

# Pasadena Unified School District

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Students in PUSD have the unique opportunity to become bilingual, bi-literate and bi-cultural in English and either French, Mandarin, or Spanish by participating in one of the Dual Language Immersion Programs. Classrooms have English speakers and native speakers, so students support each other in their development of both languages. The program is based on a 90:10 model so in kindergarten 90% of the instruction is in the target language, and 10% is in English. At each grade level, English instruction is increased so that by 4th grade, 50% of instruction is in each language. In middle school, two courses are taught in the target language. High schools offer one or two advanced courses in the target language.

#### French

##### **Altadena Arts Magnet**

743 E. Calaveras Street Altadena, CA 91001 (PHONE) 626-396-5650

Our mission is to develop caring, responsible citizens who embrace a strong sense of self and community. We believe that visual and performing arts are an integral part of a well-rounded education, boosting engagement and achievement. Students also have the option to participate in our French Dual Language Immersion program.

- Professional teaching artists collaborate with teachers and a full-time, credentialed arts specialist to integrate arts and academics into every classroom, every day.
- All students receive weekly instruction in dance, music, theatre, and/or visual arts.
- French Dual Language Immersion students become bilingual, biliterate, bicognitive, culturally sensitive learners, in addition to participating in the arts.

#### Mandarin

##### **Field Elementary**

3600 E Sierra Madre Blvd Pasadena, CA 91107 (PHONE) 626-396-5860

Our Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program (MDLIP) integrates native Mandarin speakers with non-native Mandarin speakers to promote academic achievement towards bilingualism, bi-literacy, and bi-culturalism for all students.

- Our program strives for academic language proficiency which encompasses listening, speaking, reading, and writing Mandarin and Simplified Chinese. This is enhanced by our relationship with our sister school in Beijing
- A very active parent community that supports classroom instruction, technology integration, library services, student leadership activities, and more.
- The 12,000 square foot vegetable garden and large fruit orchard allow students to have a Farm to School program that connects fresh foods with classroom instruction.

## Spanish

### **Jackson STEM Dual Language Magnet Academy**

593 W Woodbury Rd Altadena, CA 91001 (PHONE) 626-396-5700

We offer an innovative academic program that places a strong emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Through our Dual Language Immersion Program (DLIP) option, students learn to read, write, and speak in English and Spanish within a warm, welcoming, and nurturing school environment.

- All students benefit from our integrated STEM curriculum and hands-on science laboratory staffed by a full-time Science teacher.
- Our partnership with the Garden School Foundation provides a trained instructor to implement garden-based life sciences and healthy cooking classes utilizing fresh produce from our garden.
- We have a comprehensive music program for grades K-5 taught by a fully-credentialed bilingual teacher that focuses on choral music in the early grades and prepares students for instrumental music in grades 3-5.

### **Jefferson Elementary**

1500 E Villa St Pasadena, CA 91106 (PHONE) 626-396-5710

Our neighborhood school is a welcoming, open, culturally inclusive community where students are provided a strong academic foundation so that every student can reach his or her full potential. We seek to develop intellectual curiosity, artistic and language expression, and a love of learning enhanced by a strong collaboration between home and school.

- All students receive regular structured music instruction from the Pasadena Conservatory of Music, with opportunities to learn a variety of instruments.
- All students participate in a 30-minute “designated language development” period, with students working at their own levels.
- Students in the Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program become bilingual, bi-literate, bi-cognitive, culturally sensitive learners.

### **San Rafael Elementary School**

1090 Nithsdale Rd Pasadena, CA 91105 (PHONE) 626-396-5790

We are a Spanish Dual Language Immersion school that develops bi-cognitive students who meet high academic standards and are models for positive cross-cultural attitudes and behavior. Working together with our highly-engaged community of students, staff, and families, we create lifelong learners who possess an expanded worldview and are prepared to be successful in a global society.

- There is a strong focus on ensuring that all students are literate in both English and Spanish, and have an appreciation and understanding of all Spanish-speaking cultures
- We have a very active parent community that supports key programs including funding a full-time PE teacher, instructional aides, classroom supplies, and field trips for students
- Thanks to a very generous private donor, San Rafael is able to provide our students with full-time Cultural Liaison (Art teacher), a primary grade Music teacher (in Spanish), and a spring musical production