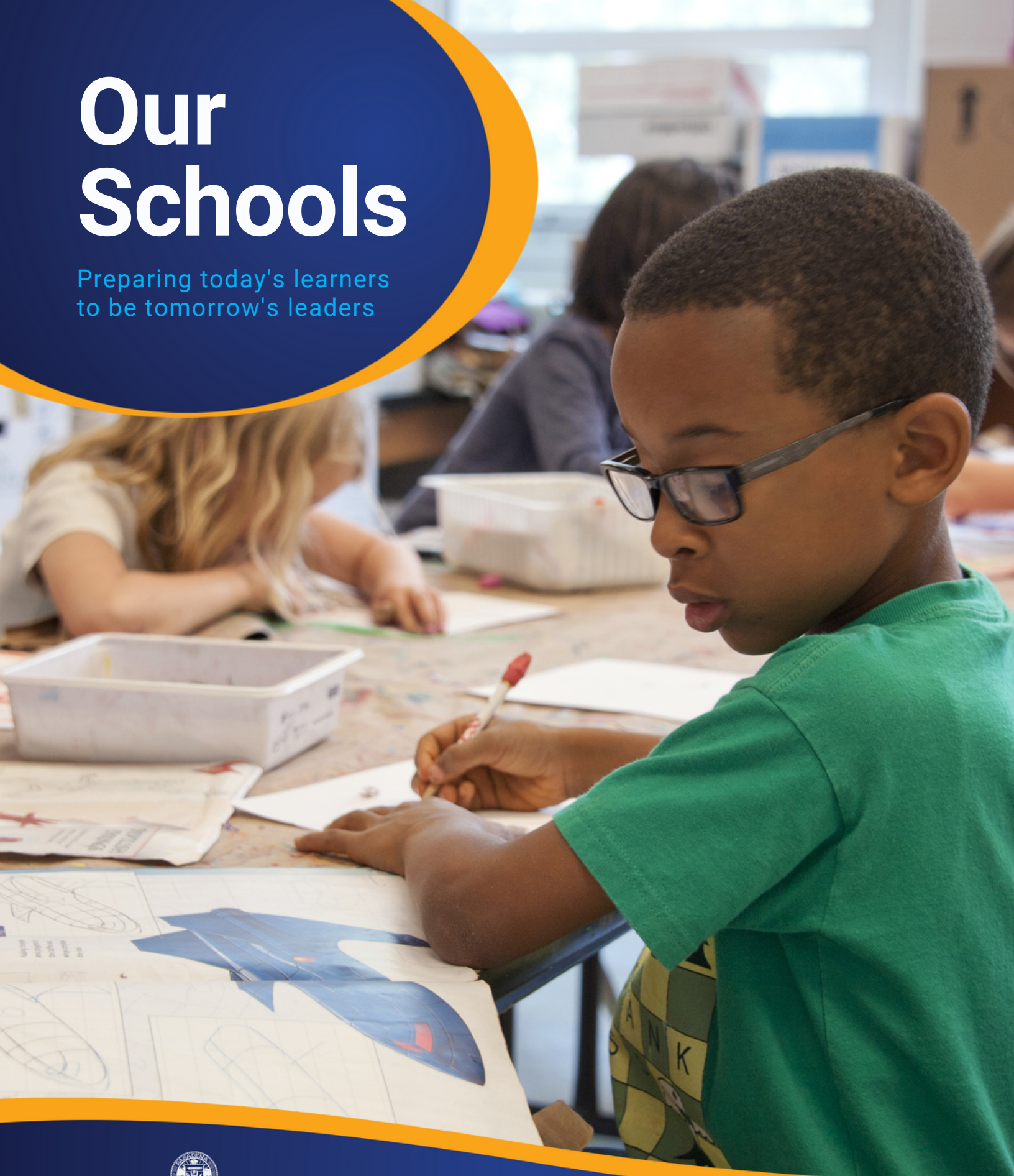


# Our Schools

Preparing today's learners to be tomorrow's leaders



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# WELCOME TO PUSD

Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) is home to students in preschool through 12th grade who live in the communities of Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre.

PUSD offers high-quality educational choices for all students. We encourage you to visit your neighborhood school and discover the possibilities available close to home. We are also an Open Enrollment district, so families have the option to submit an application to attend other PUSD schools.

We invite you to visit any PUSD campus to see our vibrant academics, exceptional teachers, and supportive school communities that nurture the whole child.



