



Spring Branch ISD *Inspiring minds. Shaping lives.*

Pine Shadows Elementary

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Principal's Message

Aylin Martinez

Pine Shadows Elementary captures the diversity of the world we live in today. Our staff members and students speak many languages, primarily Spanish, and their homelands are spread across the continents. Greater than 14% of teachers have 21 or more years of service in education. These veterans share time-tested strategies and wisdom with teammates who are newer to the profession. Twenty-four percent of our teachers have advanced degrees.

Our highly qualified staff benefits our student population as they grow and learn through challenging and stimulating lessons. We are PSE PROUD of the unique experiences provided to our students, staff and community.

About Pine Shadows

Our vision is for every child to be successful today, tomorrow and in the future.

2023 - 24 School Information

Address: 9900 Neuens Road, Houston, TX 77080

Phone: (713) 251-6500, **Fax:** (713) 251-9683

School Hours: 7:20 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Grades: Kindergarten - 5 **Students:** 752 **Total Staff:** 71

School Schedule: Classes meet daily, Monday through Friday

Demographics (2022)

Hispanic 82.3%

Two or more races 2.4%

White 10.5%

Asian 1.8%

African American 3.9%

American Indian 0.1%

English Language Learners

Pine Shadows Elementary offers an excellent dual language program for Kindergarten through fifth grade students, with the goal of developing bilingual, biliterate graduates.

Special Education

At Pine Shadows, students with special learning needs are served in Life Skills, Resource and an APPLE (Autism Program Preparing Learners for Excellence) unit as well as in-class support in general education classes. With a focus on fostering independence and vocational readiness, the continuity of special education programs in Spring Branch ISD empowers students with the tools they need to thrive academically and in future pursuits.

Physical Education

Body and mind are connected at Pine Shadows. During regular health fitness activities, teacher coaches deliver action-packed games and drills as well as a health-related curriculum to develop strong students who know how to make healthy choices now and in the years to come.

Fine Arts

The art teacher provides weekly lessons that allow students to creatively express themselves and explore techniques and media to form a foundation for a lifelong appreciation for and participation in art.

All students also attend a weekly music class. Emphasis is placed on active enjoyment of and accomplishments in music-making.

Where possible, collaborative planning by classroom and fine arts teachers results in coordinated lessons that support learning across multiple disciplines.

Gifted & Talented

PSE serves children identified as gifted and talented through the district's elementary screening process. Early grade Gifted & Talented (GT) students participate in the Primary Gifted Program (PGP) on campus. Students in third through fifth grades participate in the district's SPIRAL program.

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SBISD's promise to our community.

Our vision is T-2-4. Every SBISD graduate will attain a **technical certificate, military training, or a two-year or four-year degree.** Our Core Characteristics of a T-2-4 Ready Graduate define the traits we commit to developing in Every Child during their years in SBISD.

Learn more at springbranchisd.com/t24.



Student Supports

- A full-time school counselor provides guidance lessons, individual planning, responsive services and a support system for students and families.
- A family engagement coordinator provides learning and volunteer opportunities for Pine Shadows parents and guardians. Students feel pride and support when their family members are involved at the school.
- A Communities in Schools (CIS) liaison provides assistance and connections to community services for PSE students and families.
- Before school starts, breakfast is available to students who want it.
- A remarkable and engaged PTA provides funding for classroom needs, field trips and materials.
- PSE enjoys and is thankful for the positive support of staff and students provided by business partners in the area.

Family Communication

Below are ways Pine Shadows Elementary communicates with families:

- Social media is the primary communication tool, offering Spanish and English messaging to meet the needs of the diverse population.
- X (Twitter) and Instagram: @pseexplorers
- Connections and communication also happens during Meet the Teacher, Open House, Family Conference Days and PTA sponsored events.

Be an active member of our school community.

We encourage family members to join our active PTA. We appreciate community and family volunteers who serve the campus in many ways throughout the year. Family members also have opportunities to apply to be on our Campus Improvement Team.

Contact the school at **713.251.6500** for details.