

Pasadena Unified School District

Guide to Schools & Services



K-12 EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Welcome to PUSD



The schools of the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) offer a caring, engaging and challenging educational experience for every child every day. Our students, educators and families form a vibrant community dedicated to teaching and learning.

We recognize that to thrive in the 21st century, our graduates have to be prepared for college and for careers that may not yet exist. We believe that nurturing our students' creativity, critical thinking and communication skills is as important as building a strong and enduring academic foundation.

I hope that you find this guide helpful as you embark on the next stage of your child's education. I encourage you to partner with our exceptional teachers and staff to provide your children with the knowledge, values and skills they will need to be successful in college and career. Our schools welcome and invite you to explore the opportunities available to your children—and to you!



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About Us

THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PUSD) enrolls more than 18,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade in a 76-square mile area that includes Altadena, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and unincorporated parts of Los Angeles County. The historic campuses of Pasadena, often the backdrop for films and television, offer classroom, performance and athletic facilities that are modernized and maintained thanks to voter-supported bond measures.

Our Mission

To provide a caring, engaging and challenging educational experience for every student every day.

Our Priorities

- Powerful instruction
- Outstanding staff
- Quality learning environment
- Accountability
- Meaningful partnerships
- Parent engagement

Our Graduates

Think Critically • Communicate Successfully • Collaborate Effectively • Create & Innovate

Organizational Structure

The Board of Education is the governing and policy-making body of the Pasadena Unified School District. The Board has seven members, elected by voters to serve four-year terms. The Board appoints the superintendent, who is responsible for the academics, finance, personnel and infrastructure of the district and its schools.

Board of Education

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Regular Board of Education meetings are generally scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and are held in the Elbie J. Hickabottom Board Room at PUSD headquarters, 351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena. Meetings are streamed live at www.BoardMeetings.info and broadcast on KLRN-TV (Charter Communications Channel 95, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99).



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Awards & Achievements

PUSD SCHOOLS, STAFF AND STUDENTS HAVE WON NUMEROUS AWARDS to honor their achievement, dedication and hard work. These awards and achievements reflect the district's vision statement of being an internationally recognized leader in public education. Some of the recent awards won by PUSD schools, staff and students include:

- National Blue Ribbon School Award
- California Distinguished School Award
- Milken Educator Award
- Two-Way Immersion Education Teacher of the Year
- National Merit Scholarship
- Gates Millennium Scholars
- Newsweek Magazine's "America's Best High Schools" List
- Silver Award Winner-U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best High Schools"
- Washington Post High School Challenge
- Green Schools Award for Curriculum
- Solar Cup Winner
- Cammy Award from California Association of Museums

Notable PUSD Alumni

- Jackie Robinson
First African-American Major League Baseball Player
- John Van de Kamp
Attorney General of California (1982–1991)
- George S. Patton
U.S. Army General
- Chris Holden
CA Assemblyman, 41st District and Former Mayor of Pasadena
- Eddie Van Halen, Alex Van Halen and David Lee Roth
Rock Musicians
- John Singleton
Film Director

Recent College Acceptances

PUSD's goal is for students to graduate prepared for college and career. PUSD is proud that its graduates have been accepted into premier colleges and universities in California and across the country.

In California

Azusa Pacific University
Biola University
Chapman University
Concordia University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
Harvey Mudd College
Occidental College
Pasadena City College
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Pomona College
Redlands University
Stanford University
Santa Clara University
University of La Verne
University of the Pacific
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
Westmont College

University of California:

UCLA
UC Berkeley
UC San Diego
UC Riverside
UC Irvine
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
UC Davis

Cal State Universities:

CSU Chico
CSU East Bay
CSU Fullerton
CSU Long Beach
CSU Los Angeles
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Northridge
CSU Polytechnic, Pomona
CSU Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo
CSU San Diego
CSU San Francisco
CSU San Jose

Out-of State Colleges

American University
Beloit College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Carleton College
Creighton University
Carnegie Mellon
College of Wooster
Cornell University
Eckerd College
Dickinson College
Georgetown University
Hendrix College
Johns Hopkins University
Kalamazoo College

Knox College
Macalester College
New York University
Northern Arizona State University
Northwestern University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State
Princeton University
Reed College
Regis University
Robert Morris University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
Wheaton College
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of New Haven
University of Pennsylvania
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Stout
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Academics

Enduring Education and Skills for Success in College and the Workplace

AT PUSD, education is both a process and an end goal. To be fully prepared for the future, our students need to master academic content aligned with California State Standards and enduring skills that will prepare them to be successful in life.

PUSD's instruction incorporates 21st century learning skills (critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity) into lesson plans across all grade levels. These "4 C's" integrate well with the Common Core State Standards. Common Core standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. Adopted by 45 states including California, the Common Core standards describe clearly and consistently what students are expected to learn

PUSD 21st Century Learning Skills

Think Critically
Communicate Successfully
Collaborate Effectively
Create & Innovate

so that teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them, no matter where they live.

PUSD has gone one step further by initiating a Curriculum Revision Workshop (CRW). The CRW integrates the common core standards into curriculum that is both engaging and practical for students.

With students fully prepared for the future, we are all positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.

For more information on standards for instruction in California, visit the California Department of Education website at www.cde.ca.gov or the Common Core State Standards Initiative at www.corestandards.org.

Early Childhood Education

PUSD's early childhood programs offer learning environments focused on the social development of the child and building pre-reading skills.

The district's Child Development Department serves children ages three through 11 in 20 locations across the District. Programs offer quality learning environments for children and extended child care for those who qualify.

Four **Children's Centers** offer a full-day or after-school program in an educational setting for children ages three through 11 whose parents are working, attending school, job training, seeking employment, or incapacitated.

The **State Pre-School Program** provides unique and developmentally appropriate programs for pre-school children whose families qualify based on family size and income.

There are also preschool programs available for a nominal fee associated with the district's Dual Language Immersion Program.

For information, call 626.396-5762 ext. 10070

State Pre-School Program Locations

Altadena Elementary
Burbank Early Childhood Center/LAUP
Cleveland Elementary
Field Elementary

Franklin Elementary
Hamilton Elementary
Jackson Elementary
Jefferson Elementary
Longfellow Elementary

Madison Elementary
Norma Coombs Alternative
San Rafael Elementary
Washington Accelerated Elementary

Sierra Madre Elementary
Webster Elementary
Willard Elementary

For information, call **626.396-5762 ext. 10070**

Children's Centers

Jefferson Children's Center
391 N. Sierra Bonita Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 793-0656

Longfellow Children's Center
1377 N. Mar Vista Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91104
(626) 396-5947

Washington Children's Center
130 Penn St.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 396-5945

Willard Children's Center
345 S. Halstead St.
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 396-5946

Learning for the 21st Century

Transitional Kindergarten

PUSD's youngest students are eligible for transitional kindergarten. Transitional kindergarten in school year 2013-2014 is offered for children who turn five between September 2, 2013 and December 1, 2013, providing age appropriate instruction to students born later in the year before they progress to a traditional class.

Transitional kindergarten is offered at the following sites:

- Jefferson Elementary School
- Willard Elementary School
- Washington Accelerated School
- McKinley School
- Longfellow Elementary School

Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5)

PUSD's elementary curriculum includes instruction in language arts, math, social studies, science, art, music and physical education. Concepts in these topics are integrated into the curriculum through projects that foster creativity and help build communication, problem-solving, critical thinking and collaboration skills.

Dual language immersion programs in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese and International Baccalaureate programs begin in kindergarten.

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

A developmental approach provides a balance of discipline and structure for students so that the middle school experience is a safe environment where they can grow into adolescence with the support of a strong school community. Teachers work together to provide an integrated curriculum and challenging academic courses at each grade level.

Advisory or homeroom periods provide students with a time to develop a positive relationship with faculty. Middle school classes are taught by subject-area specialists in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, music, art and athletics. Students can also take elective classes to begin exploring their interests in robotics, music, world languages and more. Robust orchestral and choral programs, athletics and hands-on learning projects keep students actively engaged.

Academic Competitions

PUSD students participate in rigorous and challenging academic competitions at the school, district, state and national level.

Odyssey of the Mind and Destination Imagination: Student teams compete against other schools in creative problem-solving challenges that focus on performance and/or technology.

Middle School Science Fair: Each year, middle school students create and display science projects at their schools and district-wide. Like doctoral candidates, students present and defend their theories and projects before a panel of local scientists.

Math Field Day: District-wide event where student teams from all schools and grade levels compete in day-long math challenges.