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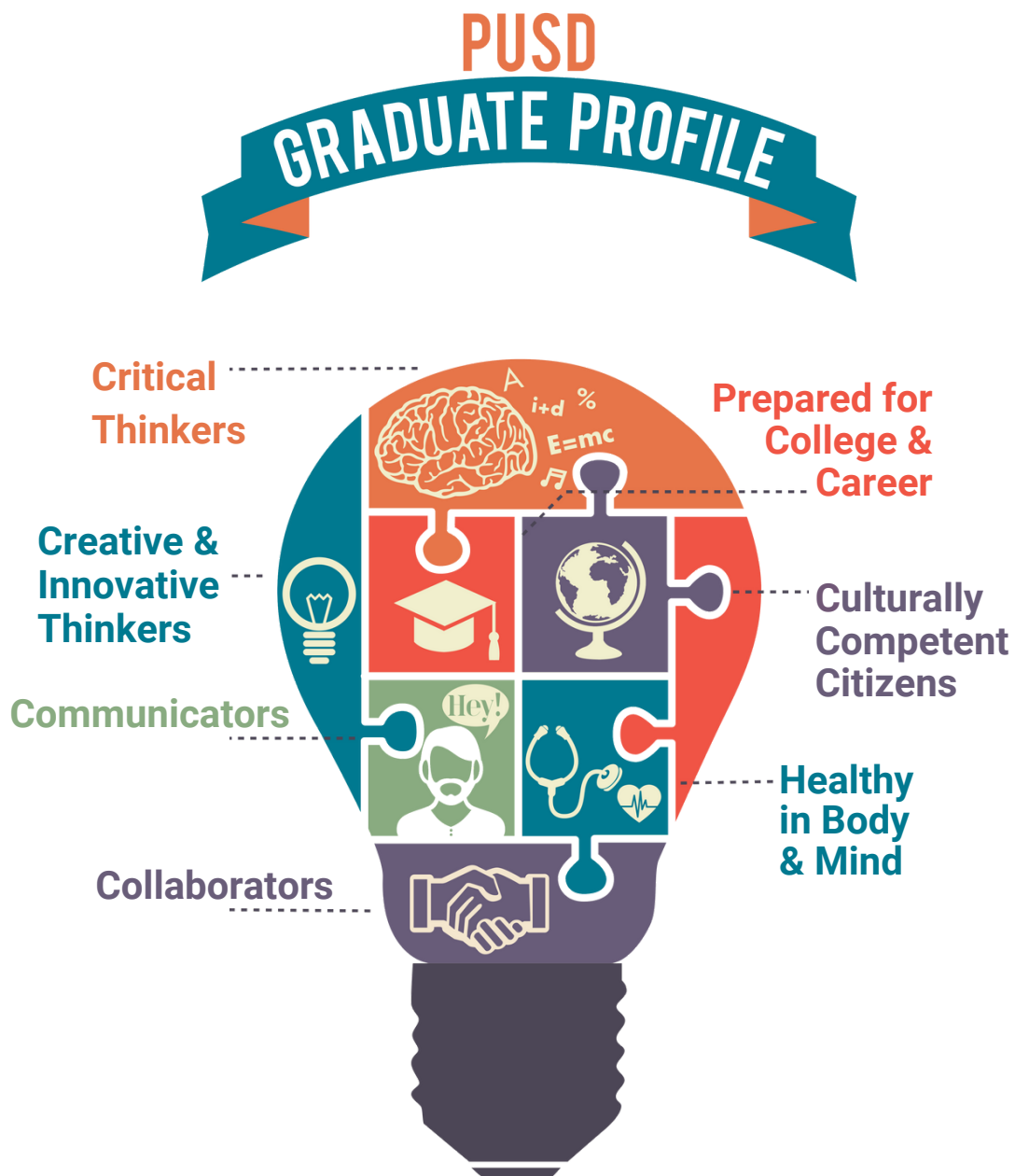


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# PUSD TODAY

PUSD prepares today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. Every PUSD school uses curriculum aligned to California's *Common Core State Standards*. PUSD graduates earn admission to competitive colleges across the country.



# ACADEMICS

What opportunities does PUSD offer at all schools?

## RIGOR

Challenging curricula including advanced or accelerated learning opportunities and enrichment classes

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## SUPPORT

Project-based learning and small-group instruction that supports each child's unique development

## TECHNOLOGY

Tools to create and collaborate including Chromebooks, 3D printers, and robotics

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## ARTS FOR ALL

Instrumental music, visual & performing arts, and visits to world-class theaters and museums

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## HEALTH

Sports, gardens, social-emotional learning, flexible seating, and a "growth mindset" approach to learning

## AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Programs that offer homework help, arts, enrichment, and fun



# SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

What special programs does PUSD offer to develop students' unique interests and talents?

## ARTS MAGNETS

GRADES PRE-K-8

Create and learn through all five art forms: music, dance, visual arts, theater, and media arts.

- Altadena Arts Magnet (TK-5)
- Eliot Arts Magnet (6-8)

**NEW!**

## FINE ARTS CONSERVATORY

GRADES 6-8

- Eliot Arts Magnet

## ARTS ACADEMIES

GRADES 9-12

Academy of Creative Industries

- Marshall Fundamental Academy of Creative Industries
- John Muir Early College Magnet Arts, Entertainment, & Media
- Pasadena High School Creative Arts, Media, & Design



Express yourself.

