



"...the arts give students a voice."

Pasadena Unified School District Arts Fact Sheet

PUSD is an **Arts for All Vanguard** district, we were first among LA County districts (in 2003) to join this LA County Arts Commission network and develop a district-wide vision for the arts. Participating in *Arts for All* is a declaration of our values around the arts:

- Arts programming is offered during the regular school day
 - Our work is based on best practices in the field of K-12 Arts Education
 - The vibrant, professional arts community in Pasadena is integrated in our program
 - The District Arts Team (DAT) of partners, teachers, and parents are engaged in planning
 - We value equity in serving all children, regardless of income level or ability to donate
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ELEMENTARY

- **Visual art** in elementary schools is mainly delivered by classroom teachers, who have received extensive professional development and utilize standards-based arts curriculum. Two elementary schools also have ceramics programs, and five additional schools have parent-supported art rooms.
- **My Masterpieces**, an elementary visual arts curriculum and field trip experience, is in place at every PUSD elementary school. This partnership with Pasadena Educational Foundation, the PUSD Arts Office, and ten community arts partners was awarded a Golden Bell by the CA State Superintendents Association and a CAMMY from the California Association of Museums.
- **Elementary music** is supported by a cadre of certificated music teachers who provide whole-class instruction for 3rd grade, and teach band and orchestra programs at 4th & 5th grade at every PUSD elementary school. Seven elementary schools also have K-5 general music or choral programs through community partnerships.
- District-wide residencies in **theater and dance** are provided by professional artists for grades TK, K, 1st grade, and Special Education classes.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

- The National Endowment for the Arts has funded a Middle School counterpart to *My Masterpieces*, called **Open Stage**. Theater companies will work with middle school history teachers to pilot this program in 2017-18, which encompasses residencies with theater artists, a curriculum that integrates History, English, and Theater content, and a field trip component. When fully rolled out, the program will serve every middle school.
- Our middle and high school **arts enrollment numbers** district-wide are high. About 57% of our 6th-12th grade students are enrolled in an arts course in any given semester, compared to the LA County Average (37%). Most of the surrounding districts are in the low 40%s. (Source: The California Department of Education Arts Ed Data Project)
- All of our **50 middle and high school arts teachers** are qualified by the state to teach their art forms, and the majority are active in their respective fields, performing music professionally, exhibiting their artworks, selling their illustration and designs, and appearing in theatrical productions. Some also teach college-level arts courses.
- Our middle and high school music programs are consistently awarded Gold and Silver at the regional **Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association Festivals**.
- In our **High School College & Career Pathways**, students receive specialized arts training in a cohort with their peers. They participate in integrated projects as well as receive discrete instruction in the arts. Guest speakers visit frequently, and students complete internships at art museums, live music festivals, theatrical venues, and production studios, through an extensive network of partnerships.
- After graduating from PUSD Schools, our students matriculate to **USC Cinematic Arts, Cal Arts, Art Center College of Design, the San Francisco Art Institute, and UCLA's School of Theater, Film & Television**. At UC and CSU campuses across California, they major in music, film & television, graphic design, creative writing, and art.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our partnerships with these world-class institutions bring professional artists as guest teachers into our classrooms, provide field trips, and generate work-based learning opportunities.

Visual Art	Music	Theater	Dance
Armory Center for the Arts	Education Through Music Los Angeles	A Noise Within	Aman Dance
City of Pasadena Public Art Walking Tour Gamble House	Harmony Project	About Productions	Lineage Dance
Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens Kidspac Children's Museum	LA Children's Chorus	Ensemble Theater Shakespeare Company	Music Center of Los Angeles
Latino Film Institute	Little Kids Rock	Music Center of Los Angeles	
Lightbringer Project	Oakwood Brass	Pasadena Musical Theater Program	
Norton Simon Museum	Pasadena Conservatory of Music	Pasadena Playhouse	
USC Pacific Asia Museum	Pasadena Master Chorale	Sierra Madre Playhouse	
Pasadena Museum of History	Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra	Unbound Productions	
Side Street Projects	Young Musicians Project		
	Sectional Coaches		

OTHER SERVICES

- PUSD's annual all-district art exhibition, **No Boundaries**, has been in place for 12 years, in conjunction with Arts Night Pasadena
- We produce three district-wide **music festivals** yearly.
- An **e-newsletter** is published monthly
- The **District Arts Team/Community Arts Team** meets monthly to further the arts in PUSD and the community.

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