High School (Grades 9-12)

PUSD high schools offer strong academic programs balanced with exceptional opportunities to explore future careers in engineering, health, hospitality, technology, art, law and business. Designed to meet University of California and California State University admission requirements, PUSD high schools offer English, mathematics, history, science, art and an array of electives to prepare students for college and career.

Students are encouraged to explore academic disciplines while refining their individual talents and interests. Participation in athletics, extracurricular activities, leadership and community service is encouraged to foster personal and intellectual independence and cooperative team and communication skills.

College & Career Pathway academies offer instruction centered on a particular field, such as environmental science, media, government or business. A team of faculty and staff offers direct support and monitors the academic progress of every student.

To build valuable performance skills, PUSD high schools offer drama, musical theater, glee club, marching band and jazz programs.

Advanced Placement Courses

Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature, European History, French, Physics, Spanish, Studio Art, U.S. history and more.



Robotics Expo: Robotics students from PUSD middle schools design, build and program robots in the annual competition that builds science, math, technology and cooperative learning skills.

African-American History Bee: Annual event for fourth through eighth graders that encourages students to study the contributions of African-Americans.

Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contests: Students participate in district-wide essay and art contests challenging them to learn about the civil rights leaders' lives and legacies.

Signature Programs

Dual Language Immersion

PUSD elementary schools offer dual language immersion programs in Spanish at San Rafael Elementary and Jackson Elementary and Mandarin Chinese at Field Elementary. Families in the dual language program recognize the fact that the study of language, knowledge of world cultures and skills of cross-cultural communication are essential for the development of tomorrow's leaders. PUSD's dual language immersion programs begin in kindergarten with 90% of the instruction in the foreign language. Gradually the instruction becomes 50% in English and 50% in the foreign language allowing students to master academic subjects in both languages.

Admission is by lottery during PUSD's annual open enrollment process each winter. Families outside of PUSD boundaries may apply for the program as well. Students from Arcadia Unified, LAUSD, Temple City Unified, La Cañada Unified and South Pasadena Unified are currently enrolled in PUSD Dual Language Immersion Programs.

STEM: science.technology.engineering.math

PUSD's focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) guides students from K-12 courses to both college and in-demand careers. The district utilizes the resources of Caltech, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and other community assets to provide our students with the exposure and contacts in these world class Pasadena institutions.

Our interdisciplinary approach works across subject areas and grade levels to expand understanding of STEM themes and emphasizes hands-on learning and problem solving. Students gain fluency and learn to communicate their findings in professional presentations at district, regional and state competitions.

Science

In the elementary grades, students are introduced to concepts, theories and experimentation in physical, earth and life sciences. Based on an experiential model, students solve problems through observation and experiments. School gardens encourage learning and personal responsibility.



In the middle school grades, students gain fluency in science through concepts in earth science, anatomy, biology and robotics, advanced laboratory techniques and interaction with experts. Robotics programs teach design, engineering and programming and student teams compete in the Robotics Expo each spring. The annual Girls' Science Day at Pasadena City College encourages middle school girls to explore careers in medicine, research science, biology, physics and astronomy.

At the high school level, advanced classes prepare students for careers in science. Students can explore a wide range of scientific disciplines such as robotics, environmental science, engineering, chemistry, anatomy, physiology and physics. Thematic academies in health, engineering and environmental science, and information technology are available at Blair, Muir and Pasadena High Schools.

PUSD STEM Programs and Initiatives:

- Washington Accelerated Elementary STEM Center
- District wide Math Field Day Competitions
- Washington Middle School STEAM Magnet
- District wide Girls' Science Day Event at Pasadena City College
- Robotics Classes in All PUSD Middle Schools
- District wide Robotics Competition and Expo
- Engineering & Environmental Science Pathway at John Muir High School
- Health Career Pathways at Blair High School
- App Academy at Pasadena High School

Math

Aligned with national and state learning standards, our math programs focus on instruction, practice, understanding, adaptation and assessment. Our emphasis is on building enduring skills that are transferable to other academic areas and the real world. Students learn computation skills with algebraic concepts taught in the elementary grades. Algebra is offered starting in the seventh grade. High school courses include Geometry, Algebra II, Calculus and Advanced Placement classes.

Washington Middle School STEAM Magnet

The STEAM magnet program at Washington Middle School is a program unlike any other in the state. The mission of the STEAM Magnet is to impart hands-on science knowledge in advanced classes and laboratory settings for students with an interest in science and math. Beginning in sixth grade, they explore scientific disciplines, research concepts and theories, and interact with experts. Admission into this program is by application only. Students from outside of the district are also encouraged to apply. For information, call (626) 396-3600, ext. 88471 or visit www.steam-academy.pasadenausd.org.

The STEAM Community Alliance has been formed to support the Washington Middle School STEAM Magnet. Regional leaders such as Caltech, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Kidspace Children's Museum, Pasadena City College, The Art Center College of Design, The Armory Center for the Arts and the City of Pasadena all bring ideas and programs to the table to support this one-of-a-kind school.

International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) program develops the intellectual, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world. The IB program is offered at Willard Elementary and Blair Middle School. The Diploma Programme is also available at Blair High School.



Visual and Performing Arts

PUSD is an L.A. County “Arts for All” district and provides high quality K-12 education in dance, music, theatre and the visual arts based on common core learning standards. Sequential art instruction is taught from kindergarten-12th grade, with instrumental music instruction starting in elementary school.

My Masterpieces: Discovering Art in My Community is an award-winning program of the Pasadena Educational Foundation in partnership with PUSD and ten museums and arts organizations. The program serves every K-6 student in PUSD, providing community-based arts learning opportunities for over 9,000 students and 400 teachers in Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre. Students deepen their understanding of art through tours and connections with the renowned museums, professional artists and cultural resources of the Pasadena area.

Campuses with a visual and performing arts focus include McKinley K-8 School, the Arts, Entertainment and Media Academy at John Muir High School, and the Creative Arts, Design and Media Academy at Pasadena High School. The annual No Boundaries student art exhibit showcases the best student artwork each spring. Featuring drawings, paintings, sculpture, photographs and videos by kindergarten-12th grade students, the PUSD art exhibit exemplifies the boundless talent and energy of PUSD students.

All-district winter and spring instrumental and choral festivals present valuable performance opportunities for students in all grades.

Artful Connections with Math program teachers use the visual arts as a vehicle to build enduring skills in math concepts in the elementary grades. During this program, classroom teachers work collaboratively with teaching artists from the Armory Center for the Arts during the school day to creatively integrate visual arts with math. Artful Connections with Math is designed to improve student performance in both the visual arts and in mathematics by supporting teachers’ professional practice.

Physical Education and Athletics

PUSD has a rich history of scholar athletes passing through the halls of its schools and winning numerous California Interscholastic Foundation championships. Today that tradition continues with physical education, intramural sports and after-school athletics to enrich the physical and educational development of students. Varsity and junior varsity sports include football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, track and field, swimming, golf, water polo, volleyball, badminton and cheer.

A highlight of the school year is the annual Turkey Tussle football game. This tradition dating back to 1953 pits cross-town rivals John Muir High School and Pasadena High School in a spirited football game at the world famous Rose Bowl.

Some of the scholar athletes who have attended PUSD include:

- Jackie Robinson, Broke Baseball’s Color Barrier
- Mack Robinson, Brother of Jackie Robinson and Olympic Silver Medalist
- Alice Brown, Olympic Gold Medalist
- Linetta Wilson, Olympic Gold Medalist
- Inger Miller, Olympic Gold Medalist
- Ryan Hollins, Professional Basketball Player
- Darrell Evans, Former Professional Baseball Player
- Stan Smith, Champion Professional Tennis Player
- Michael Cooper, Former Professional Basketball Player and Coach
- Ricky Ervins, Former Professional Football Player



College & Career Pathways

PUSD's College & Career Pathways program connects academics to real-world applications by integrating challenging instruction with a demanding technical curriculum. PUSD is part of the statewide Linked Learning Alliance (www.linkedlearning.org).

Students in Pathways Academies acquire a strong academic foundation with transferable skills that expand their post-secondary options. Project-based learning provides context for students: they don't just memorize answers, they understand the importance of what they are learning and how it relates to their future goals. Supervised opportunities

to explore the workplace offer a safe environment to build experience and develop mentoring relationships with Pasadena-area businesses. Members of the volunteer advisory councils at each academy provide professional expertise and mentoring to both students and faculty in specific fields.

Admission into Pathways Academies is by application during the district's annual open enrollment process. Students residing outside of PUSD may also apply to enroll in any of the Pathways Academies.



