



8th Grade Info

Eliot Arts Magnet
and
McKinley School
2026-2027

Welcome & Thank You For Attending !!!

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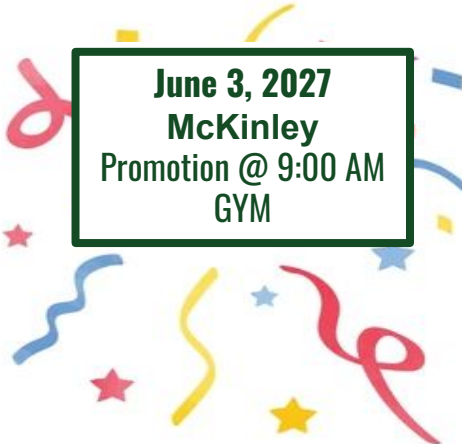
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8th Grade Activities 2027

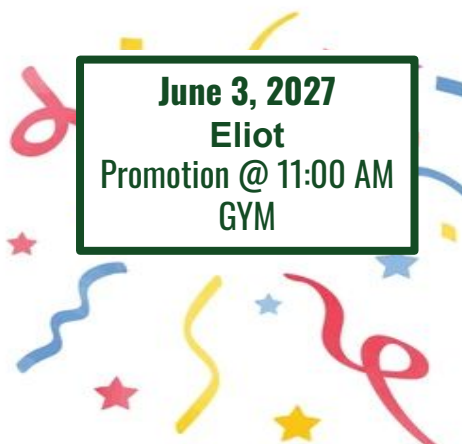
May 28, 2027
Promotion Rehearsal #1
BBQ @ Grant Park

June 1, 2027
Knott's Berry Farm

June 2, 2027
8th Grade Breakfast
Promotion Rehearsal #2



June 3, 2027
McKinley
Promotion @ 9:00 AM
GYM



June 3, 2027
Eliot
Promotion @ 11:00 AM
GYM

8th Grade Package



8th GRADE PACKAGE

ELIOT ARTS MAGNET
MCKINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



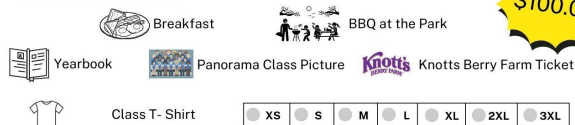
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Fill out order form below and submit payment via cash to Main Office

ORDER INFORMATION 2027

STUDENT NAME STUDENT ID #
PARENT NAME PHONE #

Package includes the Following: Total Price of \$100.00 Package has to be purchased as a whole no individualized items.



☐ Cash only

TOTAL

PAYMENT DEADLINE IS MAY 7, 2027

Students are subject to eligibility requirements and qualifications to attend class trip, i.e. signed trip permission slip and contract, 15 weeks 2nd semester grades AND citizenship; Contact Asst. Principal for details. Price subject to change without prior notice.

**Class trip is OPTIONAL, and is scheduled for June 1, 2027 with students returning to campus by 6:00 pm. Class T- Shirt required if attending the class trip. Students who choose NOT to participate may attend school as usual.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Office Use: a staff member from the office will fill this portion out.

ELIOT ARTS MAGNET & MCKINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH GRADE PACKAGE RECEIPT

Date: STUDENT NAME

Student ID#

Payment Received

Collected By:



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MCKINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



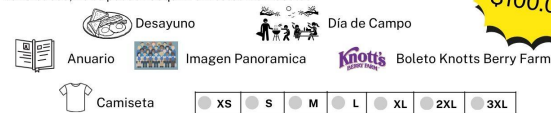
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Complete este formulario y entregalo con el pago en efectivo a la oficina principal

INFORMACION DEL PEDIDO 2027

NOMBRE DEL ESTUDIANTE # DE ID
NOMBRE DEL PADRE # DE TELEFONO

El paquete incluye lo siguiente: Precio total de \$100.00. El paquete debe comprarse en su totalidad, no se pueden adquirir artículos individuales.