## STEM/STEAM

GRADES PRE-K-8

Design solutions to tomorrow's problems using integrated science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

- Jackson STEAM Multilingual Magnet (TK-5)
- Octavia E. Butler Magnet (6-8)

**NEW!**

## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

- Washington Elementary STEM Magnet (TK-5)

## MATH ACADEMY

GRADES 6-12

Take radically accelerated math courses including AP Calculus in 8th grade and college-level mathematics in high school.

- Octavia E. Butler Magnet(6-8)
- Sierra Madre Middle (6-8)
- Pasadena High (9-12)

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

GRADES TK-5

Master computer programming languages through games design and robotics.

- Norma Coombs

## STEM ACADEMIES

GRADES 9-12

### App Academy

- Pasadena High

### Engineering & Environmental Science

- John Muir Early College Magnet

### Health Careers

- Blair High

Design your future.



## DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION GRADES PRE-K-K-12

Become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural.

### French

- Altadena Arts Magnet (K-5)
- Eliot Arts Magnet (6-8)

### Mandarin

- Field Elementary (PK-5)
- Sierra Madre Middle (6-8)
- Pasadena High (9-12)

### Spanish

- Longfellow Magnet (TK-5)
- Jackson STEAM Multilingual Magnet (PK-5)
- San Rafael Elementary (PK-5)
- Blair High (6-12)
- Octavia E. Butler Magnet (6-8)

## NEW!

### CROSS-CULTURAL AWARENESS

- Longfellow Magnet (TK-5)

## WORLD LANGUAGE

### GRADES TK-12

Explore language and culture through daily or weekly enrichment classes.

### Armenian

- Webster Elementary (TK-5)
- Blair High (6-12)

### Spanish

- Longfellow Magnet (TK-5)
- Washington Elementary STEM Magnet (TK-5)
- Willard Elementary (TK-5)

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

### GRADES TK-12

Create a more peaceful world through a school-wide focus on intercultural understanding and strong personal values.

- Willard Elementary (TK-5)
- Blair High (6-12)

Think globally.





## **AVID COLLEGE READINESS**

**GRADES TK-8**

Prepare for college by learning success skills, touring college campuses, and learning alongside college tutors.

- *Madison Elementary (TK-5)*
- *Octavia E. Butler Magnet (6-8)*

## **SUMMIT LEARNING**

**GRADES 6-8**

Set the pace through engaging classroom instruction complemented by online personalized learning.

- *McKinley*

## **CAREER ACADEMIES**

**GRADES 9-12**

**Business & Entrepreneurship**

- *John Muir Early College Magnet*

**Law & Public Service**

- *Pasadena High*

## **EARLY COLLEGE**

**GRADES 9-12**

Earn up to two years of college credits for free during high school through Pasadena City College.

- *John Muir Early College Magnet*



**Follow your dreams.**



# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Your child's educational journey begins here.**

PUSD offers preschool to children ages three to five years old.

Options include:

- Half-day programs
- Full-day programs
- Mandarin Immersion
- Spanish Immersion
- STEAM Curriculum
- Free or reduced monthly rates for eligible families
- Full-day transitional kindergarten at select sites for students who will turn five between September 2 and June 2 (2024-25 school year) or between September 2 and September 2 (2025-2026 school year and beyond)

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# CIS ACADEMY: INDEPENDENT STUDY

## TK-5 ONLINE INDEPENDENT STUDY

Learn online in a flexible and personalized environment. Engage in live, daily lessons and weekly one-on-one teacher meetings for high-quality education, wherever you are!

- Enjoy access to a variety of digital libraries, grade-level resources, and rigorous curricula.
- Participate in optional, daily synchronous lessons, small-group instruction, and weekly one-on-one student-teacher conferences for a personalized and collaborative learning environment.\*
- Experience flexibility that supports each family's individualized access to educational opportunities.

## 6-12 INDEPENDENT STUDY

Learn online or in-person through daily lessons and weekly one-on-one teacher meetings.

- Gain a standards-based education on a flexible schedule.
- Enroll anytime throughout the year.\*

\*Pending available space. Students with IEPs must first have an amendment conference stipulating that Independent Study is an appropriate learning strategy.

### Contact:

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300 S. Madre St., Pasadena

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# ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

## ALTADENA ARTS MAGNET, GRADES PRE-K-5

743 E. CALAVERAS ST., ALTADENA • 626-396-5650

- Altadena Arts Magnet students are taught how to think, not what to think, through a rich, arts-integrated conservatory model. Students receive weekly instruction in all five art disciplines: Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual, and Media Arts.
- Professional Teaching Artists and a full-time Art Teacher work within the school day.
- A thriving French Dual Language Immersion option promotes bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural skills.

## DON BENITO FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL, GRADES TK-5

3700 DENAIR ST., PASADENA • 626-396-5870

- We offer a diverse, forward-thinking curriculum that is focused on leadership development, character building, and academic excellence across all platforms.
- Enrichment opportunities are integrated at every grade level, including weekly choral music; Art and Science Docents for each class which utilize the Art Studio and Science Lab; and school-wide Education Immersive Programs to expand engagement.
- Our librarian, hands-on STEAM explorations, Lego/Robotics Club, Chess Club, and after school expansion offerings in sports and the performing arts contribute to developing the whole child.

## FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PRE-K-5

3600 E. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., PASADENA • 626-396-5860

- Our school-wide Mandarin Immersion program develops students' proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Mandarin and Simplified Chinese.
- The 12,000 square-foot vegetable garden and large fruit orchard enable our Farm to School program, which connects fresh foods with classroom instruction.
- Our learning environment includes technology integration, library services, student leadership activities, and more.



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## **HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PRE-K-5**

2089 ROSE VILLA ST., PASADENA • 626-396-5730

- As a Leader in Me school, we nurture, inspire, and challenge our students to be confident, creative, and successful leaders. We focus on building leadership skills through Stephen Covey's The 7 Habits of Happy Kids.
- Students in 4th and 5th grades participate in electives including yoga, dance, photography, basketball, robotics, and art.
- Our technology teacher provides instruction in computer literacy skills, and our librarian inspires a love of rich literature and expository text.

## **LONGFELLOW MAGNET, GRADES PRE-K-5**

1065 E. WASHINGTON BLVD., PASADENA • 626-396-5720

- Students in our Spanish Dual Language Immersion and Spanish World Language Programs become bilingual, biliterate, culturally sensitive learners.
- Our students engage as citizens and informed decision-makers to complete community-based projects and design learning exhibitions in a student-run museum.
- All students learn how to play violin, viola, cello, and bass in sectionals and orchestra, and our music and visual arts offerings are representative of our diverse cultures.

## **MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PRE-K-5**

515 ASHTABULA ST., PASADENA • 626-396-5780

- We offer AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a college readiness system that exposes students to college-going culture and age-appropriate success skills beginning in kindergarten.
- Our students' educational experience is enriched by our City/School Collaboration Initiative which brings real-world experience into the classroom through our community garden, JPL, LA Astronomers Club, Caltech, and other partners.
- All students are involved in STEAM projects and hands-on labs.

## **MARY W. JACKSON STEAM MULTILINGUAL MAGNET, GRADES PRE-K-5**

593 W. WOODBURY RD., ALTADENA • 626-396-5700

- All students benefit from our STEAM curriculum, our full-time science teacher who runs our hands-on science laboratory, and a full-time music teacher who provides vocal and instrumental classes.
- Our Spanish Dual Language Immersion option promotes biliteracy in a nurturing, diverse school environment.
- Our partnership with the Garden School Foundation provides a trained instructor to implement garden-based life sciences and healthy cooking classes using fresh produce from our garden.

## **MCKINLEY SCHOOL, GRADES TK-8**

325 S. OAK KNOLL AVE., PASADENA • 626-396-5630

- Our unique TK-8th grade structure allows students, families, and school personnel to establish deep relationships as a school community and affords families continuity of service for 10 years.
- We provide an arts-focused community with three annual theatrical performances and a full-time music teacher.
- Our middle school offers Summit Learning, a computer platform-based instructional system that allows students to learn at their own pace. Math Academy is also available for mathematically gifted middle school students.

## **NORMA COOMBS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES TK-5**

2600 PALOMA ST., PASADENA • 626-396-5660

- We are forward-thinking, innovative educators. Our staff pioneered the successful Readers' and Writers' Workshop model.
- As a *Leader in Me* school, we cultivate student leaders by integrating *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids*.
- We offer coding classes through our school-wide computer science program, a renowned ceramics program for all grades, and weekly science lab instruction.

## **SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PRE-K-5**

1090 NITHSDALE RD., PASADENA • 626-396-5790

- Our school-wide Spanish immersion program ensures that all students become biliterate in English and Spanish and develop an appreciation of Hispanic and Latino cultures.
- Our arts focus includes a full-time visual art teacher, music instruction for all students, and a spring musical production.
- A full-time PE teacher provides healthy recreation for students and enables collaborative planning time for teachers.

## **SIERRA MADRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PRE-K-5**

141 W. HIGHLAND AVE., SIERRA MADRE • 626-396-5890

- All students participate in our celebrated visual and performing arts programs.
- Enrichment opportunities include Spanish, Peaceful Playgrounds, Lego Creativity Workshop, STEAM Bungalow, and more.
- Our campus environment includes a Japanese Zen garden and koi pond as well as the largest public native garden in California, offset by sycamore trees and a view of Mount Wilson.

## WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY STEM MAGNET, GRADES PRE-K-5

1520 N. RAYMOND AVE., PASADENA • 626-396-5840

- Our students grow and develop as stewards of the Earth who understand how global communities are connected through our dependence on and responsibilities to the natural environment. All students participate in hands-on environmental studies lessons within their classrooms and in each of our specialized spaces, including the STEM lab, technology innovation lab, imagination workshop, and outdoor garden classrooms.
- We offer Spanish language instruction through dance, theatre, and cuisine as students explore more than 20 Spanish-speaking countries.
- Fieldwork in Los Angeles County's natural areas enables students to solve environmental challenges through creativity and design.

## WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PRE-K-5

2101 E. WASHINGTON BLVD., PASADENA • 626-396-5740

- Art and music are woven into the curriculum. We offer weekly music instruction for all students; The ArtLoft, a space that connects Language Arts and Social Studies to hands-on art projects; and *The Young Americans* workshop, in which our students sing, dance, perform, and find their voices through music.
- We offer Armenian world language courses and are proud to have a diverse student body and staff that promotes cultural awareness. Most of our staff are bilingual, speaking a variety of languages including: Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, and American Sign Language, and Spanish Sign Language.
- Our inclusion program provides opportunities for students with special needs to learn alongside their peers.

## WILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES PRE-K-5

301 S. MADRE ST., PASADENA • 626-396-5690

- The IB Primary Years Programme develops students' academic, social, and emotional well-being with a focus on international-mindedness and strong personal values.
- Our students reflect a variety of cultures, languages, and lifestyles. We embrace the IB values and treat one another with respect, warmth, and a true regard and appreciation for our differences, as well as for all that we share.
- All students take daily Spanish classes and engage in project-based learning.

# SECONDARY SCHOOLS

## BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 6-12

1201 S. MARENGO AVE., PASADENA • 626-396-5820

- We offer the IB Middle Years Programme for all students in grades 6-10 and the academically rigorous IB Diploma Programme for students in grades 11 and 12.
- The Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program, the International Academy for students new to our country, and the new Armenian Immersion Program add to our world view.
- Our Health Careers Academy offers the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme Certificate.

## ELIOT ARTS MAGNET, GRADES 6-8

2184 N. LAKE AVE., ALTADENA • 626-396-5680

- Students select a 3-year visual or performing arts conservatory pathway to develop their talents as they play and analyze music; develop dance techniques and choreography; perform and produce theatrical shows; and present digital and studio art projects.
- Our artists-in-residence collaborate with students and teachers to bring creativity and innovation into all subjects.
- Students create in our dance studio, visual art studios, Mac lab, costume shop, garden, and newly refurbished auditorium.

## JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE MAGNET, GRADES 9-12

1905 LINCOLN AVE., PASADENA • 626-396-5600

- Our Early College partnership with Pasadena City College enables students to earn up to two years of college credits, tuition-free, along with their high school diploma. Courses are offered in an on-campus PCC building during the school day.
- Students also enroll in one of three school-wide College & Career Academies to engage in career exploration and internships with our renowned business partners.
- Our students have an opportunity to explore a wealth of learning options including college courses, AP courses, and electives due to our 8-course/4-period day block schedule.



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## **MARSHALL FUNDAMENTAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, GRADES 6-12**

990 N. ALLEN AVE., PASADENA • 626-396-5810

- Our 6–12th grade model seamlessly bridges students from middle to high school.
- We offer a rich and diverse cultural arts community, which includes the Academy for Creative Industries (ACI). Over 70% of our students are engaged in the arts, including band, orchestra, choir, drama, and visual arts.
- We offer many Advanced Placement courses and collaborate with local partners who support the interests of our students.

## **OCTAVIA E. BUTLER MAGNET, GRADES 6-8**

1505 N. MARENGO AVE., PASADENA • 626-396-5830

- Our campus is home to a Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program, the Math Academy for highly advanced math students, an incomparable musical theatre program, and AVID college readiness electives.
- Hands-on STEAM lessons and project-based learning are integrated into our core classes, and STEAM classes are taught in our Design Lab outfitted with tools, 3D printers, and materials that inspire creativity.
- We are the first school in California to earn the National Certificate for STEM Excellence.