App Academy

Pasadena High School

The App Academy is a four-year computer science program that prepares students to be successful in an increasingly technology-driven world. The internet has revolutionized our day-to-day lives, facilitating easier methods for everything from communication and shopping to banking and information research. In just five years, the mobile application industry has created nearly half a million jobs in the United States, further fueled by the video game industry which alone has generated over \$65 billion in worldwide annual revenue. The App Academy prepares students for this technology-driven world by exposing them to the exciting world of modern computer science through mobile application, web and game development. Another aspect of the App Academy is its "one to one" laptop program, in which each student has use of their very own state-of-the-art laptop computer.

Arts, Entertainment & Media (AEM)

John Muir High School

In the AEM Academy, students are trained from ninth to 12th-grade in music, drama, film and video production, photography, painting, sculpting and other fine arts. During their high school career, students fine-tune their creative energy, master self-expression and hone their critical thinking and problem solving in classes like Graphic Design, Animation and Film/Video Production. They also have the opportunity to turn their natural gifts and artistic passions into real-world skills through career insight opportunities at local art centers and design firms that provide valuable behind-the-scenes job shadowing and hands-on training and internships. Students can even volunteer alongside top industry professionals and artists at the Senior Film Festival—the perfect place for them to mingle with local talent, learn production skills and get a taste for a career in entertainment...in and out of the spotlight.

Business & Entrepreneurship

John Muir High School

This program's well-rounded curriculum includes business management, finance, accounting, marketing and entrepreneurship courses designed to strengthen leadership, problem solving, organizational, and management skills. Each course of study provides an in-depth analysis of business, financial and corporate trends and strategies in the marketplace. On-campus clubs, student activities and group projects provide extensive hands-on training in the business and financial system that governs our society. Students develop and present business plans in a class setting to assess overall effectiveness and areas for improvement. Peer revision and integrated projects enable students to share ideas and business plans, while promoting teamwork.



Creative Arts, Media & Design (CAMAD)

Pasadena High School

Through a combination of academic courses and visual arts and design projects, students obtain real-world skills and hands-on experience to pursue an art or design career or to attend their college of choice. This four-year program features two specialized disciplines: Visual Arts and Design and Graphic Communications. CAMAD provides students with the opportunity to create original work, develop client-based projects and build confidence and knowledge in the creative arts, media and design fields. An extensive course curriculum includes fine arts, graphic design, multimedia design, video editing, screen-printing, digital printing, sculpture and illustration classes. Students learn everything from introductory computer graphics and fundamental art skills to advanced art and design techniques, allowing them to create a well-rounded portfolio. By integrating art and design with a college-preparatory curriculum, students receive a solid education and an extensive understanding of how art is used in society.

Culinary Arts & Hospitality

Blair High School

The Culinary Arts and Hospitality Academy is a Pathway at Blair High School which offers students the opportunity to obtain a rigorous college preparatory academic program and also explore careers in Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts. The Culinary Arts and Hospitality Academy has added the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation ProStart Program. The ProStart Program allows students to further their educational abilities in the field of culinary arts and hospitality by preparing them to complete the Level one and two examinations for certification. In addition, job shadow opportunities, internships and mentors are identified and competition opportunities that provide scholarship and future employment opportunities for students are available.



Engineering & Environmental Science

John Muir High School

In the Engineering and Environmental Science Pathway, students learn to use the power of science and mathematics to improve the quality of life on earth. This ninth through 12th grade Pathway is affiliated with the National Academy Foundation's Academy of Engineering that features the rigorous Project Lead the Way pre-engineering curriculum. Students in this pathway develop a strong foundation in math, science and technology. This footing helps them engage in challenging, hands-on projects that develop their ability to identify real-life problems, research and design innovative solutions, and evaluate their effectiveness. This program creates a solid foundation for students whether they choose to start a career after graduating or continue down the path to achieving a college degree in engineering or environmental science.

Health Careers

Blair High School

With an extensive class curriculum that combines hands-on learning with real world applications, this ninth to 12th grade program of study incorporates health industry topics and specific health courses to prepare students with knowledge of health careers. The program culminates with a highly anticipated 180-hour internship at a health, medical or bioscience site of their choice. Graduates of this Pathway have an edge whether they plan to immediately enter the workforce or attend college. The knowledge, experience and real-world connections students make last a lifetime. Students who make the decision to join this exciting Pathway have the opportunity to explore medical terminology, biotechnology, anatomy, physiology and so much more!

Law & Public Service

Pasadena High School

This dynamic Pathway is a four-year college preparatory program specifically designed for students with interest in legal, government or protective service careers. Shaped with substantial input from secondary and post-secondary educators and professionals in the law, law enforcement and advocacy fields, the curriculum of this Pathway incorporates college preparatory courses and best practices identified by research. A distinguishing feature of the curriculum is its integration of the traditionally isolated fields of law and law enforcement, social justice, and academic and career technical education. A formal partnership with the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce connects students with local professionals in relevant fields.



Programs for Distinctive Learners

English Learners

The ability to communicate in multiple languages is an asset both personally and professionally. In the Pasadena Unified School District, English Learners master academic content while acquiring the vocabulary, grammar and syntax of English. The District's goal is for English Learners to be fluent in English within three to five years of entering school.

Home language surveys are completed when a student first enrolls in school. If the student speaks a language other than English at home, he or she is tested in listening, speaking, reading and writing on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). An appropriate placement is recommended, although parents can request a different option for their child.

English Learners are reclassified as Fluent English Proficient (FEP) when they reach proficient levels on the California English Language Development Test, meet Basic Skills in English Language Arts as measured by the California Standards Test (CST), have a grade point average of C or better in core content classes, and have parent approval.

For more information, contact the Language Assessment and Development Department at 626.396.3600, ext. 88280.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program

PUSD strives to meet the needs and learning styles of all students. The Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program offers an advanced and rigorous program designed to meet the unique needs of gifted and talented students and to maximize their academic and social development. A differentiated core curriculum program is available to ensure positive motivation and the intellectual growth of gifted students.

The PUSD GATE Office has been continually working to craft an identification process that allows equitable access for all sub-groups of students represented in our schools. All second-grade students are assessed to see if they can be GATE classified and demographic data is reviewed annually to ensure that more students of diversity are being identified to better reflect the district's ethnic diversity.

GATE students are identified in one of the following three areas: intellectual ability, high academic achievement, and alternative identification. For more information, contact the Gifted and Talented Education Office at 626.396.3600, ext. 88462.



Special Education

Students with special needs receive an education in PUSD learning side-by-side with typically developing peers, often in a mainstream setting. A continuum of special education and related services are offered to meet students' needs for preschoolers to age 22. A range of services from mainstreaming in general education to self-contained classroom are offered in accordance with the least restrictive environment and are considered per individual need.

For students who require more intensive services and a highly structured setting, PUSD offers a research-based program that helps students gain the social and emotional skills needed to be successful in a comprehensive school and is located at Focus Point Academy (FPA) on the campus of Edison Elementary School in Altadena.

For students who are between the ages of 18-22 years, PUSD offers the Pasadena Adult Learning Skills (PALS) program. PALS provides community-based skill development and independent living skills such as traveling training and job placement through Workability or volunteering. In addition, PALS works closely with the Department of Rehabilitation and Regional Center to help students make the transition from school to adult living.

PUSD partners with parents of students with special needs to help them develop learn and succeed. The Special Education Department values parent input as an integral part of their child's educational program.

If you suspect that your child may have a disability, contact your school site administrator, school psychologist or your child's teacher. Your child's teacher(s) will meet with you to discuss concerns you may have regarding your child's development.

If you are new to PUSD, please schedule an intake meeting at your school of residence. This is an opportunity for us to meet and talk with your child, discuss his or her areas of strength and areas of needs. Together, we will discuss the continuum of educational services that will provide your child a free, appropriate public education.

The PUSD Community Advisory Committee also offers monthly informative meetings for all parents, and helps monitor the delivery of appropriate services.

For more information, contact the PUSD Special Education Department at 626.396.3600 ext. 88600.

Alternative High School Programs

Three PUSD campuses offer alternative programs for students who do not perform optimally in a traditional high school environment. PUSD high school students are eligible to attend one of the alternative campuses if they have had behavioral, attendance or substance abuse problems at the comprehensive high schools, are awaiting expulsion procedures, or at the request of the student or the parent/guardian. Options are also available for students who must make up credits in order to graduate from high school.

Student Support Programs

Afterschool Programs

PasadenaLEARNS offers onsite K-12 after school programs throughout the Pasadena Unified School District. The mission of PasadenaLEARNS is to provide innovative enrichment, leadership and learning opportunities that affirm diversity, engage the community and empower youth to achieve greater academic and personal success. Activities include homework help, visual and performing arts, structured recreation, academic enrichment activities, science and literacy development.