FORMA DE PAGO



☐ Efectivo solamente

TOTAL

LA FECHA LIMITE DE PAGO ES EL 7 DE MAYO 2027

Los estudiantes están sujetos a requisitos de elegibilidad y calificaciones para asistir al viaje de clase, incluyendo, contrato de permiso de paseo firmado, calificaciones de las 15 semanas del segundo semestre y comportamiento. Comuníquese con la subdirectora para más detalles. Precio sujeto a cambios sin previo aviso.

** El paseo escolar es OPCIONAL, y está programado para el 1 de Junio 2027 y los estudiantes regresarán a la escuela a las 6:00 p.m. Se requiere camiseta de la clase si asiste al paseo escolar. Los estudiantes que elijan NO participar pueden asistir a la escuela ese día como de costumbre.

FIRMA DEL PADRE O TUTOR LEGAL

Uso de Oficina; un miembro del personal de la oficina completará esta parte.

ELIOT ARTS MAGNET & MCKINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH GRADE PACKAGE RECEIPT

Fecha: NOMBRE DEL ESTUDIANTE

ID# del Estudiante

Pago Recibido

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**ELIOT ARTS
MAGNET**

PTSA Parent Interest Form

We're looking for parents, guardians, and family members who want to support our school through volunteer efforts, ideas, and energy. Every helping hand makes a difference!

Scan the QR code below to fill out the interest form!

- ☒ Support Our School
- ☒ Build Connections
- ☒ Empower Student Success
- ☒ Have Your Voice Heard



<http://bit.ly/4mOqxyE>

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**ELIOT ARTS
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Formulario de interés de los padres de la PTSA

Buscamos padres, tutores y familiares que quieran apoyar a nuestra escuela con su voluntariado, ideas y energía. ¡Cada ayuda cuenta!

**¡Escanee el código QR a continuación para
completar el formulario de interés!**

- ☒ Apoye a nuestra escuela
- ☒ Construir conexiones
- ☒ Potenciar el éxito estudiantil
- ☒ Haz que tu voz sea escuchada



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Get Involved with the 8th Grade Parent Team

We are looking for parents to help make this year memorable for our 8th graders. Whether you enjoy leading or simply lending a hand, there is a role for you!

8th Grade Parent Chair

Role Overview:

The 8th Grade Parent Chair serves as the lead parent contact for all 8th grade activities, celebrations, and communications.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as the main contact between school staff and 8th grade parents
- Help plan and oversee 8th grade events such as promotion, dances, field trips, fundraisers, and end-of-year celebrations
- Recruit and coordinate volunteers for activities
- Work with PTSA and school staff to ensure proper budgeting and fundraising
- Share updates and event details with 8th grade families

Time Commitment:

- About 4 to 6 hours per month, with additional time during major events

Qualities That Help:

- Organized and good at communication
- Enjoys teamwork and delegation
- Flexible and enthusiastic about supporting students and families

8th Grade Committee Volunteer

Role Overview:

Committee Volunteers support the Parent Chair and help make activities a success. This is a great way to be involved without leading.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with planning and carrying out events such as decorating, chaperoning, setup, cleanup, or fundraising
- Share ideas and feedback to enhance student experiences
- Help communicate event needs to other parents if asked

Time Commitment:

- Flexible and based on events you choose to help with

Qualities That Help:

- Team player with a positive attitude
- Reliable and willing to pitch in

Credit Recovery (FIRST SEMESTER GRADES)

For students who receive an F grade after the first semester (11/16 - 12/18/26), they must do credit recovery to be eligible for end of year activities. Whether it is completing i ready assignments, papers or/and presentation.

Time and Dates TBA



Promotion Requirements for 2nd Semester

- No F grade for final grades in the 2nd Semester of the 8th grade year (5/3-6/3/27)

Students with 1 F in the final grading period, **in Semester 2 will not participate** in the 8th grade Activities nor Promotion Ceremony. Teachers will know by the 2nd week of May who will make it or not.

Students will go to high school but no 8th grade activities. 8th grade package refunds will be given.

