



# Eliot Arts Magnet Fact Sheet

Eliot Arts Magnet is the first *Arts Conservatory* in PUSD. With over 20 arts courses in all four arts disciplines, students have the opportunity to train until 6:00 pm daily with professional artists in their field. Eliot is also a *Community School*, committed to improving the educational experience for children, youth and families through its collaborative relationships with community partners.

<b>Address:</b> 2184 N. Lake Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001 <b>Phone:</b> 626-396-5680 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://eliot.pusd.us">eliot.pusd.us</a> <b>School hours:</b> 8:15 am - 2:26 pm (0 period = 7:15-8:10 am) Monday Early Dismissal: 12:50 pm	<b>Grade levels:</b> 6th - 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Regular school tours:</b> check <a href="http://penfamilies.org/calendar">penfamilies.org/calendar</a> for updates <b>Parent Ambassadors:</b> Carin Leffler, Lana Cross de Medina (FDLIP)
<i><a href="#">Eliot Arts Conservatory</a> offerings – 2-3 additional arts electives offered after the regular school day</i>	

## Principal

**Benita Scheckel** – Dr. Scheckel has served as Principal of both Eliot Arts and Altadena Arts Magnets since 2021, creating a streamlined K-8 pathway for PUSD’s Arts Magnet program, and eventually for the French Dual Language Immersion program. Beginning Oct. 16, 2023, Dr. Scheckel is taking a position in another district, and **Ms. Penny Fraumeni** will step in as interim principal until a new principal is appointed.

## Teachers/Staff

Credentialed classroom teachers are supplemented by Artists in Residence and arts partners who train/support teachers and work with students on arts integration across subjects. The school has two full-time Instructional Coaches, a full-time counselor, full-time librarian, as well as a Community Assistant and Community Schools Advocate.

## Students (Demographic data from 2022-23) Enrollment: **423**

Hispanic	Non-Hispanic					Other / No ethnicity given
(Any race)	African-American	Asian	Filipino	White	2 or more ethnicities	
56.7 %	21.5%	2.1%	1.4%	13.7%	3.3%	1.1%
<b>English Language Learners (ELLs):</b> 10.9%   As ELLs progress they are first designated <b>Initial Fluent English Proficient</b> (6.1%) and eventually <b>Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient</b> (19.4%)					<b>Socio-economically Disadvantaged:</b> 85.1% <b>Students with Disabilities:</b> 21.3%	

## Open Enrollment (for 2022-23 School Year)

# of 6 <sup>th</sup> grade applicants who listed school as 1 <sup>st</sup> choice	21
# of 6 <sup>th</sup> grade applicants who listed school as 1 <sup>st</sup> choice and got in	100%

PUSD will post the range of open enrollment seats projected to be available for the 2023-2024 school year in January 2023. 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 1<sup>st</sup> lottery. If you already live within Eliot's attendance zone, you may register as soon as December 4, 2023.

**What has changed recently?** In 2022 *Eliot Arts was awarded a multi million dollar federal arts magnet grant to build the first Arts Conservatory in PUSD and to strengthen the French Dual Language Program as it matriculates from Altadena Arts Magnet.. The first French Dual Language immersion class from Altadena matriculated to Eliot in Fall 2022. Eliot is one of six PUSD schools included in a Community Schools initiative with funding to create school-based hubs of service and engagement that respond holistically to the academic, social and health needs of children, youth and families.* (<https://www.pUSD.us/Page/10697>).

## School Environment

Eliot Arts Magnet is a 6-8 Arts Conservatory where students choose a major in one of the four arts disciplines. Sixth grade students get extra elective time to help prepare them to select their major course of study in the arts. Guided by an advisor in their field, students take a series of courses preparing them to excel in an arts conservatory high school program and beyond.

Student leadership opportunities include ASB (student government), which trains students to be leaders on campus as well as sponsoring monthly fun lunchtime activities.

Eliot Arts has implemented a school-wide Positive Behavioral Incentive System and Response to Intervention (RtI) program, supporting teachers and students in relationship-building practices toward total systemic reform.