PasadenaLEARNS serves more than 3,500 students daily at 22 school elementary, middle and high school campuses in PUSD. Spring break and summer programs are also available. All sites are open until 6 p.m. on school days.

Health Programs

Through a standards-based curriculum and robust nutrition and physical education programs, our K-12 students learn how to make healthy choices with the activities they participate in and the food they eat. An emphasis is placed on healthier food on campuses and in school cafeterias.

Immunizations, visual and dental screenings and other health services are provided by nurses and partner organizations to PUSD students.

Healthy Start Family Centers are located on five PUSD campuses and assist students and families to overcome barriers to learning and improve school attendance. Staffed by coordinators, case managers and a nurse practitioner, the centers provide health care, nutrition education, parent education, assistance for basic needs and access to free or low-cost medical and mental health services.

The PUSD Primary Health Clinic, located at 351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, is staffed by nurse practitioners and offers immunizations and other medical services for the income-eligible and uninsured children of the greater Pasadena area.

For more information, contact the Health Programs Office at (626) 396-3600 ext. 88240.

PUSD also partners with volunteer organizations such as Young & Healthy to provide medical, dental and vision services for uninsured students.

Healthy Start Centers

- Madison Elementary School
- Cleveland Elementary School
- Jackson Elementary School
- Eliot Middle School and Altadena Elementary combination program
- Rose City Continuation High School

Tutoring

Free academic tutoring is available for qualifying students at eligible schools through the federal Supplemental Educational Services program.

Counseling Services

Academic and guidance counselors advise and work with middle and high school students to develop immediate and long-term educational plans according to the student's interests and needs. Counselors help students prepare and register for college admissions tests such as the PSAT, SAT, and ACT. Other resources available to students include college fairs and financial aid workshops.



College Prep Events

October: Passport to College hosted by the Pasadena Educational Foundation

November–February: Cash for College workshops scheduled throughout the district

Spring: PUSD hosts informational sessions on transitions from elementary to middle and high school and how to get students on the road to college.

Attendance & Student Safety

THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS is our top priority within PUSD. If a student does not feel safe at school, then it is unreasonable to expect them to learn and achieve at their fullest potential.

Attendance

All students in the Pasadena Unified School District are expected to attend school every day, on time and ready to actively participate in all classes. In these difficult budgetary times, it is critical for students to attend school daily as student attendance determines the amount of funding PUSD receives.

Attending school is required for children between the ages of five and 18. According to California law, any student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for three full days is truant. Any student who is tardy or absent for any 30-minute period during the school day, without a valid excuse on three occasions during one school year, is classified as truant.

Discipline

PUSD schools focus on preparing students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. Schools cultivate a positive culture based on respect for the individual, others and their property in an environment focused on learning.

Schools follow a defined and progressive set of interventions, remediation and consequences when a student misbehaves. Our emphasis is on consistent, firm and fair discipline that affirms positive behavior rather than punitive punishment.

Security

To keep students safe both on campus and as they travel to and from school, PUSD partners with the City of Pasadena to train campus security personnel and to provide dedicated Safe School Team (SST) officers at secondary campuses.

Emergency Preparedness

Preparing for emergencies is part of everyday life in Southern California. PUSD schools have earthquake, fire and other emergency drills several times each year. Teachers, administrators and other personnel are trained to supervise, counsel and care for students in an emergency. The district is equipped with food, water and first aid supplies to shelter children during emergencies.

In California, a school site is one of the safest places to be during an earthquake or other natural disaster. Building safety regulations for public school facilities in California are among the strictest in the state, if not the nation.

We want to assure you that, during emergencies, our main priority is to keep students safe and calm. Schools have emergency communication systems in place and will contact you as soon as possible. To ensure that you are notified promptly, please inform the school office whenever a contact telephone number or address changes. You can also text the phrase PUSD to 888777 to receive emergency information via text message.



The graphic features a stylized mobile phone handset on the left. The screen displays "To: 888777" and "PUSD |". To the right of the phone, the text "Text PUSD to 888777" is written in large, bold, white font. Below this, the text "get emergency information on your mobile phone" is written in a smaller, white font. The background is a solid orange color.

Message and Data rates may apply. Contact your wireless provider for pricing details if you have any questions regarding your plan's specific rates.

PUSD Parent Organizations

African-American Parent Council (AAPC): A coalition of parents, students, and community members, the AAPC addresses issues such as the achievement gap and equity issues in the district.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC): Parents and staff who advise the district on special education issues. The CAC is also an important resource for families of children with disabilities.

District Advisory Committee (DAC): Parents and staff representatives from school site governance councils monitor and advise on district-level Title I and compensatory education programs.

District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC): Parents, staff and community leaders who advise the district on programs and services for English learners. Similarly, school-level ELACs advise principals on campus.

PARENTS ARE THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT TEACHERS to students and PUSD sees parents as one of the district's greatest assets. PUSD firmly believes that all students can grow and thrive when teachers, families and communities come together to support children, schools and learning. Parents have a wide variety of choices when it comes to involvement and engagement in the life of a PUSD student.

At Home

- Have daily conversations with your child about what happened in school that day.
- Monitor homework and projects.
- Celebrate your child's academic accomplishments.
- Create and share learning opportunities with your child.

Volunteer

- Help in the classroom, library, art or science room.
- Read to elementary students.
- Share your expertise and support the school's needs.
- For information on how you can become a PUSD volunteer, contact the Welcome Center at (626) 396-3600 ext. 88340.

Get Informed

- Check your child's attendance, homework and academic progress on the Parent Portal. Username and passwords can be obtained from your child's school.
- Attend Back to School night, parent/teacher conferences, Open House, arts performances and athletic events.
- Check for updated information on the school website, in the weekly folders (elementary), emails and recorded school and district phone calls.

Lead

- Join parent organizations that support PUSD students.
- Join the School Site Council, Parent Teacher Association or other parent organizations.
- Provide input and feedback on school and district policies.

Donate

- Contribute to your child's classroom wish list.
- Shop for your school. Donate store rewards points to your school.
- Contribute to your school's annual fund or the Pasadena Educational Foundation.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Committee: Parents discuss and advise the district on GATE issues.

Parent Teacher Associations (PTA): Comprised of parents, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders, school level PTAs promote parent involvement and make a real difference for the education, health and welfare of children and youth.

Parent Engagement

The Welcome Center is a one-stop shop for parents and community members who would like to learn more about the Pasadena Unified School District and its schools. Welcome Center staff supports schools with parent engagement, organizes parent seminars and workshops, and coordinates district volunteers.

To learn more about how you can support students, contact the Welcome Center at (626) 396-3600 extension 88340. The Welcome Center is located in Room 121 at the PUSD Education Center, 351 S. Hudson Avenue, Pasadena.

Parent Advocacy

At some point during a child's education, parents may be faced with an issue that is affecting their child's academic or social-emotional progress. The professional educators of PUSD understand that parents are a students' most important advocate. The district is here to partner with parents to do what is best for every child's education.

Set an appointment to talk with your teacher and determine what you can do together to help your child succeed. Teachers are professionals who want to partner with families when it comes to doing what's best for your child's education.

Talk to your school principal. Principals are trained to resolve classroom and campus conflicts when they arise. They will work with all parties involved to problem solve, ensure compliance with state and district policies, and keep the focus on helping your child.

Occasionally, issues cannot be resolved on campus. In those instances, the PUSD district offices can work with parents to determine the next steps. In compliance with state law, PUSD has formal Uniform Complaint and Williams Case Complaint procedures. Contact PUSD office of Human Resources at (626) 396-3600, extension 88700, for more information.

Pasadena PTA Council: Provides support for the PTA units at school sites and communicates information between the school sites and California PTA. Parent and community councils also advise district staff in areas such as Arts Education, Dual Language Immersion Programs, Early Childhood Education, and Parent Engagement

For information on meeting dates and times, visit www.pusd.us.

Partners

PUSD IS COMMITTED to developing and sustaining meaningful collaborations and partnerships with civic and community partners to promote academic excellence for all students.

City-School Partnership

PUSD has partnered with the City of Pasadena to strengthen academic enrichment, health, community and family programs both during and after school. PUSD and the City of Pasadena have developed a city-school work plan to encourage both entities to work together to serve the residents who learn and live in Pasadena. The work plan covers topics such as early childhood education, student success, community involvement, student health, parent engagement and school and community safety.