- All book fines and other financial obligations are paid per board policy 6161.
- **20 hours** of community service completed by the end of 8th grade year by May 2027.
*Hours completed in 6th and 7th grade will be included.
- Leaving PUSD? Return chromebook, charger and all books to librarian

In addition, students must fulfill two of the following criteria:

- No more than 2 U's (Behavior) in the last grading period of **Semester 2**.
- No more than **60 period absences** (10 days), excused or unexcused, per semester.
- No more than **15 total tardiness to all classes during the last grading period of Semester 2**.
- No more than **2 disciplinary office referrals**.

Community Service

20 Hours Total, 15 hrs. Nonprofit & 5hrs. On Campus - Due MAY 2027

Students Can Earn Hours Through:

- Churches
- Local Libraries
- Pasadena Humane Society
- Boys and Girls Club
- Boys and Girls Scouts
- Staff on Campus (Using own time)
- PACTL - Community Partner
- Parents Job (Parent can not Sign)
- Opportunities On Campus Campus Clean Up on Wednesday
- PTA/PTSA has opportunities throughout the year
- See Ms.Camille and Maddy For Community Service
- 40 hours in High School



A blue poster with the title "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED" in large yellow letters. At the top left is the Eliot Arts Magnet logo. To its right is the text "ELIOT ARTS MAGNET". Below the title, it says "Student, earn your community service hours on campus". Further down, it says "Sign up with the QR code or link to sign up for hours offered every Wednesday until the end of the semester." Below this text is a QR code. At the bottom left, there is a URL: "https://forms.gle/bAtwYMTTJV96SpB9". At the bottom right, there is a phone number: "Phone Number: 626.396.5680 Ext. 70026". The poster also features a graphic of two hands, one white and one green, reaching towards each other.

Eliot & McKinley's 8th Grade Defense - May 2027

8TH GRADE DEFENSE

Fall Semester, middle school students create a virtual portfolio to organize their work: assignments, photos of artwork, performance videos, etc.

- 8th Graders select two artifacts to showcase in a Canva slideshow, which includes
 - Introduction (emphasis on artistic development)
 - One example of creativity & innovation
 - One example of research
 - Reflect on each artifact - what was learned? What skills transfer to high school and beyond?



Spring Semester, 8th Graders present slideshow to a panel with the option to include a short, live performance; answer questions and receive a formal evaluation.

- Emphasis on learning process - student shares reflection on growth and development of skills
- Panel asks questions, determines whether student meets or exceeds expectations
- Requirement for promotion



Shadow Day Field Trips

Muir Field Trip

Monday, 11/16/26

PHS Field Trip

Wednesday, 12/2/26

Tardies = 10 (not first period)

Referrals = (No more than 2)

No go...must attend with parent

High School Academies



Arts Academies
**Creative Arts, Media
Academy**
(PHS)

**Academy For Creative
Industry (MARSHALL)**

**Arts Entertainment &
Media Academy**
(MUIR)



**Computer Science
Academy**
(PHS)



Law Academy
**Law & Public Service
Academy**
(PHS)



Business Academy
**Business &
Entrepreneurship
Academy**

Sports Management
(MUIR)



Health Academy
Health Careers Academy

ROTC
(BLAIR)



Engineering Academy
**Engineering & Environmental
Science Academy**
(MUIR)

PCC DUAL ENROLLMENT
All High Schools

High School Counselors to Eliot & McKinley In April 2027!!

PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL & JOHN MUIR

PHS PACKETS & MUIR'S QR CODE WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENT

Top 3 Academy Choices?

Joining the Puente Program?

Sports? Cheer? Flags? Dance?

Dual Enrollment/PCC Classes?

If leaving PUSD....



PASADENA EDUCATION NETWORK

presents a FREE program:



High School Options 101

8th Grade Parents: PEN's free virtual program will introduce you to key features of the PUSD high school experience, from core academics and electives to athletics, extracurriculars, and college prep. You'll come away with insights that complement what you learn on the high school tours.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:00 pm

Register to get the Zoom link for this virtual program:

tinyurl.com/HSOptions26



Opciones para la secundaria en PUSD



Padres de 8^o grado: Este programa gratuito de PEN les presentará las características clave de la experiencia de la escuela secundaria del PUSD, desde materias académicas básicas y optativas hasta deportes, actividades extracurriculares y preparación para la universidad. Obtendrá ideas que complementan lo que aprende en los recorridos por las escuelas secundarias.