Students are recognized for academic achievement and for following the Husky Values:

**Honor our Differences \* Unite as One Community \* Speak Kindly \* Know your Worth \* Ignite your Passion for Learning \* Express yourself Artistically \* Stay Strong!**

## Middle School Schedule, Electives & Enrichment

**Schedule:** 7 period day, including core academic courses, PE (Sports, Marching Band, Dance), and multiple arts electives, plus a 25-minute Artist's Seminar period ("artists seminar"). ASB (student government) meets before the regular school day ("0 period"). In addition to choosing an elective Students choose to participate in over 25 visual and performing Arts Conservatory classes offered daily periods 8-10.

**Class size:** 30-35 (some currently as small as 12 students, but this is expected to increase)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Configuration:** Grades are grouped together on campus, with each grade level located in its own wing. 6<sup>th</sup> graders eat lunch separately, and move together in cohorts with one teacher for math & science and another for English language arts & history, resulting in fewer daily transitions.

**Electives:**

- Music - Choir; Instrumental music (Orchestra; beg., intermed., & advanced concert band, guitar and Rock Band, Drum line)
- Dance - full-time Dance Teaching Artist in Residence teaches ballet, tap, jazz, modern and hip hop
- Drama - full-time teacher teaches Drama and Stage Crew (students learn how to operate state-of-the-art sound and light equipment as well as other features of the new auditorium); Eliot belongs to the International Thespian Society and puts on an annual fall play and spring musical production.
- Visual art - One full time visual arts teacher teaching 2D painting and drawing.

**Opportunities for Advanced Students:** PUSD schools offer differentiated curriculum for students excelling in Math. All other academic courses throughout the district utilize the same curriculum and teachers differentiate in heterogeneous classrooms for each student to get what they need to continue growing and excelling academically..

**Opportunities for Academic Intervention:** English Language Development, Sylvan Tutoring are available.

**Special Education:** Aides work with students who require extra support within mainstream classes; Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) is offered to children with mild to moderate special education needs; there are also two special day classes for children with moderate to severe needs.

**Art Major & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Defense:** all students apply/audition and declare an arts “major” at the end of their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders fulfill certain requirements based on their major, but still have flexibility to choose a range of electives. 8<sup>th</sup> graders prepare a public presentation or “defense” that includes a portfolio of their work and reflections on their middle school journey.

**Clubs and Activities:** Garden Club; Room 13 (visual arts studio); sports through LEARNS; ASB (student government); Yearbook. Students opt to charter clubs through ASB based on interest. Fall play and Spring musical; Stage Crew; Jazz & marching bands perform in community; Rock Band also performs; Costume Lab.

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## Facilities

**Library:** A Full-time librarian staffs a beautiful historic library, open to students before or after school, during nutrition and lunch, or during the school day with a pass from a teacher. She also hosts a lunchtime book club in the rose garden every Thursday that is open to all students grades 6-8.

**Computer labs:** Fully-equipped Mac lab (includes Sibelius composing software, Photoshop, publisher, etc.). Students are assigned 1:1 Chromebooks for classroom and home use. Teachers trained in use of arts-related technology and supported by tech specialist.

**Science labs:** 3 lab classrooms, used by all grades

**Gym:** Yes - includes locker room, fitness equipment, and Dance Studio with sprung dance floor

**Other Facilities:**

- State-of-the-Art Auditorium
- Sewing Lab
- Costume Shop
- Scene Shop
- Ceramics Studio with Kiln
- Fabrication Lab 3D Arts Space
- Art Studio
- Dance Studio with sprung dance floor
- Band Room
- Rock Band Room with Recording Studio
- Art gallery (for display of student, teacher, and professional work)

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## After-School Programs

**After-school Programs:** The Arts Conservatory offers a wide array of visual and performing arts courses; LEARNs sports program.

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## Parent involvement

**PTSA contact:** Michael McCarthy ([beanred@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beanred@sbcglobal.net))      PTSA Membership: 72 (2022-23)

**Parent involvement opportunities:** PTA, ELAC, AAPC, School Site Council; Annual Fund; field trip chaperones, arts program supporters.