Pasadena Educational Foundation

The Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) has a long history of providing and supporting programs that are critical to strengthening PUSD by building academic excellence and supporting the health and wellbeing of our students. It does this by raising funds, building partnerships and promoting public education that directly supports teachers and students. Programs that are supported by grants and donations secured by PEF include arts and music, technology, after school, science laboratories at middle and high schools, reading, early childhood, health services, and much more. For more information contact PEF at 626-396-3625 or visit pasedfoundation.org.

The Pasadena Educational Foundation helps to fund or facilitate the following programs:

- Admission Matters
- APP Academy
- Art and Music
- Child Development Program
- College and Career Pathways
- College Preparation
- College Scholarships
- Community Forums
- Families and Neighbors Supporting Schools (FANSS)
- Field Trips
- Grant Writing
- Health and Family Centers
- High School Computer Science
- My Masterpieces
- Principal for a Day
- Robotic and STEM programs
- Summer Enrichment Program
- Summer High School Program
- Teacher Ambassadors
- Teacher Grants

As we prepare children with the knowledge and skills to excel in the 21st century, we welcome your support. Some ways to support our schools:

- **Donate:** Contributions to the Pasadena Educational Foundation and school annual funds are tax deductible and provide essential resources and innovative programs. Donations can be targeted to a specific school or program or to other initiatives that reach every student in the district. For more information contact PEF at (626) 396-3625 or visit pasedfoundation.org.
- **Partnerships for Student Achievement:** College & Career Pathways in engineering, information technology, hospitality, arts, and entrepreneurship welcome partners as academy advisors and internship sponsors. For more information contact Linked Learning-College & Career Pathways at (626) 396-3600, ext. 88429.
- **Volunteer:** We welcome experts in a variety of fields to assist students and schools. Share your knowledge! Volunteer opportunities include tutoring, working in the classroom, school library or garden, and participating on district partnership teams and advisory boards. Please complete a volunteer interest form or contact the Welcome Center at (626) 396-3600, ext. 88340
- **Make your voice heard for public schools:** Contact your state and local elected officials to let them know that public education is a priority to you. You can also stand up for public schools by encouraging peers to visit a PUSD school to see for themselves what public education really looks like in Pasadena.

Film in PUSD

Nestled in the San Gabriel foothills, the historic schools of Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre reflect the region's rich architectural heritage. PUSD Schools have been the setting for motion picture and television productions, including Fame, The Changeling, and Parks and Recreation.

Schools benefit when school facilities are rented for filming and television productions. Permits are required for meetings, events and on-location motion picture, television, and commercial production teams. Restrictions apply.

To use a facility, contact PUSD's Civic Center Permit department at (626) 396-5850 or visit www.pusd.us.

How to Enroll in PUSD

WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MANY CHOICES in selecting the best education for your child and we thank you for considering PUSD. Our schools offer exceptional programs of study unique to the region and all students are welcome to inquire and explore the possibilities of attending a PUSD school. We invite you to visit any PUSD campus and see students learning and thriving, whether you are interested in your neighborhood school or one across town.

While every child living within PUSD boundaries is guaranteed placement in their neighborhood school, one campus may have a special program or focus that best meets the needs or interests of an individual student. The annual open enrollment process each winter offers district families the opportunity to apply to attend a school other than their assigned neighborhood school. Space is limited. Please visit www.OpenEnrollment.info to participate in the open enrollment process.

Registration for kindergarten and for students new to the district begins in the spring. To register a child for the first time, the following documents must be presented at the school office where the child will begin their PUSD academic experience:

- Child's birth certificate
- Proof of current immunizations
- Transcripts (middle & high school students only)

- Proof of rent/ownership within PUSD boundaries (one of the following is accepted):
 - Deed of trust
 - Property tax bill
 - Lease agreement
 - Rental payment receipt

- Utility bill in the parent/guardians name (one of the following is accepted):
 - Recent gas bill
 - Recent electric bill
 - Recent water bill

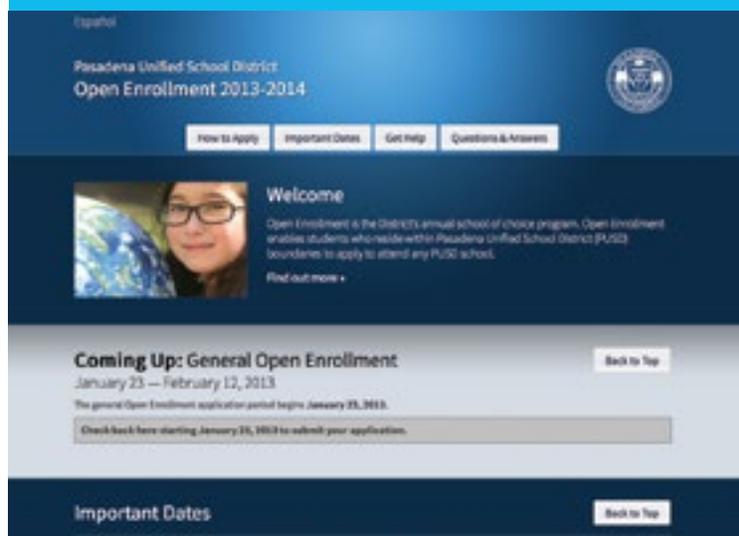
Non-resident families are also welcome to explore PUSD programs. College & Career Pathways in our high schools, Dual Language Immersion Programs in Spanish and Mandarin at elementary sites, the STEAM Magnet at Washington Middle School, the International Baccalaureate Programme at Willard Elementary School and Blair Middle and High School, or a school convenient to a parent/guardian's employment in the area are all possible options for non-resident students.

Students living outside of PUSD may apply to attend a PUSD school in late spring. Please visit www.OpenEnrollment.info for information and important dates in the application process. All interdistrict transfers are made in accordance with Board of Education policy and state law. To apply, contact the Office of Permits and Records at 626-396-3600, ext. 88340.

Applying to a specific school?

Living outside of PUSD?

Get informed and apply online for Open Enrollment at OpenEnrollment.info



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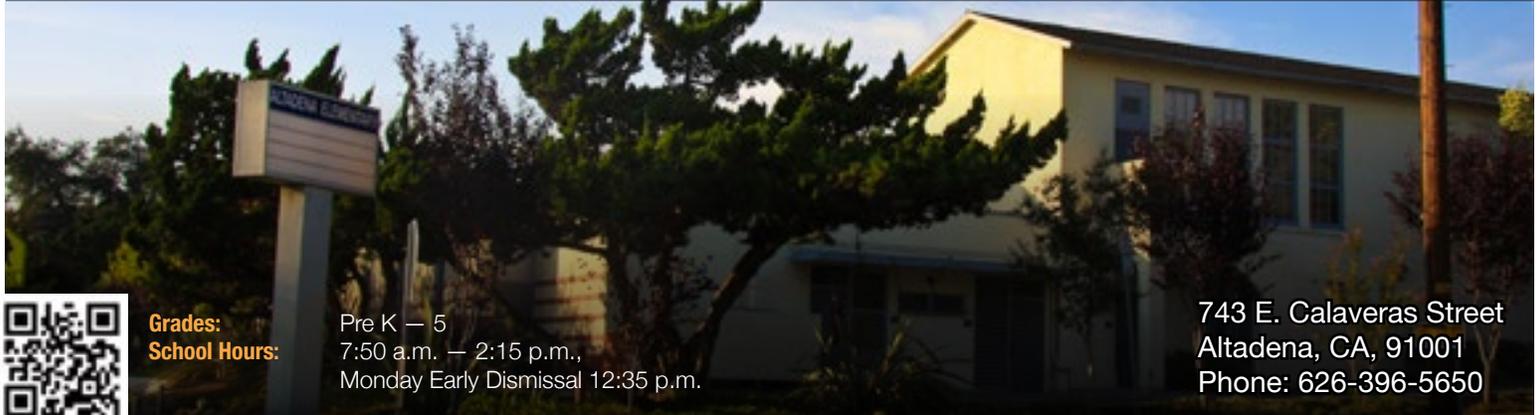
PTA: Parent-Teacher Association
ELAC: English Learner Advisory Council

