

PEN's PUSD Elementary Enrichment Guide – “Basics” & “Extras”

ALL Pasadena Unified elementary schools follow the same basic curriculum, based on California's Common Core State Standards and a project-based learning approach to instruction. With the support of the Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) and community partners, PUSD also provides all students with standards-based instruction in visual art and music. All schools have access to technology, that teachers are trained to use technology in instruction, and that all students receive training and opportunities to use technology in learning. There is an increased focus on social-emotional learning at all levels across the district.

Enrichment “Basics”: What EVERY SCHOOL offers

*PEN's fact sheets do not include these “basic” enrichment components, but parents should be aware that they are part of **every** PUSD student's learning, **along with** core instruction in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies – no matter which school they attend.*

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- My Masterpieces program (K-6), including curriculum-connected field trips to local museums
- All 3rd graders receive instrumental instruction, with band and orchestra options in 4th & 5th
- All TK-1st graders participate in a 6-week theater or dance program designed to support literacy, language development, and social emotional learning through the arts

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- All elementary students get instruction in the use of computers and use Chromebooks for research, presentations, and individualized instruction as part of their school day
- All middle schools offer a robotics elective and opportunity to use a 3D printer
- All 5th graders assessed for potential to pursue accelerated math instruction in secondary.

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- 100 minutes/week of structured PE instruction (elementary)
- All 3rd graders participate in a 3-week swim program at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center
- All TK and Kinder teachers and lead teachers at each of grades 1-5 trained to introduce yoga and meditation practice

Enrichment “Extras”

Many schools offer programs or areas of emphasis that *exceed* the offerings you can expect at every PUSD elementary school. **Unless noted, these extras are part of the school day. See PEN school fact sheet for details and inquire when you tour, as extras can change from year to year.***

-  Music (instrumental, choral or general)  Visual Art  Dance
-  Drama/theatrical production  Librarian or library coordinator
-  STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) – STEM coach or resource teacher, specialized instruction offered regularly to all students or all students in certain grades;
-  Laptop symbol indicates a specific emphasis on use of computer technology and related skills
-  Athletics – specialized program beyond basic PE requirements
-  Garden or other hands-on outdoor classroom feature used regularly; “Farm-to-School” program
-  Foreign language instruction offered during regular school day

PEN's Enrichment Summary Chart uses these icons to help you find schools that offer something extra in a given area. *Often it is parents who make an extra effort to fund or otherwise support these programs. * 2018 fact sheet and chart updates in progress*

See other side for the BASIC enrichment components ALL schools offer!
PUSD Elementary Enrichment “Extras”

School	Enrolled *	Music	Art	Drama	Dance	STEM	World Language	Staffed library	Garden	Athletics
Altadena	247									
Cleveland	146					focus				
Don Benito	595					/				
Field	477									
Franklin	198					focus				
Hamilton	592									
Jackson STEM/DLIP	588					magnet				
Jefferson	382					/				
Longfellow	488									
Madison	449					focus				
McKinley (K-8)	1,092									
Norma Coombs	413									
Roosevelt	298									
San Rafael	449									
Sierra Madre	673									
Washington STEM	509					magnet				
Webster	395									
Willard IB	640									

* **A note about school size:** school enrollment based on 2017-18 school year. While many people like the intimacy of a smaller school, keep in mind that there are trade-offs: fluctuating enrollment can result in forced combo-classes (combined grade levels), and in few or no options among teachers, especially at the higher grade levels. McKinley enrolls approximately 600 in grades TK-5.