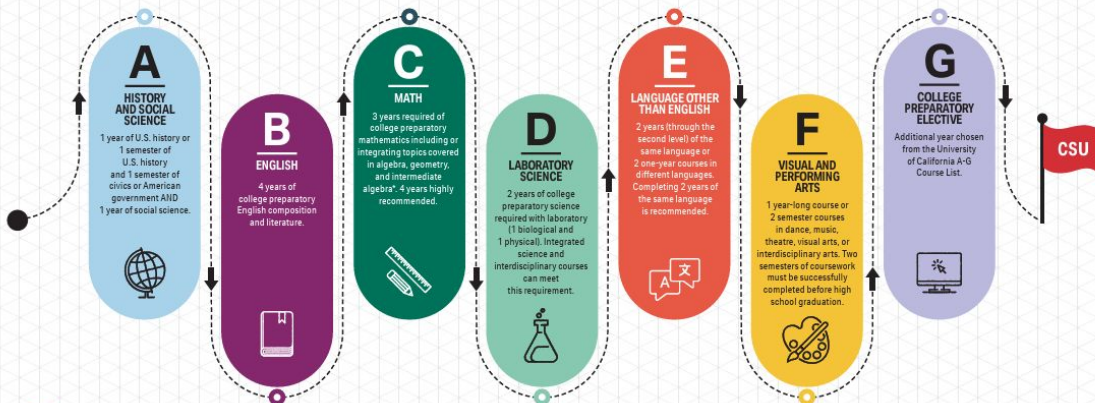
Miércoles, 21 de octubre a las 7:00 pm

Traducción está disponible.

Por favor regístrese para obtener el enlace de Zoom para este programa virtual:

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COMPLETE YOUR **A-G** REQUIREMENTS AND ATTEND THE CSU!



22 UNIVERSITIES TO CHOOSE FROM

BAKERSFIELD • CHANNEL ISLANDS • CHICO • DOMINGUEZ HILLS • EAST BAY • FRESNO • FULLERTON • HUMBOLDT • LONG BEACH • LOS ANGELES • MONTEREY BAY
NORTHridge • POMONA • SACRAMENTO • SAN BERNARDINO • SAN DIEGO • SAN FRANCISCO • SAN JOSE • SAN LUIS OBISPO • SAN MARCOS • SONOMA • STANISLAUS

*Math courses completed in the 7th and/or 8th grade may be used to meet part of or all of the requirements.

1

The courses required to graduate from high school are not the same requirements to apply to the CSU.

2

Take the time to understand the A-G requirements. It's never too early to start planning your courses.

3

See your counselor to receive guidance on completing your A-G plan. Be sure to keep track of your A-G progress.

4

Improve your grades by talking to your teacher and seeking tutoring.

5

A-G courses will help you prepare for many paths after high school.

6

Learn about dual enrollment courses to earn college credit. This may save time and money while attending college.



7

Use the CaliforniaColleges.edu planning tool to track your A-G requirements.



College Readiness Programs

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PUENTE

APPLICATION AVAILABLE IN THE MARSHALL COUNSELING OFFICE

APPLICATION DUE: APRIL 10, 2023

JOIN THE PUENTE PROGRAM

The mission of Puente is to increase the number of educationally underrepresented students who enroll in four year colleges and universities, earn degrees, and return to the community as leaders and mentors for future generations.

HOW DOES PUENTE BENEFIT STUDENTS?

- Visit a range of universities in CA
- Prepare for college
- Read & write about topics that are relevant to you and your community
- Self-empowerment through academics and community service
- Puente is your 9th & 10th grade English course

PUENTE IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS.
SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO APPLY!
PUENTE IS RECOGNIZED BY ALL UNIVERSITIES!

For more information, email Ms. Dominguez at dominguez.maribel@pusd.us.

