

McKinley K-8 *Middle School* Fact Sheet

All McKinley middle school students are enrolled in the Summit Learning Program, a computer-based learning platform that promotes Cognitive Skills, Content Knowledge, and Habits of Success. The platform allows students to work at their own pace, developing the ability to set and follow through on short- and long-term goals. Students collaborate on projects and are mentored by teachers.

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School hours: 8:45 am - 3:10 pm

Monday Early Dismissal: 1:30 pm

MS School hours: 8:25 am - 3:10 pm*

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Grade levels: Pre-K; Transitional Kinder; **K thru 8th**

Regular school tours: check penfamilies.org/calendar for updates

Parent Ambassadors:

Principal

Merian Stewart – Dr. Stewart has over 30 years of experience as a PUSD elementary and middle school educator and administrator. Assistant Principal is Mr. Ivan Harris. The Lead Team also includes an Instructional Coach, an Intervention Specialist, and two Counselors.

Teachers

All 41 of McKinley’s classroom teachers are certificated, many have visual and performing arts expertise, and many have been recognized as teachers of excellence through Rotary, National Board Certification, and LA County’s Teacher of the Year award. Middle school teachers have all been trained in the use of the Summit Learning Program platform, Summit Learning.

Students (Demographic data from 2022-23) Total Enrollment (K-8): **648** 6-8 Enrollment: **300**

Demographic data below is based on 2022-23 enrollment for grades K through 8:

Hispanic (Any race)	Non-Hispanic					Other / No ethnicity given
	African-American	Asian	Filipino	White	2 or more ethnicities	
64.5%	18.5%	4.8%	2.0%	6.9%	1.5%	1.7%
English Language Learners (ELLs): 22.7% As English Learners progress they are first designated Initial Fluent English Proficient (7.9%) and eventually Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient (11.6%)					Socio-economically Disadvantaged: 83.5% Students with Disabilities: 11.7%	

Open Enrollment

# of applicants (all grades) who listed school as 1 st choice	14
% of applicants who listed school as 1 st choice and got in	100%

PUSD will post the range of open enrollment seats projected to be available for the 2024-2025 school year in January 2024. 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.

McKinley has won a Title 1 Academic Achievement Award and Bravo Award for Excellence in the Arts

McKinley: what has changed recently? *McKinley has a new principal as of 2019-20. The school piloted the district's innovative "Math Academy" which introduces Calculus to middle school students, and has piloted the Summit Learning Program, a self-paced individualized instructional platform for all middle school students.*

School Environment

Positive Recognition: Students can receive a "positive referral" for demonstrating outstanding character. They are recognized in the Morning Roundup (school-wide, morning assembly that focuses on current school happenings and reinforces school culture). **Morning Meeting/Advisory** is a school-wide daily routine that focuses on social-emotional learning, community and goal-setting for each day. **Student Leadership:** Bravo Team is a student leadership and ambassador group. Main duties include welcoming students and staff in the morning, participation in the Morning Roundup, library/PE assistance, safety patrol and representing the school in city-wide events. Middle school has ASB (student government). **Restorative Justice** is a whole school focus on mediation and agreement to resolve conflict and discipline violations. The program is based on respect, responsibility, relationship-building and repair the justice. **Water Cooler Room** is a safe space for students to rest, relax, and revive. Aromatherapy, music, and meditation are just some of the ways that students' social emotional needs are addressed.

Middle School Schedule, Electives & Enrichment

6th Grade Class Configuration: All McKinley middle school students are enrolled in the Summit Learning Program.

Electives: McKinley K-8 has had a visual and performing arts (VAPA) focus since 2002. Electives include: 2D art, 3D art, dance, digital arts, theatre, choir, band, orchestra, and robotics.

Opportunities for Advanced Students: Summit Learning Program allows students to work at their own pace, setting short- and long-term learning goals. Math Academy offers highly gifted math students to complete AP Calculus (AB & BC) by the

Opportunities for Academic Intervention: Summit Learning Program designed to offer each student additional support as needed, through small group workshops and individual interventions.

Clubs and Activities: McKinley Enrichment Clubs currently include dance, crossfit, gardening, coding, programming and robotics, 3D painting. (Club offerings vary from one semester to the next.) There are 3 plays and a Spring Musical performed each year, as well as other performance opportunities.

Athletic Program: Through the LEARNS program.

Facilities

Gymnasium/Athletic Facilities: New facility completed in 2016. Includes locker rooms for middle school students

Library/Media Center: is open regular hours with a credentialed librarian

Science labs: Yes

After-School Programs

After-school Programs: Pasadena LEARNs; City of Pasadena Parks & Rec, and Harambee; Boys & Girls Club van picks up students.

Parent Involvement

PTA Contact: Meg Matasci

PTA Membership: 63 (2022-23)

Other Parent Involvement Opportunities: School Site Council, African American Parent Council; English Learners Advisory Committee; Equity Parents Committee; GATE; Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Council/Annual Fund.