



School Leadership

Principal: Mr. Rudy Ramirez

Dual Language Immersion Program:
Ms. Lourdes Rivera

Facts About Our School

Grades Served: Pre-K -5

School Hours:

Mon: 7:50 am- 12:35 pm
Tues-Fri: 7:50 am– 2:15 pm

Awards

- California Gold Ribbon School (2016)
- California Title I Academic Achievement Award School (2016)
- California Distinguished School (2014)
- San Rafael is the **FIRST** school to be awarded California Distinguished School and California Gold Ribbon School in back-to-back award cycles

Community Leadership

School Board Representative:
Scott Phelps

City Council Representative:
Steve Madison

Community Partner

West Pasadena Residents' Association

After School Options

LEARNs and Adventures - City of Pasadena

Parent Options

Parent Teacher Association, School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Council, African American Parent Council, and Dual Immersion Advisory Council

SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Spanish Dual Language Immersion

Top Reasons to Choose San Rafael

- San Rafael was selected as a **2016 California Gold Ribbon School**, a **2016 California Title I Academic Achievement Award School**, and a **2014 California Distinguished School**. On the last California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, San Rafael demonstrated a double-digit increase in English Language Arts (11%) and Math (10%).
- San Rafael has a **highly sought-out Dual Language Immersion Program in Spanish**. Our school follows the 90/10 instructional model. In Kindergarten, students receive 90% of their instruction in Spanish and 10% in English. This percentage increases/decreases by 10% each year finally reaching 50% Spanish / 50% English instruction by Fourth Grade.
- San Rafael boasts of a **highly involved and supportive parent community** comprised of a Parent Teacher Association, Annual Fund Committee, English Learner Advisory Council, and African American Parent Council. In study after study, researchers discover how important it is for parents to be actively involved in their child's education. When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school — and the schools they go to are better.
- San Rafael Elementary School is located in a very **charming and beautiful community** with great architectural design thus promoting learning, creativity, and innovation among our students and staff.
- 82% of San Rafael Certificated Staff possess a **Bilingual Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (BCLAD) Credential**
- San Rafael works closely with the San Rafael Public Library (SRPL) to provide our students with **varied experiences to enhance literacy and a life-long love of reading**. Classes are encouraged to visit the SRPL regularly.
- San Rafael has a **"Room #13" Art Studio on campus**. "Room #13" is a world-wide movement of providing students with a creative space to explore the varied mediums of art. "Room #13" also has a micro-business component where students are encouraged to create art and market it so that the art studio can be self-sustained. San Rafael can boast of having one of the only Room #13's on an elementary school campus in the world.
- San Rafael has a full-time Physical Education Teacher that is fully-funded by our parent community. In conjunction with the old adage, "**Healthy Body, Healthy Mind**," there is an abundance of research that demonstrates that the healthier and more active students are, the better they perform academically. At San Rafael, we strive for healthy bodies and healthy minds.

Attendance Area and Open Enrollment

San Rafael is not a school of residence, but a school of choice. Though there are no attendance boundaries, each year during the District's annual Open Enrollment process, fifty percent of projected openings are set aside for families residing within a prescribed preference zone who apply online for the school as their first choice. Please visit openenrollment.info for more information and preference zone.