



# WILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*An International Baccalaureate School*

## School Leadership

**Principal:** Angela Elizondo Baxter

**I.B. Coordinator:** Linda Wittry

**Curriculum Resource Teacher:**  
Jeff Maljian

**Language Development Resource Teacher:** Veronica Villagrana

## Facts About Our School

**Grades Served:** Pre-K, TK -5

**Number of Students:** 689

**Year Built:** 1925

### School Hours:

Pre- Kindergarten, Morning Session:  
7:45a.m. - 10:45a.m.

Pre-Kindergarten, Afternoon Session:  
11:45a.m. - 2:45p.m.

TK - 5th Grade: 7:50a.m. - 2:15p.m.

## Awards

- Title 1 Achieving School (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009)
- California Business for Educational Excellence Award (2010)
- Campaign for Business and Education Excellence - Star School Award (2014)
- Fire Up Your Feet Challenge (statewide) - Third Place (2015)

## What Makes Our School Unique?

- **IB Programme** - Primary Years Programme (PYP)
- **IB Learner Profile:** The profile aims to develop students who are inquirers, thinkers, principled, knowledgeable, communicators, risk-takers, reflective, open-minded, balanced, and caring.
- **Instrumental Music:** Students in first through fifth grades study a musical instrument. First graders study the keyboard, second graders learn the recorder, third grade students take Suzuki violin, fourth grade students study guitar, and fifth grade students learn the keyboard.
- **Performing Arts:** Every student has the opportunity to perform onstage for a school-wide audience at least once per school year.
- **Physical Education:** School-wide implementation of the CATZ Sole physical education program

## What Does Our School Offer?

Willard School is an authorized International Baccalaureate School (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). "The PYP prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom." -- IBO

## Community and Business Partners

All Saints Episcopal Church, Armory Center for the Arts, Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena, Don Hagopian Photography, Foothill Family Service, In-N-Out Burger Restaurant, Island's Fine Burgers & Drinks Restaurant, Kidspace Museum, Monte Vista Grove Homes, Norman's Nursery, SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, Souplantation Restaurant, Starbucks, Target Stores, Pasadena Assistance League, Vroman's Bookstore

## Attendance Area and Open Enrollment

Willard IB Elementary School is a school of residence with an attendance area of families who have the privilege of enrolling based on their home address. Visit [www.pusd.us](http://www.pusd.us) to see if your family resides in the attendance area. Families not residing in the school's area may apply through the District's annual Open Enrollment process. Please check [openenrollment.info](http://openenrollment.info) for more information, including how to apply online.



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## After School Options

Pasadena LEARNs, City of Pasadena After-School Adventures, and Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena (Del Mar location)

## Parent Options

Parent-Teacher Association, Annual Fund, School Site Council, English Language Advisory Council, GATE Parent Council, African American Parent Council, Art Docents, Science Docents, and Literacy Docents.

## Club Options

African American Parent Council, Classroom Volunteers, English Language Advisory Council, Family Education Nights, Reading, Math, Science, Field Trip Chaperones, Room Parent, School Site Council, PTA, Read Across America, and Willard Annual Fund

## Facts About Our School

**School Colors:** Blue and Gold

**School Mascot:** Wildcat

**School Motto:** Committed to Success

**Dress Code:** Navy or white tops and navy bottoms (pants, bermuda-length shorts, skirts, and skorts or jumpers)

## Community Leadership

**School Board Representative:**  
Larry Torres

**City Council Representative:**  
Gene Masuda

## Top 6 Reasons to Choose Willard IB

1. Willard School has long fostered a **family-centered culture**. Our students are warm and caring, our parents are energetic and involved, and our teachers and staff are dedicated, creative, and innovative.
2. Willard School offers families the opportunity to immerse their students in a **learning community** that teaches children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, to become learners who are: inquirers, thinkers, principled, knowledgeable, communicators, risk-takers, reflective, open-minded, balanced, and caring.

### 3. **High performing, dedicated teaching staff.**

Fully credentialed/with English learner authorization: 32 (100%)

Total years of teaching experience: 462 years

Average years of teaching experience: 14 years

BA/BS degrees held: 32+

Master's degrees held: 26

National Board Certification: 4

4. Our student population is **beautifully blended**; our students come from neighborhoods that are home to a variety of cultures, languages, and lifestyles. We all embrace the International Baccalaureate values, and treat one another with not only respect, but warmth and true regard and appreciation for our differences, as well as for all that we share as a community. (Fourteen different languages are spoken in the homes of our students.)
5. Our curriculum offerings include **rigorous programs** in music, physical education, and Spanish for all children!
6. **Safe and caring** learning environment