Sierra Madre Elementary School Factsheet

Address: 141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Grade levels: Pre-K to 5

Phone: 626-396-5890

Regular school tours: First Tuesday at 8:00 am

Website: sme.pusd.us

Parent Ambassadors: Teresa Tubera

School hours: 7:50 am - 2:15 pm
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 pm

Principal

Jodi Marchesso - Dr. Marchesso became Sierra Madre School’s Principal in 2022. She had previously served as the District Coordinator for Professional Development & a STEM Specialist, as well as coordinating the District’s Community Schools initiative.

Teachers

All of Sierra Madre’s classroom teachers are fully credentialed, and supported by a Resource Specialist & an Instructional Coach. Laura Palmer was PUSD's Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 and LA County Top 16 Finalist. Carolyn Halpern named 2016 Outstanding Teacher by Rotary Club.

Students

(Demographic data from 2021-22) Total Enrollment (2021-22): 585

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<th>Hispanic (Any race)</th>
<th>Asian</th>
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<th>White</th>
<th>2 or more ethnicities</th>
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<td>25.1%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
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English Language Learners (ELLs): 2.1% As English Learners progress they are first designated Initial Fluent English Proficient (6.2%) and eventually Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient (1.4%)

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged: 34.4%

Open Enrollment (Data from 2020 lotteries not predictive of next year’s outcomes)

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<th># of Kinder applicants who listed school as 1st choice</th>
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<td>% of Kinder applicants who listed school 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 2023-2024 school year in January 2023. 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 first lottery.

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**School Environment**

**Mission:** The mission of Sierra Madre Elementary School is to nurture learners as they grow into brilliant, creative, strong and true hearted leaders within a safe and supportive community.

**Positive Recognition:** Every year, each grade level at Sierra Madre School performs at a Spotlight Assembly. These assemblies: 1) provide an opportunity to recognize each student’s unique gifts; and 2) give each student the benefit of a high quality, standards-aligned arts in dance, music and theatre. The assemblies support the school-wide Visual and Performing Art focus and provide a common curriculum connection, reflected in the classrooms and in other arts opportunities offered throughout the school.

**After-School Programs**

LEARNs, Parker-Anderson Enrichment, My Homework Club (other programs available off-site)

**Parent Involvement**

PTA Contact: Angel Ting (president@smepta.org)  
PTA Membership: 248 (2020-21)

**Other Parent Involvement Opportunities:** ELAC, School Site Council, African-American Parent Council; Annual Fund Committee & Boosters; classroom volunteers; Running Club and PE program volunteers; Power-of-10 Mornings