Willard Elementary School Factsheet
International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program

Address: 301 S. Madre, Pasadena, CA 91107
Phone: 626-396-5690
Website: willard.pusd.us
School hours: 7:50 am - 2:15 pm
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 pm

Grade levels: Pre-K; TK to 5th grade
Regular school tours: check PEN calendar or call school for upcoming dates

Parent Ambassadors: Veronica Brotons (bilingual Sp-Eng & SpEd), Helen Hinton

Principal
Maricela Brambila became Willard’s principal in 2021, having previously served as an Assistant Principal at both Blair and PHS. Linda Wittry continues as Willard’s International Baccalaureate Program Coordinator.

Teachers
All of Willard’s teachers meet both state and IB certification criteria. Other key staff include a part-time Nurse, full-time Health Clerk, Psychologist and Speech Therapist.

Students (Demographic data from 2021-22) Total Enrollment (2021-22): 475

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English Language Learners (ELLs): 22.3%. As English Learners progress they are first designated Initial Fluent English Proficient (8.6%) and eventually Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient (6.7%) and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged: 63.8%

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

| # of Kinder applicants who listed school as 1st choice | 19 |
| % of Kinder applicants who listed school as 1st choice and got in | 100% |

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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Data from current year unless noted
**Enrichment “Extras”** See PEN Factsheet guide “Enrichment Basics” & PUSD School Profile

- K-5 music instruction provided by Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra
- School garden
- Library staffed and used full time. Parents help supervise before-school Running Club
- All students take daily Spanish or Mandarin classes with credentialed instructors
- “Artitudes” – an art curriculum based on the IB Learner Profile, supplements regular art instruction
- Sensory Lab enriches occupational therapy sessions and helps Special Needs students to develop gross motor skills, such as balance, walking, etc.

**What has changed recently that may have an impact on academic performance?** Willard transitioned smoothly to a new principal in 2015 and again this year; Principal Brambila is already familiar with the Willard community as the parent of children who attended the school. The IB Coordinator and most teaching staff have not changed. As an IB World School, Willard uses PUSD’s curriculum and Common Core State Standards, but also must adhere to IB standards and criteria.

**School Environment / Social-Emotional Learning**

**Positive Recognition:** Students exhibiting behaviors reflecting the IB learner profile (Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Risk-Takers, Caring, Open-minded, Balanced, Reflective, Principled and Communicators) are recognized with leaves placed on the IB "Tree" in the main hallway. IB Awards based on the same characteristics are presented to students from each class at the monthly school-wide assembly. At the end of the year one child per classroom is given an IB Child of the Year award.

Students can also earn “Running Feet” for every 100 laps they run during the (optional) Running Club, which meets every morning before school from 7:30 to 7:45.

**After-School Programs**

Willard has three after school programs that operate 12:35-6:00 pm on Monday and 2:15-6:00 pm Tuesday-Friday. Pasadena LEARNs and Pasadena Parks and Recreation’s After-school Adventures Program operate on campus; Boys and Girls Club (626-449-9100) offers care at their facility adjacent to campus.

**Parent Involvement**

**PTA Contact:** Marcus Hatcher ([marcusdhatcher@gmail.com](mailto:marcusdhatcher@gmail.com))

PTA Membership: 91 (2020-21)
(PTA includes a Special Education Subcommittee)

**Other Parent Involvement Opportunities:** ELAC, School Site Council, African-American Parent Council; Annual Fund Committee; Room Parents; parent work days, classroom volunteers; Running Club.