



McKINLEY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

One Team. One Mission. Demonstrating Excellence.

School Leadership

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Facts About Our School

Grades Served: TK - 8

Number of Students: 987

Year Built: 1922

School Hours:

Elementary: 8:45 am– 3:10 pm

Middle: 8:25 am- 3:10 pm

Community Leadership

School Board Representative:
Dr. Elizabeth Pomeroy

City Council Representative:
Andy Wilson

What Makes Our School Unique?

McKinley School of the Arts is a dynamic, diverse school community. We offer our students an opportunity to develop a better cultural awareness. In addition, we are an arts-focus school. Our arts-focus adds value to the core curriculum by providing context and engaging students in the theme of the school. Students are exposed to interdisciplinary units in which language arts, math, science, and social studies are approached through the arts theme in an authentic and personalized hands-on setting. Lastly, we believe in celebrating our students, teachers, staff, volunteers and staff. On the first Friday of each month, we celebrate the talent and team work at McKinley School with our All-Team Meetings. This is an opportunity to spotlight our faculty, staff member, parent, and volunteer of the month, students of the month, clubs, and talent. We also specialize in the Workshop Model for Instruction, content integration, flexible seating, and blended learning.

What Does Our School Offer?

McKinley School prides itself in having a balanced curriculum where we focus on meeting the individual needs of all students. We use data to help drive our instruction. Embedded in our rigorous instruction, we offer continuous opportunities for students to create, collaborate, communicate, and to think critically. Students are able to become responsible, conscientious citizens who possess a desire to lead and collaborate in the 21st century. In addition, we offer visual arts at least 3 days per week and music in grades 3-8. We host after school enrichment programs in the arts, robotics, coding, and other interest areas. Additionally, our Arts Council offers three plays/musicals per year with open auditions to all MKS Tigers.

Community and Business Partners

Vroman's Bookstore, Merrill Lynch, Pasadena Educational Foundation, Polytechnic Volunteer Readers, Assistance League of Pasadena, Dominos, In & Out, Urban Plates, Maria's Italian Kitchen, Bowlmor Lanes, and more.

Attendance Area and Open Enrollment

McKinley 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 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 for more information, including how to apply online.



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Top 10 Reasons to Choose McKinley

Before & After School Options

LEARNS, YMCA, City of Pasadena Parks and Recreation, Boys and Girls Club, and various enrichment programs.

Parent Committees

AAPC, Arts Council, ELAC, GATE, MKS Annual Fund, PTA, and SSC

Club Options

ASB, Bravo Team, College Access Planning, Drama, Robotics, Coding, K Kids, Builders, Bucket Drums, Improv, Crossfit, Cooking, AASC, Step, and more

Sports Options

Football, basketball, volleyball, and soccer as well as sports through LEARNS

Facts About Our School

School Colors: Red, White, & Black

School Mascot: Tiger

School Motto: One Team. One Mission. Demonstrating Excellence.

Dress Code: Black, white, and red clothing with jeans or khakis.

- Award-Winning School:** McKinley School won the L.A. Weekly Reader's Choice award for the Best School in San Gabriel Valley and the Title One School Achievement Award!
- Cultural Compassion:** Students at McKinley School learn appreciation, diversity, and understanding of other cultures and languages because of the cultural, linguistic and socio-economic diversity of the students and their families that attend our school. When kids learn about other cultures, it helps them understand and feel engaged in the world. This helps them see the beauty of different cultures and appreciate the differences and similarities in how we and others live.
- Demonstration Site:** We are a Demonstration School for best educational practices, welcoming visitors and learners from other educational facilities and institutions on site to learn with and from our faculty and leadership team.
- Social-Emotional Learning:** The McKinley staff is dedicated to supporting the "whole" child. In addition to teaching our students high-quality and challenging academics, teachers and staff help students develop social skills of cooperation, communication, collaboration and creativity in order to become contributing citizens in our society.
- Unique Structure:** McKinley School is the only TK-8th grade school in PUSD. This allows students, families, and school personnel to establish deep relationships as a school community. This configuration also affords families continuity of service for 10 years.
- Award-Winning Teachers:** McKinley School is home to veteran, award-winning teachers including: Rotary Teachers of Excellence, the Bravo Award, National Board Certification, Pasadena NAACP Teacher of the Year, and the only PUSD teacher to have won LA County Teacher of the Year!
- Outstanding and Dedicated Staff:** Many McKinley teachers and staff are founding members of the school, which reopened in 2002 as a visual and performing arts magnet school. All grade level teams work closely together to provide an arts-focused curriculum, and showcase at least one grade level performance every year.
- Involved Parents:** McKinley School has an outstanding PTA and Arts Council which host family and community events throughout the year including: Welcome Back, the Taste of McKinley Multicultural Fair, Art Nights, Jog-A-Thons, plays, musicals, talent shows, cook-offs, and parent nights out.
- Extra-Curricular Activities:** McKinley School serves busy working families with several excellent before and after school programs. These programs include: LEARNS, YMCA and Parks and Recreation. The Annual Fund also offers a menu of enrichment clubs and plays each year.
- Early Childhood Education:** McKinley School has an excellent early childhood program that begins with extended transitional kindergarten. All TK, and Kinder classrooms have an instructional assistant to provide extra support to Students.