SSC: School Site Council
AAPC: African-American Parent Council

Elementary Schools

Altadena Elementary School

altadena.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

743 E. Calaveras Street
Altadena, CA, 91001
Phone: 626-396-5650

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

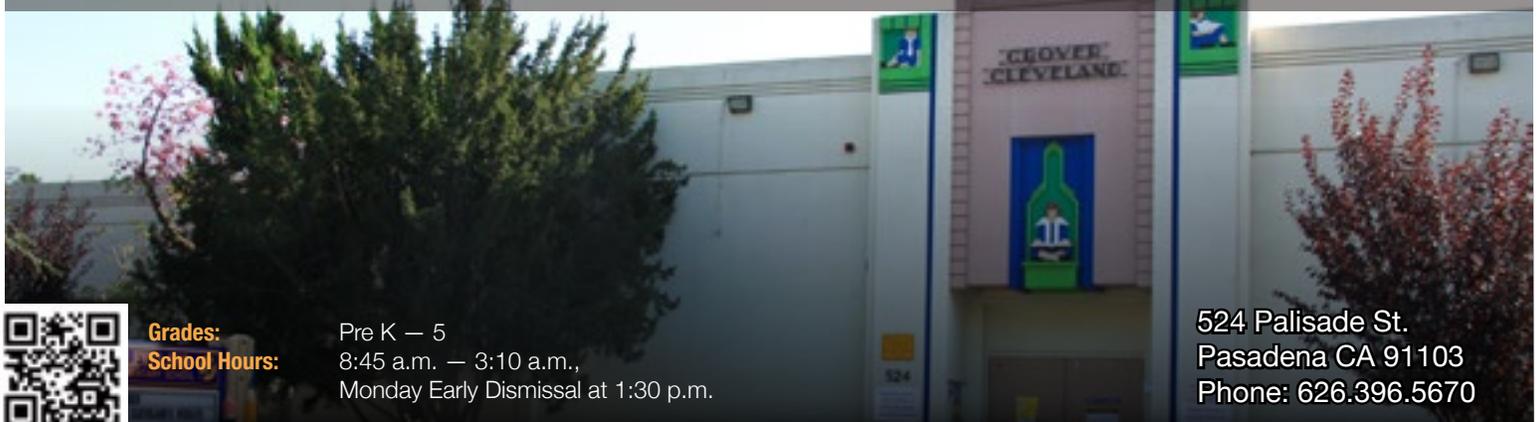
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Fine Arts Program
- Instrumental Music Classes
- Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Available
- Academic Improvement Recognitions

Parent and Community Involvement

- Pasadena Symphony
- Rotary Club
- Metropolitan Associates
- League of Women Voters
- Monthly Parent Workshops

Grover Cleveland Elementary School

cleveland.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 a.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

524 Palisade St.
Pasadena CA 91103
Phone: 626.396.5670

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Reading Partners
- Education Through Music
- Engineering is Elementary
- STEAM Focus
- Instrumental and Choral Music Activities
- History Day

Parent and Community Involvement

- Family Center on Campus
- Parent Engagement Committee
- East Arroyo Residential Association
- Parent Education Classes

Elementary Schools

Don Benito Fundamental School

donbenito.pasadenausd.org



Grades: K — 5
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 a.m.
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

3700 Denair St.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Phone: 626-396-5870

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Choice School: Admission Via Open Enrollment Only
- **California Distinguished School**
- Peace Patrol and Safety Patrol
- Gardening
- Instrumental, Drama and Choral Music Activities
- Part-Time Technology Teacher
- Part time librarian
- Math Club
- Art Studio
- Mad Science

Parent and Community Involvement

- Art Docent Program
- Whole Foods Market
- Science Room
- School Beautification Days
- Science Docent Program
- 40+ hour Volunteer commitment

Eugene Field Elementary School

field.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

3600 Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Phone: 626.396.5860

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Immersion Program
- 2010 California Distinguished School
- Art Classroom
- Field Cheer
- Mousetracks Newspaper
- Student Body Council
- Student Garden Club
- Peer Mediation/Conflict Resolution Program
- Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Available

Parent and Community Involvement

- Mandarin Parent Advisory Committee
- GATE Parent Advisory Committee
- STEAM Team
- Pasadena After Hours Rotary Club
- Pasadena Service Federal Credit Union
- First Church of the Nazarene
- La Salle High School
- Westridge High School

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School

franklin.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

527 W. Ventura Street
Altadena, CA, 91001
Phone: 626-396-5640

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- STEM Focus
- Instrumental Music and Choir Activities
- Student Council
- Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Available
- Summer PEF Enrichment Program

Parent and Community Involvement

- Coffee with the Principal
- Family Literacy Nights
- Family Math Nights
- Adopted by Pasadena Rotary Club

Alexander Hamilton Elementary School

hamilton.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

2089 Rose Villa Street
Pasadena CA 91107
Phone: 626.396.5730

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Annual School Carnival
- California Title I Award
- National Blue Ribbon School
- STEM Focus
- Full-Time Technology Resource Teacher
- Gifted and Talented Education Club
- Homework/Tutorial Club
- Student Council
- Children Investigate the Environment

Parent and Community Involvement

- Parents, Students and Teachers Sign Home-School Compacts Striving to Raise Academic Achievement
- Armory Center of the Arts
- Parent-Produced Hamilton Newsletter
- Flights of Fantasy Parent Workshop

Elementary Schools

Andrew Jackson Elementary School

jackson.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 a.m.
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

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593 W. Woodbury Road
Altadena, CA 91001
Phone: 626-396-5700

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Spanish Dual Language Immersion
- STEAM Focus
- Full-Time Science Teacher
- Hands-on Experimental Science Lab
- Outdoor Science Patio with Turtle Pond
- Reading Partners
- Armory Math/Art Program
- Instrumental and Choral Music Activities
- After School Science and Math Clubs
- RAMP Rocks Math Tutoring
- Rose Bowl Aquatics Swimming Center Program
- Astronomy Night
- SES Tutoring Available

Parent and Community Involvement

- Cal Tech Classroom Connections
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)
- Altadena Rotary Club
- Pasadena/Altadena NAACP
- ESL Classes for Parents
- Parent Education Classes

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

jefferson.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

1500 E. Villa Street
Pasadena, CA 91106
Phone: 626.396.5710

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Rolling Readers Program
- Rose Bowl Aquatics Center swimming program
- Reading Intervention Classes
- Transitional Kindergarten
- Student Recognition for English Language Development Progress
- Computer Science Classes for all Students
- Choral and Instrumental Music
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Available

Parent and Community Involvement

- Math, Science and Reading Family Nights
- ESL Classes for Adults
- Pasadena Conservatory of Music
- Pasadena Masonic Lodge
- El Centro de Acción Social
- Villa Gardens
- Five Acres Counseling
- JPL
- Huntington Hospital

Henry Longfellow Elementary School

longfellow.pasadenausd.org



Grades: TK — 5
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

1065 E. Washington Bl.
Pasadena, CA, 91104
Phone: 626-396-5720

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- 2010 California Distinguished School
- Green Club
- Girls on the Run
- Children Investigating the Environment
- Instrumental Music with the VYMA Music Project
- Individual Learning Plans (ILP) for Every Student
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Basketball, Soccer and Cheerleading Opportunities
- Transitional Kindergarten

Parent and Community Involvement

- Bungalow Heaven and Historic Highland Neighborhood Associations
- The Music Center
- Armory Center for the Arts
- The Verdugo Young Musicians Association

James Madison Elementary School

madison.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: Monday 7:50 am — 12:35 p.m.
Tuesday—Friday 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.

515 Ashtabula Street
Pasadena, CA 91104
Phone: 626.396.5780

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Ballet Folklorico
- Instrumental Music and Choir Activities
- Rose Bowl Aquatic Center Swimming Program
- Smarter Choices, Stronger Body and Mind
- Emphasis on STEM
- Partnership with Armory Center for the Arts which provides Science, Language Arts and Math activities integrated with art.
- District competitions for Math, History and Spelling.
- Partnership with City and CSUN focused on healthy choices for students and families.
- SES Tutoring Available

Parent and Community Involvement

- Armory Center for the Arts
- Pasadena Community College (PCC)
- Family Resource Center on Campus
- Young & Healthy
- Parents are Partners workshops

Elementary Schools

Norma Coombs Alternative School

ncas.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

2600 Paloma Street
Pasadena, CA 91107
Phone: 626.396.5660

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Choice School: Admission via Open Enrollment Only
- Ceramics and Clay Projects
- Instrumental Music Activities
- Morning Show Hosted by Students
- Robotics
- Fifth Grade-Kindergarten Buddy Program
- 3rd and 4th Grade Junior Coaches
- 4th & 5th Grade Student Government
- Performing Arts-dance, singing, keyboards, recorders, Chorus
- SES Tutoring Available
- Literacy Cafes
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Accelerated Reader Reading Incentive

Parent and Community Involvement

- Coffee with the Principal
- Library Literacy Lions
- Rolling Readers
- Gamble House Docents

Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School

roosevelt.pasadenausd.org



Grades: K — 5
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

315 N. Pasadena Ave
Pasadena, CA, 91103
Phone: 626-396-5770

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Instrumental Music and Choir Activities
- Student Council
- Recycling Green Team
- Conflict Resolution Program
- Facilities to Accommodate Medically Fragile Students
- Sensory Lab
- Readers Club
- After-school tutorial
- Monday student mentoring club