## **PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 9-12**

2925 E. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., PASADENA • 626-396-5880

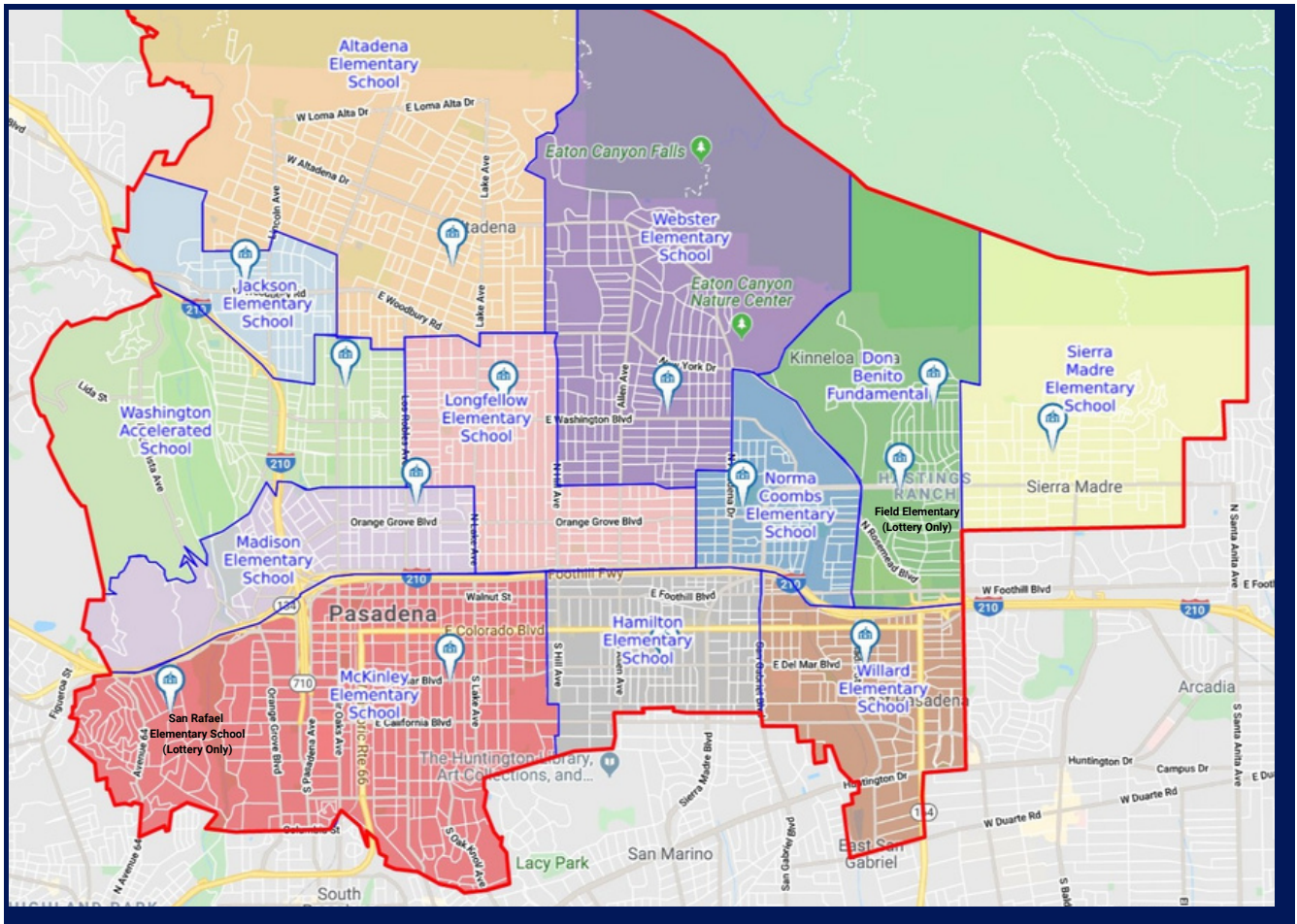
- As PUSD's largest comprehensive high school, we offer a variety of outstanding curricular and extra-curricular programs, Advanced Placement classes, and college-level Math Academy courses.
- Students may opt for one of three College & Career Academies: App; Creative Arts, Media & Design; and Law & Public Service.
- We offer Mandarin, French, and Spanish to students continuing in a dual language program and to students new to world language courses.

## **SIERRA MADRE MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRADES 6-8**

160 N. CAÑON AVE., SIERRA MADRE • 626-396-5910

- We provide a comprehensive educational experience including a robust visual and performing arts program.
- Our unique Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program option gives students an opportunity to further strengthen their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Mandarin and English.
- Our SMMS Service Club is the most popular club on campus, promoting volunteer opportunities in and around our city.

