



Sierra Madre Middle School Fact Sheet

Address: 160 N. Cañon Ave, Sierra Madre, CA, 91024

Phone: 626-396-5910

Website: smms.pusd.us

School hours: 8:15 am - 3:05 pm
 Monday Early Dismissal: 1:25 pm

Grade levels: 6th - 8th

Regular school tours:
 Check penfamilies.org/calendar

Parent Ambassadors: Adam Wierman, Leslie Tamppari (Mandarin DLIP); Lisa Swan

Principal

Garrett Newsom – Mr. Newsom was appointed Principal of Sierra Madre Middle School in 2011. Grace Luces-Herrera was assigned to SMMS as Assistant Principal in 2015.

Teachers/Staff

SMMS’ classroom teachers are all fully credentialed. The school also has a full-time literacy coach, full-time school counselor, and a librarian.

Students (Demographic data from 2022-23) Total Enrollment: 574

Hispanic (Any race)	Non-Hispanic					2 or more ethnicities	Other / No ethnicity given
	African-American	Asian	Filipino	White			
28%	5.7%	18.1%	2.4%	35.9%	8.4%	1.4%	
English Language Learners (ELLs): 1.4% // As English Learners progress they are first designated Initial Fluent English Proficient (10.5%) and eventually Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient (8.9%)						Socioeconomically Disadvantaged: 44.6% Students with Disabilities: 14.8%	

Open Enrollment (for 2022-23 School Year)

# of 6th grade applicants who listed school as 1st choice	129
# of 6th grade applicants who listed school as 1st choice and got in	65%

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.

What has changed recently? *Sierra Madre's middle school campus completed construction in 2015. Students matriculating from Field's Mandarin Dual Language program now represent about 20% of SMMS' enrollment. Math Academy was introduced in 2016-17.*

School Environment

Student recognition and leadership opportunities include:

- Monthly Spotlight Assemblies
- Honor Roll
- Student Council
- Service Club
- Safe Schools Ambassadors
- 8th Grade Promotion Awards
- Rotary Club Teen Leadership Camp

Middle School Schedule, Electives & Enrichment

Schedule: 6 period day with 57-minute periods and a weekly Advisory period each Monday morning

Class size: Class sizes average 30-35 students.

6th Grade Class Configuration: 6th graders are grouped in cohorts with one teacher for English Language Arts (ELA) and History, one for Math, and another for Science. They have a separate lunch from 7th and 8th graders.

Electives: Robotics, 3D Printing, Hawk News, Computer Science, Choir, Drama, Instrumental Music, and Visual Arts. Students in the DLIP program take Mandarin Language Arts as their elective, and English Learners receive English Language Development during this time as well. After-school electives are offered for Drama, Instrumental Music, Robotics, and Visual Arts.

Opportunities for Advanced Students: Students are assessed for placement in accelerated math classes, leading to completion of the Math 6-8 sequence in two years and the opportunity to take Integrated Math 1 (for high school credit) in 8th grade. Students not in the accelerated math cohort are heterogeneously grouped for their core subjects. **Math Academy** offers highly gifted math students an opportunity to complete the Calculus AB-BC sequence by the end of middle school, with the goal of passing the AP Calculus Test.

Opportunities for Academic Intervention: Academic Intervention classes are offered after school.

Clubs and Activities: Gay/Straight Alliance; Science Olympiad, Mock Trial Club, Service Club. Math Field Day, Marching Band, History Day, Art Docents, and Student Council. SMMS students can participate in afterschool sports, competing with other middle school sports teams in the LEARNS League and the 210 League. 8th Graders also take a class trip to Catalina Island at the end of each year.

Facilities

Construction of the new Campus was completed in 2015. Facilities include:

- 20 Classrooms
- Amphitheater & Stage
- Library
- Gymnasium
- 3 Science labs
- 2 visual arts labs
- 1:1 Student to Chromebook ratio

Sierra Madre's new campus is built on an open plan. There is a full-time security guard on staff. Students do not use lockers; they keep their textbooks in classroom cubbies. The school partnered with the City of Sierra Madre and local groups to renovate/maintain the athletic field post-construction.

After-School Programs

After-school Programs: LEARNS, YMCA. Parent volunteers coach after-school sports teams (volleyball, coed flag-football, basketball, soccer); teams compete with other PUSD middle schools in the LEARNS league as well as schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley as part of the 210 League. Sports include Volleyball, Flag Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer, Girls' Softball & Tennis.

Parent involvement

PTSA contact: Allen Lee (president@smmspts.org)

PTSA Membership: 137 (2022-23)

Parent involvement opportunities: Parent volunteers support the 7th Grade Science Lab; after-school enrichment programs; and the Middle School Service Club.