Parent and Community Involvement

- Pasadena Museum of History
- Grainger Company
- CSULA
- ESL for Adults
- Avery Dennison
- New Horizon School
- Mayfield School
- Scott United Methodist
- Kiwanis
- Merrill Lynch
- Pasadena Community Foundation
- UCLA
- APU Nursing School

San Rafael Elementary School

sanrafael.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

1090 Nithsdale Road
Pasadena CA 91105
Phone: 626.396.5790

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program
- Distinguished Speaker Assemblies in Partnership with the West Pasadena Resident's Association
- On-Site Dual Language Immersion Pre-School
- Reading is Fundamental
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- Rose Bowl Aquatic Center Swimming Program
- Family Math Fun Night
- Family Story Night
- Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Available

Parent and Community Involvement

- Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Council (GATE)
- Reading Friends Program
- West Pasadena Residents Association
- Campus Beautification Committee
- Dual Language Immersion Program Committee

Sierra Madre Elementary School

sierramadre.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

141 W. Highland Ave
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Phone: 626-396-5890

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Arts Docent Program
- Theme Play Days
- Student Council
- Drama, Instrumental Music and Glee Club Activities
- After-School Recreation/Homework Club
- Friday Electives
- Native Garden Program
- Community Service Club
- Pasadena Historical Society Junior Docents

Parent and Community Involvement

- Jamison Foundation
- Kiwanis Club
- Sierra Madre Rotary, and the Interact Club (Junior Rotarians)
- Sierra Madre Police and Fire Departments
- Community Arts Group

Elementary Schools

Washington Accelerated Elementary School

washington.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

1520 N. Raymond Ave
Pasadena, CA 91103
Phone: 626.396.5840

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- STEAM Focus
- Character Education
- Safety Patrol
- Peer Mediation
- "The Crew": Build Self-Esteem/Responsibility Group
- Math Club
- Student Council
- Transitional Kindergarten
- Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Available

Parent and Community Involvement

- Citibank
- Kaiser Permanente
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Science partnership
- Reading Partners

Daniel Webster Elementary School

webster.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

2101 E. Washington Blvd
Pasadena, CA, 91104
Phone: 626-396-5740

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Armenian Culture and Language Classes
- Instrumental Music and Fine Arts Activities
- Math and Science Discovery Room
- Webster Garden
- Art Loft
- Math, Literacy, and Art Nights
- Fall Festival
- Character Education
- Rolling Readers
- Young Americans Program (Music Outreach Tour)
- 4th grade Sacramento Field trip
- Mentoring Program

Parent and Community Involvement

- Nestle USA
- Carnegie Institute
- Bridgen Ranch Homeowner's Association
- Los Angeles Children's Choir
- Community Parent Center
- Dads and Doughnuts
- Moms and Muffins
- Beautification Days
- Webster Restaurant Night fundraisers
- Community Yard Sale
- Amory Center For The Arts

Frances E. Willard Elementary School

willard.pasadenausd.org



Grades: Pre K — 5
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 p.m.

301 S. Madre Street
Pasadena CA 91107
Phone: 626.396.5690

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
- Visual and Performing Arts Emphasis
- Drama, Film and Dance Activities
- Spanish Classes
- Chess & Logic Games Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Transitional Kindergarten

Parent and Community Involvement

- All Saints Episcopal Church
- Armory Center for the Arts
- Chapman Woods Homeowners Association
- Kidspace Museum
- Pasadena Symphony
- Islands Restaurant
- Souplantation Restaurant
- In and Out Burger
- CATZ Pasadena Sports Performance Center

William McKinley School

mckinley.pasadenausd.org



Grades: TK — 8
School Hours: 8:45 a.m. — 3:10 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m.

325 S. Oak Knoll Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101
Phone: 626-396-5630

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Journalism
- Student Government
- Robotics
- Yearbook
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Accelerated Reader reading incentive
- Transitional Kindergarten
- Astronomy Night
- Supplemental Educational Services
- Tutoring Available
- Visual & Performing Arts Club Offerings: Instrumental Music, Dance, Drama, Set Design, Technical Team, and Chorus

Parent and Community Involvement

- The Music Center
- LA Opera
- Pasadena Tennis Association
- Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Committee

Middle Schools

Charles W. Eliot Middle School

eliot.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 6 – 8
School Hours: 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:50 p.m.

2184 N. Lake Ave
Altadena, CA 91001
Phone: 626-396-5680

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Marching Band, Choir and Theater Programs
- Soccer, Flag Football and Basketball Teams
- Associated Student Body (ASB)
- Robotics
- Supplemental Educational Services
- Tutoring Available
- Environmental Club

Parent and Community Involvement

- Parent Center on Campus
- Altadena Town Council
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)
- Healthy Start
- L.A. Music Center
- Altadena Rotary
- Safe School Ambassadors

Sierra Madre Middle School

sierramadre.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 6 – 8
School Hours: 7:40 – 2:30 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:50 p.m.

160 N. Cañon Ave
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Phone: 626.396.5910

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Soccer, Flag Football and Basketball Teams
- Cheer Team
- After School Tutoring
- Visual Arts
- Themed School Spirit Days
- Student Council
- Service Club
- Drama, Instrumental Music and Glee Club Activities
- Robotics

Parent and Community Involvement

- Middle School Advocates
- Jamison Foundation
- Kiwanis Club
- Sierra Madre Rotary, and the Interact Club (Junior Rotarians)
- Sierra Madre Police and Fire Departments
- Community Arts Group Annual Fund

Washington Middle School

washingtonms.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 6 – 8
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 12:45 p.m.

1505 N. Marengo Ave
Pasadena, CA, 91103
Phone: 626-396-5830

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- STEAM Magnet School Starting in August 2013
- Basketball and Flag Football Teams
- Cheerleading
- Glee Club
- Instrumental Music
- Science Olympiads
- Robotics
- Yearbook
- Project Give
- Sixth Grade Science Club
- Accelerated Reader
- AVID
- Associated Student Body
- Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Available

Parent and Community Involvement

- Armory Center for the Arts
- STEAM Community Alliance
- Art Center College of Design
- Caltech
- Kiwanis
- Rotary Club
- Parsons
- YWCA
- Flintridge Foundation
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Western Justice Center
- LA Conservation Corps
- Music Center
- Parent/School Compact for STEAM Magnet

Woodrow Wilson Middle School

wilson.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 6 – 8
School Hours: 8:35 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.,
Monday Early Dismissal 1:40 p.m.

300 S. Madre Street
Pasadena CA 91107
Phone: 626.396.5800

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Programs

- Marching Band, Choir and Theater Programs, Drum Corp, Lion's Head Jazz Band, Stage Crew
- Spanish
- Technology Focus
- Associated Student Body
- Yearbook
- Computer Graphics/Design
- My Access Technology-based Writing Program
- Robotics
- African-American History Club
- Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Available
- Tennis Team, Football, Basketball, Soccer Intramural Sports
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Music Center Artist in Residence Program
- Academic Scholars Program

Parent and Community Involvement

- Parent Center on Campus
- YES Sports
- Chapman Woods Homeowners Association
- Whole Foods Market

Secondary Schools

Blair School

blair.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 6 – 12
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.,
Monday Late Start: 9:35 a.m.

1201 S. Marengo Ave
Pasadena, CA 91106
Phone: 626-396-5820

Academic Programs

- International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (Grades 6 – 10)
- IB Diploma Programme (Grades 11-12)
- Health Careers Academy (Grades 9-12)
- Culinary and Hospitality Academy (Grades 9 – 12)
- Puente Program (Grades 9-12)
- AP Courses: Government, Calculus AB, Spanish, US History, World History,
- Physics, English Language, English Literature
- 2011 California Distinguished School

Athletic Programs

- Boys Football
- Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Track
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball
- Tennis
- Swim

Extracurricular Activities/Clubs

- Associated Student Body
- Art
- Black Student Union
- B.O.S.S.
- Creative Writing Club
- FHA-Hero
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Hip Hop
- HOSA
- Interact
- Latin American Student Association
- Le Club De Cinema
- Leos
- Literature Movement
- Long Boat Cafe
- National Honor Society
- Pacific Asian
- Pep Squad
- Performing Arts
- Photo/Video Club
- Puente Club
- SAGA Yearbook
- Talent Fest
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Ovations
- Regional Occupational Program
- Upward Bound
- Talent Search
- Benchmark Café
- JROTC (Army)
- Cheerleading

Parent and Community Involvement

- Family Resource Center
- Kaiser Permanente
- Huntington Memorial Hospital
- Planned Parenthood
- City of Pasadena Health Department
- Sierra Madre Fire Department
- Roy's Restaurant
- College Access Plan (CAP)
- Pasadena City College Culinary Program
- Westin Hotel
- CA Restaurant Association
- CA Culinary Arts Program (CCAP)
- California Health Occupations Student Association
- City of Hope
- Green Street Dental
- Pasadena After Hours Rotary
- Madison Heights Neighborhood Association
- Young and Healthy
- Foothill Unity
- CSULA
- UCLA EOP
- Raymond Veterinary Hospital
- Lake Avenue Congregational Church
- Talent Search
- Middle School Advisory
- Blair Design Team
- BPAC Boosters
- Athletic Boosters
- Band Boosters

John Marshall Fundamental School

marshall.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 6 – 12
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.
Monday Late Start 9:40 a.m.

