-school Programs:** Pasadena LEARNs. Tutoring Tuesdays, various club activities

**Parent involvement**
**PTSA contact:** Kitty Cahalan ([president@blairptsa.com](mailto:president@blairptsa.com))

**2020-21 PTA membership: 275**

**Parent involvement opportunities:** A community liaison provides support for parents. Blair parents meet each First Thursday as a learning community before breaking off for individual group meetings: PTSA, SSC, ELAC, AAPC, athletics and arts booster groups. Middle School Advisory is a parent group formed to promote Middle School enrichment and activities. This group works with the staff and students (primarily Middle School ASB) to plan field trips and events to make sure that the Middle School experience is a full one.