Kindergarten Information Night

Monday, January 22, 2024
7:00-8:00 pm
Welcome to PAUSD!

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   Jeff Downing, Addison
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Expected Outcomes

• Overview of PAUSD
• Overview of PAUSD schools and Choice Programs
• How to prepare for kindergarten
• How to register your child for kindergarten
• Time for questions
Welcome to PAUSD!

Our Schools:

Twelve Elementary Schools (TK – 5th)
One Pre-K School

Three Middle Schools (6th – 8th)
One Adult School program

Two High Schools (9th – 12th)
Children’s Hospital School
Elementary Schools  (all with kindergarten classes)

**North cluster:**
Addison, Duveneck (+TK), Walter Hays (+TK)

**West cluster:**
Barron Park (+TK), Escondido, Juana Briones, Nixon

**South cluster:**
El Carmelo, Fairmeadow (+TK), Palo Verde

**Greendell:**
Special Education Preschool, Young Fives

**Choice Programs:**
Hoover, Ohlone (Mandarin Immersion), Escondido (Spanish Immersion)
Academic Excellence For All

The PAUSD Promise

• Serve and Celebrate Others
• Mental Health and Wellness
• Early Literacy
• Equity and Excellence
• Innovation

• “All students shall experience an environment characterized by high expectations, acceptance, respect, and support to become invested in the pursuit of learning and excellence…”

• Over 95% of PAUSD graduates attend college
• Teachers are among the most well prepared in the state and nation
Unique Opportunities at PAUSD

- TK-5 elementary schools with one of the smallest class sizes in the state
- Music, PE, Library, and Arts
- Reading Specialist
- Behavior Intervention Coach
- English Language Specialist
- Libraries with credentialed librarians
Families living 1-2 miles from campus, please consider the benefits of walking and biking to school.

- Meaningful learning & socialization opportunities between home and school.
- Greater independence and self-confidence.
- The physical activity that supports academic success and long-term healthy habits.
- Improved safety, air quality and campus access.

Bussing and carpooling are great walk/bike alternatives, especially on rainy days.

PAUSD school route safety resources

- In-class K-5th grade road safety education.
- Walk/bike school route maps.
- Free bike repair and yearly encouragement events.
- Accessible, on-campus bike parking.
- Transportation information on school websites.
- Click on the QR code for more information.

40% of PAUSD students walk and bike to school. If you drive, thank you for sharing the road mindfully and safely.
Introduction to Partners in Education (PiE)
Why is PiE Needed?

Traditional funding sources are not sufficient to provide the enriched education and staff that PAUSD parents' desire.
What Does PiE Provide?

PiE is the sole nonprofit that raises money for additional staff at all Palo Alto schools. Donations to PiE benefit every student.

- Classroom and Instructional Aides
- Hands-On Science Programs
- Spectra Art
- Music Programs
- Social-Emotional Health Programs
Kindergarten Information Night
What Will My Child Learn in Kindergarten?

• Social-emotional development
• Standards-based curriculum
• Academic areas of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies
• Physical education, music, and art
Expectations for Learning

• Work Together
• Follow Directions
• Develop Independence and Student Voice
“I’m Ready For Kindergarten”

But not all ACTIONS are okay
Who is eligible for TK?

Your child can start Transitional Kindergarten (TK) at the beginning of the school year with the following birth dates.

Students born between Sep 2, 2019 and June 5, 2020
Can start TK in school year 2024-2025

Students born between Sep 2, 2020 and Sep 2, 2021
Can start TK in school year 2025-2026
2-Year Kindergarten Programs for Year 2024-2025

• Transitional Kindergarten (TK): Birthdates between September 2, 2019 through June 2, 2020
  • TK uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate

• Young Fives: Same birthdate requirements as Kindergarten (born on or before September 1, 2019)
  • Curriculum designed to prepare young children for kindergarten in all areas of development, with a focus on social emotional growth
  • By application and child observation

• For Additional Information on PreK Programs: https://greendell.pausd.org/
Registration Overview

• All students receiving PAUSD educational services MUST be registered
• All info is on PAUSD web site: http://www.pausd.org/Enrollment
• Current residents only; future residents register 2 weeks prior to move-in date
• Online registrations must be completed first
  • Priority Registration: complete by 4:00 p.m. on February 23
  • After Feb 23: priority set by the completion date or residency date
• Documents required at the in-person appointment:
  • Student ID (birth certificate, passport) and parent ID
  • Three residency documents
  • Official immunization record
  • And more!
The Importance of Residency (California Law)

Primary Residence must be within PAUSD boundaries, or Ravenswood City School District boundaries for Tinsley/VTP students

• There can only be one residence for a parent
• Student must live continuously within these boundaries to remain enrolled in a PAUSD school
• Property ownership does not qualify as residency (unless student lives/sleeps there)
• Temporary housing must be within these boundaries (renovations)
• Notify Registration Services of all changes of address
• Verify residency every year - Parent must do this via the Annual Data Update

PAUSD makes every effort to verify that a student is a current resident during, and after, registration. This includes investigations, conducted by the PAUSD Residency Officer, to determine authenticity of the home address
The Importance of Attendance: Promotes Learning, Health, and Connection

● What does California Law say?
  ○ Every child ages 6 - 18 must attend school every day and on time, and defines excused absences; if it is not on the list, it is unexcused
  ○ Defines “Truant”: any combination of 3 unexcused absence categories: full-day absence, 30 minutes or more absence, tardies
  ○ Defines “Chronic Absentee”: student is absent 10% or more days of the year
  ○ Requires schools to notify parents, and partner with parents to address any issues with the goal of returning the child to the classroom

● For more information: Visit our Healthy Attendance page at www.pausd.org
What is Your Neighborhood School?

- [www.pausd.org/schools](http://www.pausd.org/schools): “School Finder”
- PAUSD policy: students attend their neighborhood school
- Placement priority is by Registration *completion* date, or date of residency, whichever is later
- Some students may be overflowed to a school with space and waitlisted for a space at neighborhood school (get on the daycare waitlist!)
- Approvals for transfers are only made in special circumstances
Choice Programs

- **Ohlone**, Developmental approach to teaching the whole child with integrated academic, physical, and social-emotional learning

- **Mandarin Immersion at Ohlone**, Ohlone’s approach to teaching with a goal of bilingualism & biliteracy in English and Mandarin Chinese.

- **Hoover**, Social, emotional, and intellectual growth in a cohesive, structured learning community

- **Escondido, *Spanish Immersion***, bilingualism & biliteracy in both English and Spanish
Choice Program Lottery Dates

• Submit application to ONE Choice Program by **4:00 PM on February 23, 2024**
• Must complete Registration prior to application deadline
• Attend a Parent Information Night (*strongly* encouraged)
• Lottery for all Choice Programs: **March 1, 2024**
  • Waitlists generated and tracked through 5th grade
• Deadline for parent decision: **March 6, 2024, 4:00 p.m.** Applicants who miss the deadline are placed at the bottom of the waitlist
How Can I Learn More?

Kindergarten Visitation Day for Parents

**Friday, February 23, 2024**

Neighborhood Schools Only (not Ohlone or Hoover) **9-10**

Special Education Extensive Needs Sites **10:30-11:30**

(Barron Park, El Carmelo, Fairmeadow, Nixon, Walter Hays)

TK Visitation Day for Parent

**TBD in May**

Check each school’s website for details

[www.pausd.org](http://www.pausd.org)

Submit a question via **Let’s Talk!**
Thank you!