

Pasadena Unified School District



ARTS - AT - A - GLANCE “the arts give students a voice...”

The PUSD Arts Education Office connects Pasadena's passion for the visual and performing arts to the schools and classrooms of the Pasadena Unified School District. Through compelling, CA state standards-based arts education in visual arts, music, dance and drama, Kindergarten-12th grade students learn to be creative, imaginative, and discerning individuals. PUSD is proud to be a part of the Los Angeles County's *Arts for All* initiative.



My Masterpieces, a partnership between PUSD and local arts and cultural organizations, links teachers with professional artists to deepen arts instruction in PUSD classrooms. Students forge connections with area museums such as the Armory Center for the Arts, Kidspace, the Norton Simon, the Huntington Library and Gardens, and the Pasadena Museum of History.

The annual ***No Boundaries*** student art exhibit showcases the best student artwork each spring. Featuring over 400 drawings, paintings, sculptures, photographs, and videos by Kindergarten-12th grade students, the PUSD art exhibit exemplifies the boundless talent and energy of PUSD students.



Instrumental Music programs begin in 3rd grade with band and string instruments being offered at all schools and guitar, keyboards and recorders at various locations. *Silver Burdett Making Music* is the District's K-6 general music curriculum taught by classroom teachers. All District Music Festivals are held each year and the Pasadena Symphony, the Pasadena Conservatory and the LA Philharmonic partner with schools to deliver additional music instruction and performance opportunities. Chorus programs are offered at all secondary schools and the District is actively building participation in its elementary choirs.



Sequential, CA standards-based **Visual Art** instruction begins in Pre-K and continues through to secondary Advanced Placement courses. *SRA Arts Connections* is the adopted curriculum for K-6 elementary classrooms. Middle and high school electives include ceramics, digital media, graphic design, photography and many more and are taught by credentialed arts specialists. Exhibits, contest participation and cultural fieldtrips are encouraged.

Drama and Dance programs round out the arts programs in PUSD and include many performance opportunities for students. Musical productions, performance choirs, and dance ensembles are showcased. Students attend performances at the Pasadena Playhouse, A Noise Within, and other cultural institutions.

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