PCC and PUSD present

PCC Northwest Summer 2026

From June 22nd to July 31st

ANTICIPATED COURSES:

- Anthropology 1 Lab:** Biological Anthropology Lab (Must have passed ANTH 001 Lecture) **Asynchronous**
- Art 011A:** Foundation Drawing **Monday through Thursday 12 pm to 2:50 pm**
- ASL 001:** Elementary American Sign Language **Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 11:20 am**
- Business 002:** Personal Finance **Monday and Wednesdays 8:30 am to 11:35 am**
- Counseling 017:** Career Counseling (Priority given to PUSD Junior Interns) **Asynchronous**
- Economics 001A:** Principles of Macroeconomics **Tuesday through Thursday 12:30 pm to 3:35 pm**
- English C1000:** Reading and Composition (Must have passed AP English Lang.) **Asynchronous**
- Geography 001:** Physical Geography (Offered with Geography 001 Lab) **Asynchronous**
- Music 021:** Music Appreciation **Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 pm to 3:35 pm**
- Psychology 021:** Development Psychology The Child **Asynchronous**
- Sociology 014:** Intro to Ethnic Studies **Asynchronous**
- Spanish 001:** Elementary Spanish Level I **Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 11:55 am**

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Questions Please email Mr. Muñoz or Mrs. Diaz
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TRIO UPWARD BOUND

WHO ARE WE?

The Cal State LA Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science Programs are federally funded grants that provide academic services to select students attending Star HS, Marshall Fundamentals, Moor HS, Pasadena HS, Garfield HS, and Wilson HS. The goal of the programs is to prepare students for college education. Since 1980, the programs have been providing excellent services to students and their families. We have been successful in assisting students graduate from high school and enroll in college.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Enrichment Activities	College Visits	Academic Advising	After School Tutoring
Saturday Academy	Summer Program at Cal State Los Angeles	• Breakfast and Lunch • Books and School Supplies • Tutoring • Bus Pass	2 Week Residential Program

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Acceptance into the program is based on the following:
Completed On-line Application, Eligibility Requirements and Interview Process.

Upward Bound Application: <https://boform.companiol.com/203377415340959>
 UB Math/Science Application: <https://boform.companiol.com/203377378774874>

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High School Timeline



9th Grade

Introduction to 4 year University Requirements

As students transition into high school, they will learn about the different types of higher education institutions and the requirements for each.

Students will understand the importance of their semester grades and how these affect college admission decisions.



10th Grade

Major Exploration

Students should have an idea of what they would like to study in college. They will be given career exploration assessments to match their interests with majors and careers. The goal is for them to be aware of the steps they have to take after high school in order to reach their career goals.



11th Grade

Developing their College Lists

Once students narrow down their major choices, they will research what colleges have the best programs in their field of interest.

Students should have their college lists ready by fall of senior year.



12th Grade

College, Financial Aid, & Scholarship Applications

During senior year we focus on college and financial aid applications!

College applications open in October (due late November)

Financial Aid applications open in December (due beginning of March)

Puente students get specialized UC application support from UC Berkeley admission officers.



If you are interested in learning more about the
program,
check out the Puente Project website!



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Dual Enrollment - PCC

- Take classes at the High School during school hours
- Earn college and high school credit
- Eases transition to college
- All high school students will graduate with 12 units is the goal of “Vision 2030” the strategic framework established by the [California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office](#)

The Great UB Program



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¿QUIENES SOMOS?
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¿QUÉ HACEMOS? Servicios de Consejería Académica Actividades de Enriquecimiento
Salones de Estudio Academia de Sábado
Programa de verano en Cal State Los Angeles
• Desayuno y almuerzo
• Libros y útiles escolares
• Tarjeta de identificación de Cal State LA
• Transporte público- pase de autobús
• Asesoramiento académico
• Tutoría



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Who is eligible?

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You are eligible to apply for Upward Bound if you:

- First-generation college student
- You are considered low-income based on federal guidelines.
- Must demonstrate an academic need
- Must be a U.S. citizen and/or Legal Permanent Resident
- Must attend a PUSD SCHOOL

Blair HS
Marshall FS
John Muir HS
Pasadena HS

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/c4k77etcrbw1cnst7nleb/AK4EfdOAHpNc48BjQ-vAd4U?rlkey=jlsuhx3fu83f7yvf9hsiebo0v&e=1&st=6pc17bei&dl=0>