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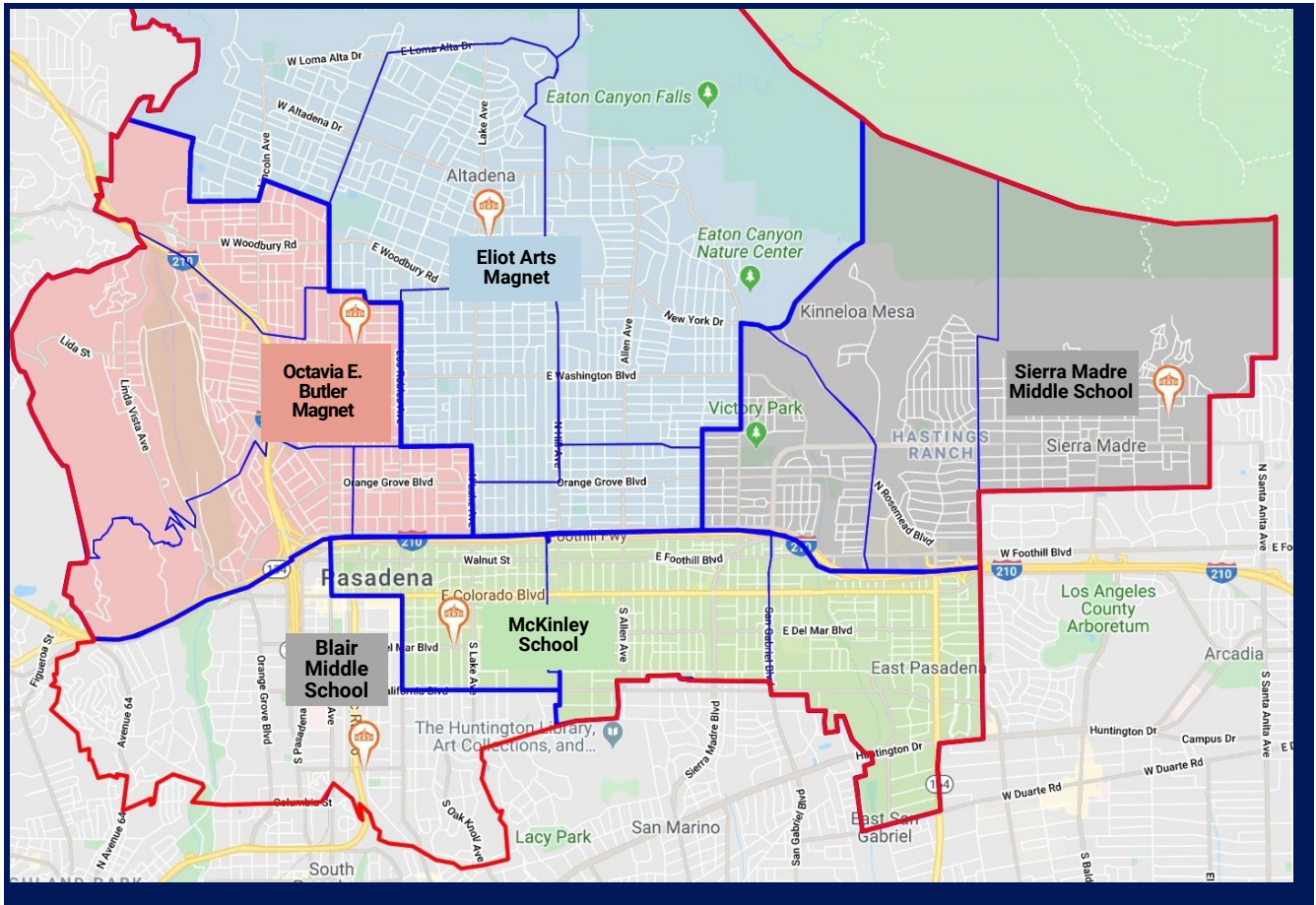


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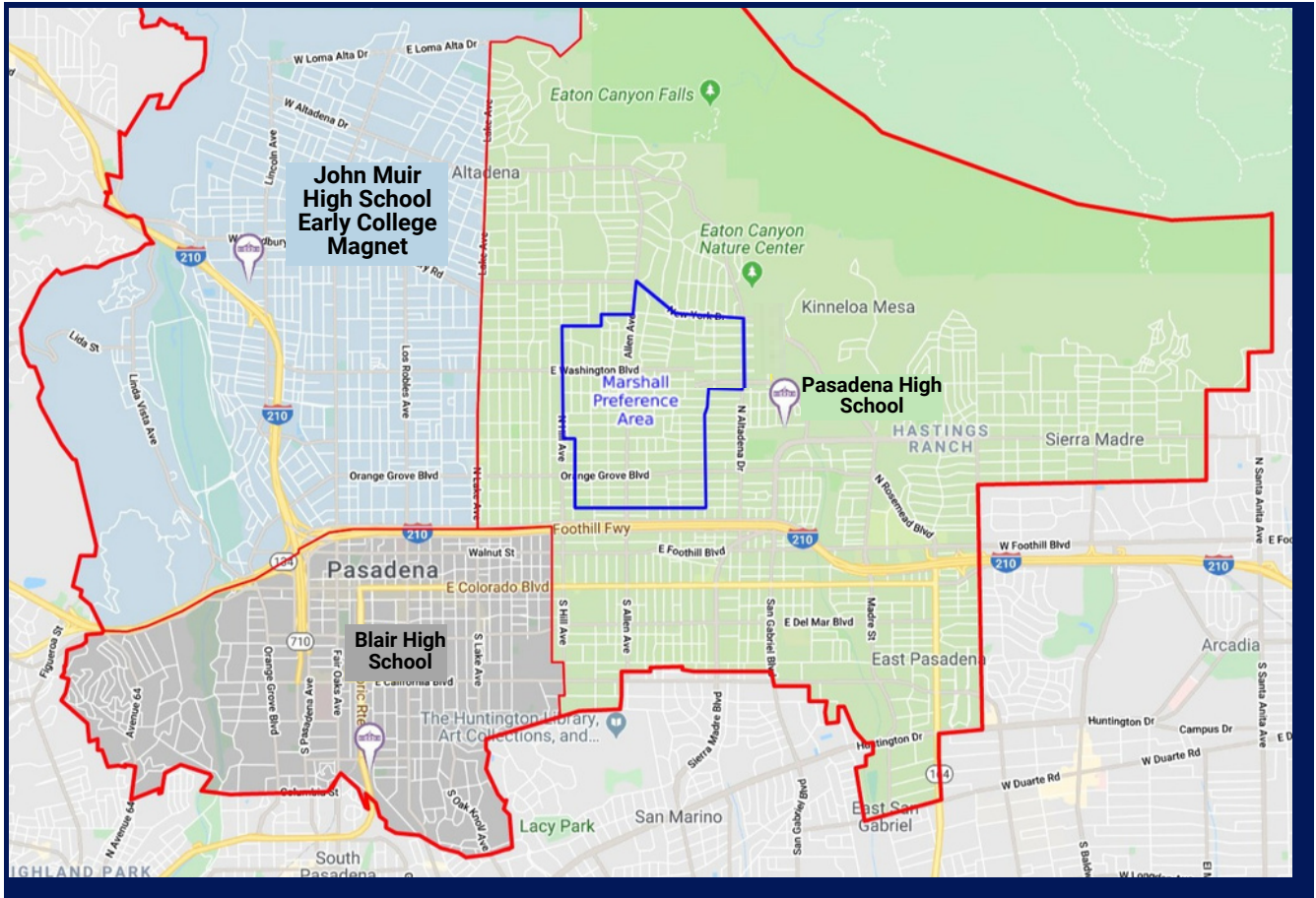


