



# Norma Coombs Elementary School Factsheet

**Address:** 2600 Paloma Street, Pasadena, CA, 91107

**Phone:** 626-396-5660

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

**School hours:** 8:45 am - 3:10 pm  
Monday Early Dismissal 1:30 pm

**Grade levels:** Pre-K; TK to 5

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

**Parent Ambassadors:** Allegra Fischer, Aimee Cunningham, Kayt Sirounian

## Principal

**Raymond Cross** – Mr. Cross was appointed to Norma Coombs as Principal in 2022. Prior to that he served six years as an Assistant Principal at Pasadena High School.

## Teachers

All of Norma Coombs’ classroom teachers are certificated, and are supported by an Instructional Coach, Wellness teacher, and a Response to Intervention teacher (all certificated). There is a part-time Nurse, full-time Health Clerk, and a Behavior Aide.

## Students (Demographic data from 2022-23)

Total Enrollment: **294**





Hispanic	Non-Hispanic					Other / No ethnicity given
(Any race)	African-American	Asian	Filipino	White	2 or more ethnicities	
67.3%	14.3%	1.4%	1.7%	10.2%	4.1%	1.0%
<b>English Language Learners (ELLs):</b> 17.7% As English Learners progress they are first designated <b>Initial Fluent English Proficient</b> (7.1%) and eventually <b>Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient</b> (4.4%)					<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged:</b> 76.5%	

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

# of applicants who listed school as 1 <sup>st</sup> choice	69
% of applicants who listed school as 1 <sup>st</sup> choice and got in	93%

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 also PEN Fact Sheet guide for “Enrichment Basics”*

-  Focus on balanced literacy via extensive classroom libraries and parent-supported literacy circles
-  Music room (TK-5<sup>th</sup> classes every week); after-school 60+ voice Choir  Ceramics program
-  Every student learns computer coding - instruction and teacher coaching provided by certified Computer Science Impact (CS Impact) instructor.

**Norma Coombs: what has changed recently?** *A new Principal was appointed in 2022, and an extensive campus renovation project was completed in Spring 2019. The school offers an immersive computer coding program (Computer Science Impact) in which coding is integrated into all aspects of learning (K-5). Norma Coombs helped pilot PUSD’s Balanced Literacy initiative.*

## School Environment / Social-Emotional Learning

**Positive Recognition:** Norma Coombs uses the Second Step program, with weekly social emotional learning lessons provided to each classroom by the Wellness teacher. Students receive positive recognition for demonstrating “Lion’s Pride” traits of Respect, Responsibility, and Integrity. Students are recognized at monthly assemblies for both academic and extra-curricular accomplishments.

## After-School Programs

**After-school Programs:** YMCA Adventures, Pasadena Parks and Recreation; variety of fee-based afterschool enrichment programs offered (Can-Do Kids, Kids Klub). Before-school care is available through Pasadena LEARNS and the YMCA.

## Parent Involvement

**PTA Contact:** Jeanine Legaspi ([ncesptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:ncesptsapresident@gmail.com)) **PTA Membership:** 77 (2022-23)

**Other Parent Involvement Opportunities:** School Site Council, ELAC, African-American Parent Council; GATE Parent Advisory Council; **Annual Fund** helps pay for Computer Science Impact. PTSA pays for the Ceramics teacher and supplies.