



Hamilton Elementary School Fact Sheet

Address: 2089 Rose Villa St, Pasadena, CA 91107

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http://hamilton.pusd.us

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

Grade levels: Pre-K to 5

Regular school tours:

First Wednesday at 9:00 am (except for January & April: 2nd Wednesday)

Parent Ambassadors: Jen Gold, Jennifer Goldman, Jen Valdiviez

Principal

Erika Cooper - Ms. Cooper was promoted to Principal of Hamilton Elementary in 2017. She previously served as the school's curriculum resource teacher, language development resource teacher, and site administrative designee from 2007-2016.

Teachers

Hamilton's classroom teachers and computer lab teacher are all certificated. Many have received recognition as "Teachers of Excellence." Nichole Anderson named a Milken Educator Award recipient in 2018-19, the only national honoree from California.

Students (2018-19) Total Enrollment: 605

Hispanic (Any race)	Non-Hispanic				Other / No ethnicity given
	African-American	Asian	White	2 or more ethnicities	
40.8%	10.2%	14.2%	24.5%	5.8%	4.5%
English Language Learners (ELLs): 12.7% As English Learners progress they are first designated Initial Fluent English Proficient (10.4%) and eventually Reclassified as Fluent English-Proficient (5.8%)					Free/Reduced Meals : 43%

Open Enrollment (For 2018-19 School Year)*

% of Kinder applicants who listed school as 1st choice and got in	47%
Waitlist at end of Open Enrollment process?	Yes: for K thru 4th grade

PUSD will post the range of open enrollment seats projected to be available for the 2020-2021 school year in January. 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 first lottery.

Enrichment "Extras" *See also PEN Fact Sheet guide for "Enrichment Basics"*

Computer lab w/full-time technology teacher; instruction includes programming, coding, and 3D printing; GATE Club offers additional hands-on science, technology & engineering opportunities; Innovation Club for 3-5th grade students brings in creative problem-solving on STEM topics.

3/4-time Librarian Armory Center "Artful Connections" (integrates art & math curricula)

Test Scores (Note: students are tested in grades 3-5)

% of 3 rd -5 th graders tested who met/exceeded		Common Core Standards (CAASPP)			
		2019	2018	2017	2016
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	English Language Arts	85%	80%	72%	78%
	Math	77%	76%	63%	74%
Economically Disadvantaged	English Language Arts	53%	53%	40%	52%
	Math	38%	44%	33%	35%

About reported academic achievement data: The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), is a computer-based test given annually to 3rd-8th and 11th grade students statewide. Research has found that school factors explain only about 20% of such standardized achievement scores — about a third of what student and family background characteristics explain. **In PUSD, non-economically disadvantaged student proficiency rates are about 35 points higher than those of economically disadvantaged students.** We display testing data from the past few years to show recent trends, both for economically disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students.

Hamilton was named a **Gold Ribbon School in 2016**. It has received **Title 1 Academic Achievement** (2010-13) and **National Blue Ribbon School** awards (2009), made the **California Honor Roll** (2012-13), been honored for STEM education and by the California Business for Education Excellence Foundation.

Hamilton: what has changed recently? *Apart from getting a new principal in 2017, Hamilton has not undergone any significant changes in terms of program, leadership or demographic make-up recently. Parents support enrichment opportunities through fundraising and direct involvement.*

School Environment

Seven Habits of Happy Kids – Stephen Covey’s work provides framework for creating a positive school environment and building leadership skills; major grant supports Hamilton to become a “Leader in Me” school. **Positive Recognition:** Children recognized for positive actions that fill the “bucket” of self-esteem. “Students of the Month” and high attendance recognized at monthly assembly. Demonstrated excellence in academics or citizenship during each semester are placed on the honor roll.

After-School Programs

Pasadena LEARNs; Pasadena Parks and Recreation (Adventure Program); PTA also organizes wide variety of other after-school enrichment programs and clubs (get up-to-date list of activities on tour).

Parent Involvement

PTA Contact: Frank Waterman pta@bobcatbuzz.com

PTA Membership: 311 (2017-18)

Other councils or committees with active parent participation: PTA, African-American Parent Council, English Learners Advisory Council, School Site Council, Hamilton Annual Fund. Parents organize a SMArt Night each spring to encourage participation in science and art, and a Fall Cultural Festival that celebrates the diversity of the student body (18 languages spoken).