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# ENROLL IN PUSD

**1****STEP 1: SEARCH**

Visit your neighborhood school and other schools that interest your family.

**2****STEP 2: SELECT**

Select your neighborhood school, or complete an online Open Enrollment application to select other schools you prefer. Open Enrollment lottery applications are required to apply for:

- Schools other than your neighborhood school
- Dual Language Immersion Programs

**3****STEP 3: SUBMIT**

Submit registration information for your neighborhood school or your offered lottery school. [pusd.us/register](https://pusd.us/register)

You will need a copy of:

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's most recent immunization record
- Proofs of address
  - Recent gas, water, or electric bill
  - Deed of trust, mortgage receipt, rent receipt with lease agreement, or property tax bill
- Transcripts (middle & high school only)

# COMMON QUESTIONS

## 1. AT WHAT AGE MAY MY CHILD ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN?

Students must be five years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. Transitional kindergarten (TK) is available for students who turn five years old between September 2 and June 2 (2024-25 school year) or September 2 - September 2 (2025-2026 school year).

## 2. WHAT IS A SCHOOL OF RESIDENCE?

All students may enroll at their neighborhood school, an assigned school based on a student's home address. Visit [PUSD.US/FINDMYSCHOOL](https://pusd.us/findmyschool) to determine your child's neighborhood school. To register your child at your neighborhood school, contact the school directly for registration forms. Bring registration forms and the documents listed on p. 20 to the school's office. Online registration is also available at [PUSD.US/REGISTER](https://pusd.us/register).

## 3. DO I NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN ENROLLMENT?

No, Open Enrollment is optional. It is only required for TK-12 students who: a) wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood school, or b) students who wish to enroll in a Dual Language Immersion Program.

## 4. WHAT IF I MISS THE OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES?

You may enter the second lottery if you miss the first lottery. New resident families who miss both rounds of the Open Enrollment lottery may submit late requests, or they may enroll in their neighborhood school.

## 5. IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS?

No, families are responsible for providing transportation (except for certain provisions for students with qualifying special education services).



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## **6. HOW DO I APPLY IF PUSD IS NOT MY DISTRICT?**

Families who do not live in Pasadena, Altadena, or Sierra Madre may submit an interdistrict permit request. Visit [PUSD.US/ENROLL](https://pusd.us/enroll) for dates and forms.

## **7. WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD PREFERENCE?**

A number of seats at lottery-only schools and in dual language programs are reserved for students who live within a designated area around the school. Students who live within this area may be more likely to be accepted, but they are not guaranteed placement in these schools or programs.

## **8. DO PRESCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE PRIORITY TO REMAIN AT THE SCHOOL FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK) OR KINDERGARTEN?**

No, preschool enrollment is not a reason for priority registration. Entering TK or kindergartners may register at their neighborhood school or families may participate in Open Enrollment to opt for other district schools or dual language programs.

## **9. WILL SIBLINGS BE PLACED AT THE SAME SCHOOL?**

Yes. A new student who plans to attend the same school as an older sibling may register during priority registration if the older sibling will remain at the school for the next year. Twins participating in the lottery must put the same choices in the same order on their applications to be assigned to the same school. When one of the twins receives their lottery assignment, both students will receive it. Sibling priority offers are based on grade level and program availability.

## **10. DO FAMILIES NEED TO SUBMIT AN OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION EVERY YEAR?**

No, families who are accepted and enrolled in a school through Open Enrollment may remain at that school without re-applying. Additionally, students in magnet, IB, and dual language programs qualify for priority registration at secondary schools that offer the continuation of the program.



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