



# Willard Elementary School Factsheet

## International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program

**Address:** 301 S. Madre, Pasadena, CA 91107

**Phone:** 626-396-5690

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

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

**Grade levels:** Pre-K; TK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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

**Parent Ambassadors:** Veronica Brotons (bilingual Sp-Eng & SpEd), Helen Hinton, Jennifer O'Malley

### Principal

**Maricela Brambila** became Willard’s principal in 2021, having previously served as an Assistant Principal at both Blair and PHS. **Linda Wittry** continues as Willard’s International Baccalaureate Program Coordinator. **Cathy Novelo** is Willard’s Instructional Coach and **Sandra Rosales** is Willard’s new English Learner Instructional Coach.

### Teachers

All of Willard’s teachers meet both state and IB certification criteria. Other key staff include a part-time Nurse, full-time Health Clerk, Psychologist and Speech Therapist.

### Students (Demographic data from 2022-23) Total Enrollment: **476**

Hispanic (Any race)	Non-Hispanic					2 or more ethnicities	Other / No ethnicity given
	Asian	African-American	Filipino	White			
65.5%	3.6%	7.1%	2.1%	14.1%	5.9%	1.7%	

<b>English Language Learners (ELLs):</b> 18.5%. As English Learners progress they are first designated <b>Initial Fluent English Proficient</b> (10.1%) and eventually <b>Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient</b> (6.9%)	<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged:</b> 68.3%
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### 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	53
% of applicants who listed school as 1 <sup>st</sup> choice and got in	85%

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*

🎵 K-5 music instruction provided by a full time credentialed Music Teacher. 🎨 Weekly art instruction with a full time art teacher. 🌱 School garden. 📖 Library staffed and used full time. 🏃 Weekly PE provided by PE credentialed teacher. 🇪🇸 Students take weekly Spanish class with a credentialed instructor. 🧘 Sensory Lab enriches occupational therapy sessions and helps Special Needs students to develop gross motor skills, such as balance, walking, etc. Staffed science-lab for all students, weekly.

**What has changed recently that may have an impact on academic performance?** *Willard transitioned smoothly to a new principal in 2021; Principal Brambila is already familiar with the Willard community as the parent of children who attended the school. The teaching staff has not changed and the Instructional Coaches are former Willard teachers. As an IB World School, Willard uses PUSD’s curriculum and Common Core State Standards, but also must adhere to IB standards and criteria.*

## School Environment / Social-Emotional Learning

**Positive Recognition:** Students exhibiting behaviors reflecting the IB learner profile (Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Risk-Takers, Caring, Open-minded, Balanced, Reflective, Principled and Communicators) are recognized with leaves placed on the IB "Tree" in the main hallway. IB Awards based on the same characteristics are presented to students from each class at the monthly school-wide assembly. At the end of the year one child per classroom is given an IB Child of the Year award.

All teachers use Second-Step as the Social-Emotional Learning curriculum which is intended to support the students growth and in line with the IB Learner Profile. Additionally, Willard has a fully staffed Wellness Corner where students can go to for support and conflict resolution.

## After-School Programs

Willard has three after school programs that operate 12:35-6:00 pm on Monday and 2:15-6:00 pm Tuesday-Friday. Pasadena LEARNs and Pasadena Parks & Recreation’s After-school Adventures Program operate on campus; Boys and Girls Club (626-449-9100) offers care at their facility adjacent to campus.

## Parent Involvement

**PTA Contact:** Ariel Loop ([arielloop@gmail.com](mailto:arielloop@gmail.com))

**PTA Membership:** 72 (2022-23)

**Other Parent Involvement Opportunities:** PTA includes a Special Education Subcommittee; ELAC, School Site Council; Willard Annual Fund; Room Parents; parent work days, classroom volunteers.