



Jackson STEM Dual Language Magnet Academy

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School Leadership

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Facts About Our School

Grades Served: Pre-K -5

Number of Students: 630

Year Built: 1922

School Hours: 7:45 am– 2:15pm

School Colors: Blue and Yellow

School Mascot: Andy the Dolphin

School Motto: Leaping to Success!

Dress Code: Uniforms strongly encouraged. Pants/shorts (for boys and girls) and skirts, skorts, and jumpers (for girls) can be navy or khaki. Skirts and jumpers can be worn with a white collared or polo shirt. Polo shirts can be dark blue, light blue, yellow, or white. Jeans can be worn daily with the collared shirts. Spirit T-shirts can be worn any day of the week. Spirit Day is Friday!

Community Leadership

School Board Representative:

Kimberly Kenne

What Makes Our School Unique?

Jackson Magnet is a popular choice among parents due to the many programs offered at our elementary site and the exciting partnerships we have fostered. As a magnet school with a STEM focus and a Spanish Dual Language Immersion option, Jackson offers a blended instructional focus that is rare in LA County and unique to Pasadena Unified. Our caring teachers provide academically rigorous instruction as they meet the needs of a diverse student population. Many visitors also immediately notice what makes our school truly special: the positive atmosphere that abounds and the warmth and positive natures of our students, parent community, and members of staff. Actively involved and student-centered, our staff and parent volunteers work tirelessly to open the doors of opportunity for our students and to provide a rich, stimulating, and nurturing environment in which to learn, grow, and prepare for life in the 21st century.

What Does Our School Offer?

Jackson offers a STEM Magnet program with a Spanish Dual Language Immersion option. We have a full-time science teacher, a lab assistant, and a well-equipped science lab providing all students with hands-on exploration and experimentation. We have developed an integrated program that focuses on universal themes such as power, change, systems, and patterns to allow students to make connections across content areas. We partner with top local scientists to build the expertise of our teachers and inspire our students. Field trips at every grade level make learning come to life. The STEM curriculum for 5th graders includes an overnight learning experience and culminating Capstone project.

Jackson is the only school in the PUSD to partner with the Garden School Foundation, an organization that provides a trained instructor to implement garden-based life science and healthy cooking classes to all of our students. We have a beautiful school library used to enrich our students' experiences and foster a love of literature among our students. We offer an expanded general music program, including primary vocal, orchestra, and band classes. In addition, we partner with the Pasadena Symphony Orchestra to provide after-school music enrichment classes. The varied learning opportunities allow us to fulfill the many interests of our inquisitive students.

Community and Business Partners

Caltech, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Garden School Foundation, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena Symphony Orchestra, Oakwood Brass, Reading Partners, Kids Reading to Succeed (KRS), Side Street Projects, and John Muir High School.

Attendance Area and Open Enrollment

Jackson STEM Dual Language Magnet Academy 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 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. Acceptance into our Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program is through Open Enrollment, regardless of the area of residence. Preference is given to Pasadena residents. Please check openenrollment.info for more information, including how to apply online.



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After School Options

After School: Pasadena LEARNs, Pasadena Parks and Recreation, Enrichment Clubs, and school-based after-school tutoring.

Parent Options

There are many opportunities to get involved at Jackson! We welcome parent involvement in the garden, library, playground, Reading Partners, individual classrooms (according to the needs of each teacher), and school-wide events. Parent Groups include: Parent Teacher Association (PTA), School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), Dual Language Immersion Program Parent Advisory Committee (DLIP PAC), Garden Committee, and Jackson Annual Fund.

Club Options

Jackson seeks to instill leadership in our students by providing opportunities to participate in student government. A variety of free after-school club enrichment options include: 3-D Printing Club (Beginning and Advanced), Dot/Dash and LEGO Robotics, Coding, Engineering with Legos and Hot Wheels, Green Team, Mad Scientists, App Mania, Fine Arts and Music Clubs including Folkloric Dancing, Innovation Club, and Math Field Day Club).

Sports Options

After-school sports are offered through collaboration between Pasadena LEARNs and Pasadena Parks and Recreation. Competitive sports include touch football, basketball, soccer, and cheerleading.

Jackson offers fee-based soccer coaching after school on Mondays.

Compelling Reasons to Celebrate Jackson STEM Dual Language Magnet Academy

1. We are one of the few **STEM/Dual Language** schools in LA County and in California as a whole.
2. In recent years, we have had the **largest kindergarten cohorts** in the Pasadena Unified School District.
3. We have a **gardening program** tied to life science standards that also gives our students the opportunity to cook our produce in healthy recipes.
4. Our **Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program** follows the 90/10 model, allowing our students to become truly bilingual, bi-cultural, bi-literate, and bi-cognitive. We attract many families from across the city and outside the boundaries of the Pasadena USD.
5. Our full-time **Science Lab** teacher provides all students in grades K-5 with engaging, hands-on lessons aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.
6. Our **Science Lab teacher acts as STEM Coach** and works with our instructional coaches to support our teachers in their efforts to integrate the STEM disciplines throughout the varied curricular areas, with special focus on literacy connections.
7. We have a **comprehensive music program** at Jackson in grades kindergarten through 5. Our bilingual music teacher provides vocal music instruction in grades K-3, with the added opportunity to play an instrument in the 3rd grade (where students are introduced to the violin and the recorder). The opportunity to play in our band and orchestra is offered to our students in the 4th and 5th grades.
8. Our parents, staff, and community members are very **involved and supportive** of our school, its programs, and especially of our wonderful students.

