



PASADENA EDUCATION NETWORK

San Rafael Elementary School Factsheet

Spanish-English Dual Language Immersion Program (DLIP)

Address: 1090 Nithsdale Road, Pasadena, CA, 91105

Grade levels: Pre-K to 5

Phone: 626-396-5790

Regular school tours: check [PEN calendar](#) or call school for upcoming dates

Website: sanrafael.pusd.us

Parent Ambassadors: Ouida Lujan

School hours: 7:50 am - 2:15 pm
Monday Early Dismissal 12:35 pm

The Spanish-English DLIP continues at Blair International Baccalaureate (IB) School (grades 6-12), or at Washington STEAM Multilingual Academy (grades 6-8). Spanish DLIP TK currently is offered at Longfellow Elementary; students are assured of placement at one of PUSD's three Spanish DLIP sites for K-5.

Principal

Sandra Rizzo – Ms. Rizzo was assigned to San Rafael Elementary as Interim Principal in 2023. She is a long-time PUSD administrator who previously served as Assistant Principal at Marshall Fundamental.

Teachers

All of San Rafael's classroom teachers are certificated and have a BCLAD (Bilingual Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development) credential or equivalent. San Rafael has a full-time DLIP Teacher on Special Assignment (DLIP-TOSA) and a full-time DLIP Intervention/Resource Teacher. Other staff include a Resource Specialist, Speech Pathologist, PE Teacher, and Art Teacher.

Students (Demographic data from 2022-23) Total Enrollment (2022-23): 385 (K thru 5)

Hispanic (Any race)	Non-Hispanic					Other / No ethnicity given
	Asian	African-American	Filipino	White	2 or more ethnicities	
72.7%	2.1%	3.6%	0 %	15.1%	4.9%	1.6%
English Language Learners (ELLs): 8.3% As English Learners progress they are first designated Initial Fluent English Proficient (21.8%) and eventually Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient (8.1%)					Socioeconomically Disadvantaged: 37.9%	

Open Enrollment (2022-23 lottery results not necessarily predictive of next year's outcomes)






Program	# of applicants who listed San Rafael as their 1 st choice	% of "1 st choice" applicants who received placement
Spanish Native-Speakers	19	100%
Non-Native Speakers	56	93%

NOTE: Enrollment in the Spanish DLIP is through Open Enrollment only, with preference given to applicants from the immediate neighborhood. Out-of-district families can submit an application of interest. Students can choose

to continue in the **Spanish-English DLIP** at Washington STEAM Multilingual Academy or at Blair IB, and at Blair for high school.

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, and to opt in to the 2nd lottery if they do not get their preferred school in the 1st lottery.

Enrichment “Extras” *See also PEN Fact Sheet guide for “Enrichment Basics”*

-  Spanish-Dual Language Immersion Program (DLIP)  Part-time Primary grades Music Teacher
-  Spring musical for upper grades; schoolwide PTA talent show
-  Full-time Cultural Liaison/Art Teacher operates school’s “HeART and Sol Cultural Art Center”
-  Full-time Physical Education Teacher funded by parent community

San Rafael: what has changed recently? *The school’s demographics have continued to shift as the DLIP expanded school-wide and the program attracts new families. (The % of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals dropped from 65% in 2010-11 to 45% in 2012-13 to 38% in 2022-23.) Parents contribute significantly to support enrichment and bring additional resources to the school.*

School Environment / Social-Emotional Learning

Mission: *The mission of San Rafael San Rafael Elementary School is to provide a child-centered academic program that meets the diverse needs of our community in an additive bilingual setting.*

Positive Recognition: Monthly recognition assemblies, classroom and school-wide PandaPAWS socio-emotional learning program.

After-school Programs

Pasadena LEARNs and City of Pasadena After-School Adventures Program

Parent Involvement

PTA Contact: Natalie Williams (sanrafaelpta@gmail.com)

PTA Membership: 297 (2022-23)

Other parent involvement opportunities: School Site Council, ELAC, African-American Parent Council, Dual Immersion Advisory Committee, Annual Fund (priorities include funding PE teacher and project aides). Art program, Music, and Spring Musical supported by private donors.