

Guide to PEN's Elementary School Fact Sheets

Basics: address, phone, website, grade levels served, school hours

Regular school tours: most schools offer monthly tours on a regular basis. However, tour days may change or new dates be added. Check the PEN [web calendar](#) or PEN News for upcoming tour dates. It's also a good idea to call the school a day or so before to confirm.

Parent Ambassadors: PEN members whose children attend this school, and have offered to share their perspectives. See "[Talk to a Parent](#)" under PEN website's *Schools* tab for more info. You will typically meet at least one PEN ambassador on a school tour.

Principal

Lets you know how long current principal has been at school, and if recently assigned, his or her most recent previous position. In most cases, the principal will give the tour.

Teachers

Gives the number of certificated teachers from most recent year. (Unless specified, all PUSD classroom teachers are certificated.) Lists any additional key staff, such as nurse, librarian, etc.

Students (most recent school year) Total Enrollment: ###

Hispanic (Any race)	Non-Hispanic				Other / No ethnicity given
	Asian	African-American	White	2 or more ethnicities	
%	%	%	%	%	%
English Language Learners (ELLs): % / As English Learners progress they are first designated Initial Fluent English Proficient (%) and eventually Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient (%)				Free/Reduced Meals: % students whose family income qualifies them for free or reduced-price meals.	

Open Enrollment ("OE")

DLIP Programs Only:	Assignment Rate*	Waitlist at end of Open Enrollment?
Native Speaker	%	Yes or No
Non-native Speaker	%	Yes or No

* *Percentage of applicants who listed School as their first choice who were offered seats by the conclusion of the previous spring's Open Enrollment (OE) process.* PUSD will post the range of open enrollment seats projected to be available for the coming school year in January. Families are encouraged to rank all schools they would prefer to their assigned school of residence in order of preference, regardless of OE seat projections.

Enrichment "Extras"

See also PEN "[Enrichment Basics & Extras](#)" Guide

All PUSD students participate in various enrichment activities, including art, field trips and instrumental music instruction. (See "Elementary Enrichment Basics & Extras.") In this section of the school fact sheets, we call out any special emphases or programs, such as a science/tech/ engineering/math (STEM) focus, performing arts opportunities, teaching gardens, and more.

Test Scores

Due to the pandemic, test scores from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress system (CAASPP), the state's testing system, have not been available since 2019. Since the test scores are outdated and the old scores do not reflect the current achievements made in PUSD, we are no longer reporting them. Additionally, research suggests that test scores are highly correlated with family socioeconomic status, and therefore not a good indicator of the quality of teaching and learning taking place in a school.

What has changed recently: All schools experience change from year to year. Here we highlight any recent changes that may impact how the school is performing academically – including enrollment numbers, demographics, new programs or facilities, or change of leadership. We also note important factors that have remained stable, and may suggest questions you may want to ask when you visit.

School Environment / Social-Emotional Learning

Positive recognition programs, social-emotional learning an support, behavioral interventions and incentives, student leadership opportunities.

After-School Programs

LEARNs is a 5-day/week structured program that provides care – including homework time, recreation and enrichment activities - from the end of the school day until 6:00 pm. Parents who wish to use LEARNs more flexibly must pay an additional fee (~\$250/month).

Pasadena Parks & Recreation offers a recreation-based program (Afterschool Adventures) which can be used as needed.

Parent Involvement

PTA: We list the current year PTA President or contact, and the most recent year's membership ##, along with other active parent groups and predominantly parent-supported programs or activities.