

# Sierra Madre Elementary School Factsheet

**Address:** 141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**Grade levels:** Pre-K to 5 (TK starting 2024-2025 school year)

**Phone:** 626-396-5890

**Website:** [sme.pusd.us](http://sme.pusd.us)

**Regular school tours:**  
Second Tuesday at 8:00 am

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

**Parent Ambassadors:** TBA

## Principal

**Jodi Marchesso** - Dr. Marchesso became Sierra Madre School’s Principal in 2022. She had previously served as the District Coordinator for Professional Development and as a STEM Specialist, as well as coordinating the District’s Community Schools initiative.

## Teachers

All of Sierra Madre’s classroom teachers are fully credentialed, and supported by a Resource Specialist and an Instructional Coach. Laura Palmer was PUSD’s Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 and LA County Top 16 Finalist. Carolyn Halpern named 2016 Outstanding Teacher by Rotary Club.

## Students (Demographic data from 2022-23) Total Enrollment (2023-24): **618**








Hispanic (Any race)	Non-Hispanic					Other / No ethnicity given
	Asian	African-American	Filipino	White	2 or more ethnicities	
24.4%	9.7%	1.9%	1.3%	47.1%	12.8%	3.5%
<b>English Language Learners (ELLs):</b> 1.6% As English Learners progress they are first designated <b>Initial Fluent English Proficient</b> (6.7%) and eventually <b>Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient</b> (1.4%)					<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged:</b> 35.6%	

## Open Enrollment (Data from 2022-23 lotteries not predictive of next year’s outcomes)

<b># of applicants who listed school as 1<sup>st</sup> choice</b>	133
<b>% of applicants who listed school as 1<sup>st</sup> choice and got in</b>	79%

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 2<sup>nd</sup> lottery if they do not get their preferred school in the first lottery.

## Enrichment “Extras” *See PEN Factsheet guide “Enrichment Basics” & PUSD School Profile*

-  Performing Arts Kids (PAK) – winter and spring performances & monthly assemblies
-  New STEAM Lab (opened 2017)  supported by parent volunteers
-  Dance residency (all grade levels)  Parent-run Running Club
-  Library staffed by librarian open regularly to students  School garden

**What has changed recently?** New principal as of 2022. Recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2023. Sierra Madre Elementary will offer transitional kindergarten beginning in August 2024.

## School Environment

**Mission:** *The mission of Sierra Madre Elementary School is to nurture learners as they grow into brilliant, creative, strong and true hearted leaders within a safe and supportive community.*

**Positive Recognition:** Every year, each grade level at Sierra Madre School performs at a Spotlight Assembly. These assemblies: 1) provide an opportunity to recognize each student’s unique gifts; and 2) give each student the benefit of a high quality, standards-aligned arts in dance, music and theatre. The assemblies support the school-wide Visual and Performing Art focus and provide a common curriculum connection, reflected in the classrooms and in other arts opportunities offered throughout the school.

## After-School Programs

**LEARNS, My Homework Club** (other programs available off-site)

## Parent Involvement

**PTA Contact:** Michael Murphy ([president@smepta.org](mailto:president@smepta.org))

**PTA Membership:** 268 (2022-23)

**Other Parent Involvement Opportunities:** ELAC, School Site Council, African-American Parent Council; Annual Fund Committee & Boosters; classroom volunteers; Running Club and PE program volunteers; Power-of-10 Mornings