990 N. Allen Ave
Pasadena, CA 91104
Phone: 626-396-5810

Academic Programs

- Choice School: Admission Via Open Enrollment Only
- U.S. News & World Report Silver Medalist
- Newsweek Best High Schools
- Recognized by The Washington Post High School Challenge Index
- Puente
- Architecture, Construction and Engineering Program (ACE)
- Art
- Chorus
- Drama
- Technology
- Robotics
- Spanish
- Orchestra
- Marching Band
- Symphonic Band
- Jazz Band
- Drumline
- Color Guard
- AP Language
- AP Literature
- AP Music
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP Studio Art
- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP Government
- AP Economics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics
- AP Computer Science

Extracurricular Activities/Clubs

- AP Support Club
- Art Club
- Armenian Club
- Asian Club
- Cheer Club
- Choir Club
- Christian Club
- Color Guard
- Dance Team Club
- Drama Club
- Fashion Club
- Journalism/Newspaper Club
- Key Club
- Pacific American Volunteer Association
- Middle Eastern Club
- Middle School Art Club
- Middle School Eagles
- Music Club
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Puente
- California Scholarship Federation
- Unidos
- Yearbook
- Young Educated Black Scholars (YEBO/BSU)
- Web Crew
- Urban Dance Club
- Dr. Who Club
- Poetry Out Loud
- Chess Club

Athletic Programs

- Boys Football
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Track
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball
- Boys and Girls Tennis
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Swimming
- Cheerleading

Parent and Community Involvement

- Marshall Athletic Boosters
- Marshall Music Boosters
- Tournament of Roses
- Rotary Club
- Kiwanis Club
- Elks Club
- Posse Foundation
- Gates Millennium Foundation
- Assistance League of Pasadena
- Two Parent Volunteer Coordinators

High Schools

John Muir High School

muir.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 9 – 12
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Late Start 9:40 a.m.

1905 Lincoln Ave
Pasadena, CA 91103
Phone: 626-396-5600

Academic Programs

- Advanced Placement
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - US History
 - European History
 - Biology
 - Art History
 - Studio Art
 - Calculus AB
 - Spanish
 - AVID
 - Puente
- Engineering and Environmental Science (EES) Academy**
- Aerospace Engineering
 - Digital Electronics
 - Civil Engineering & Architecture
 - Robotics Engineering
 - Engineering and Design
 - Principles of Engineering
- Arts, Entertainment and Media (AEM) Pathway**
- Animation
 - Film and Video Production
 - Graphic Design
- Business and Entrepreneurship (BE) Pathway**
- Business Management & Entrepreneurship
 - Marketing
 - Business Ethics
 - Office Occupations
 - Principles of Finance
- Fine Arts**
- Ceramics
 - Chorus
 - Jazz Ensemble
 - Journalism
 - Marching Band
 - Orchestra
 - Studio Art
 - Yearbook

Extracurricular Activities/Clubs

- Associated Student Body
- Blazer (Newspaper)
- Black Student Union
- California Scholarship Federation
- Dance Team
- Drum Section
- Drama Club
- GSA
- Interact Club (Rotary)
- JROTC
- Link Crew
- MESA
- Muir Ranch
- Muir TV
- Mustangs on the Move
- Pep Squad
- PLUS Peer Leadership Team
- Puente Club
- Robotics Club
- Room 13
- Solar Boat Club
- Stage Tech
- Yearbook
- "Z" Club

Athletic Programs

- Football
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Track & Field
- Swimming

Parent and Community Involvement

- College Access Plan
- Mentoring and Partnership for Youth Development
- Upward Bound (CSULA & PCC)
- Educational Talent Search
- Outward Bound Adventures
- A Step Ahead Mentoring Program
- John Muir Alumni Association
- Mustangs on the Move
- NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Caltech
- CSULA
- Pasadena Playhouse
- Neighbors Empowering Youth
- Pasadena Department of Water and Power
- Young and Healthy
- Teen Futures

Pasadena High School

phs.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 9 – 12
School Hours: 7:50 a.m. – 3:04 p.m.,
Monday Late Start 9:40 a.m.

2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Phone: 626-396-5880

Academic Programs

- Creative Arts, Media and Design Pathway
- Law and Public Service Pathway
- App Academy: Mobile, Web and Game Development Pathway
- Recognized by The Washington Post High School Challenge Index
- AP Courses: English Language and English Literature,
- European and US History, US Government & Politics,
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics B, Calculus AB, Calculus BC,
- Spanish Language, French Language, Studio Art
- Marching Band
- Orchestra
- Jazz Ensemble
- Drum Line
- Choir
- Stage Production
- Dance
- Production
- Computer Applications
- PUENTE
- LEARNs
- Upward Bound
- Naval Science Cadet Program

Parent and Community Involvement

- Art Center College of Design
- Pasadena City College
- CSULA
- Green Street Press
- Armory Center for the Arts
- UCLA EAOP
- IMC (Instrumental Music Booster Club)
- Pasadena High Sports (Athletic Boosters)
- City of Pasadena, Office of Cultural Affairs
- Latino Heritage Association
- Mid-Valley Arts League
- Rowe and Gayle Giesen Trust
- Side Street Projects
- Swain's Art Supplies

Extracurricular Activities/Clubs

- Academic Decathlon Team
- Animal Rights Club
- Armenian Club
- Art Club
- Asian Pacific Islander
- Associated Student Body (ASB)
- Black Student Union
- California Scholastic Federation (CSF)
- Cancer Awareness Club
- Cheer Squad
- Chess Club
- Christian Club
- Chronicle (Newspaper)
- Culinary Club
- Cycling Club
- Dance Club
- Drama Club - Act Up!
- European Club
- Fashion Club
- Fishing Club
- Green Club
- GSA (Gay Student Alliance)
- Impact
- Instrumental Music
- Interact
- JEWunited Club
- LASA/MECHA
- LEGO Club
- Leo Club
- Math Club
- Model Building Club
- Moving Forward Club
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- SA (Student Achievement)
- SAMS (Safe School Ambassadors)
- Science Club
- Upward Bound
- Workability
- Yearbook
- Young Life

Athletic Programs

- Football
- Boys and Girls Water Polo
- Boys and Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Track and Field
- Badminton
- Swimming
- Golf

Alternative High School Programs

Rose City High School

rosecity.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 6 – 12
School Hours: 7:55 a.m. – 3:08 p.m.,
Monday Late Start 9:30 a.m.

351 S. Hudson Ave
Pasadena, CA 91101
Phone: 626-396-5620

Alternative Schools - Accountability Model

Rose City High School strives for academic, social/emotional, and co-curricular excellence in an academic program accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Extracurricular Activities/Clubs

- Art Fair
- Ballroom Dancing
- Black Heritage Recognition Assembly
- Career & Health Fair Days
- First Tee Golf
- Hispanic Heritage Recognition Assembly
- Healthy Start Clinic on Site

Parent and Community Involvement

- Parenting Classes
- Volunteers for the Healthy Start and Substance Abuse Programs
- Parent Advocates

CIS Academy

cis.pasadenausd.org



Grades: 6 – 12
School Hours: 7:55 a.m. – 3:08 p.m.,
Monday Late Start 9:30 a.m.

2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
Phone: 626-396-5880

An Independent Study High School that provides a strong academic foundation with multiple pathways to graduation, develops life-long learners, and helps students become responsible participants in a culturally diverse democratic society.

- A voluntary alternative education school for students who would benefit from a non-traditional mainstream school.
- Primary goal is for all students to complete their secondary education and earn a high school diploma
- Independent study program for those students (for varying reasons—work, medical, family) who are unable to attend a mainstream high school
- Dropout Recovery Program
- Teen Parent Program
- Individualized Learning Plans