

ARTS

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS MAGNET

Arts are an integral part of a well-rounded education, boosting engagement and achievement. We provide weekly instruction in all art forms, nurturing the whole child and inspiring students to achieve their best.

Education Through Music -Los Angeles

- Every student builds a strong musical foundation through weekly general music classes.
- 4th and 5th graders additionally refine their skills in band and orchestra.

AMAN Dance Educators & Lineage Dance

- K-2nd grade students experience fun, fitness, and fundamentals of dance.
- 3rd-5th grade students learn classical, modern, and contemporary technique.

Armory Center for the Arts & Professional Teaching Artists

- Teachers partner with Artists in Residence to integrate arts and academics for a rich, meaningful learning experience for all students.
- All students enjoy weekly visual arts classes with a full-time art teacher.



ARTS INTEGRATION

Students deepen their understanding of science, math, history, and English through engaging arts lessons. For example:

- Kindergarteners reenact a beloved story to improve comprehension skills.
- First graders study the science of sound as they learn about musical instruments.
- Fourth graders learn about diameter, radius and decimals while creating unique sculptures, then calculate the retail price of the sculpture based on materials used.

ACADEMICS

A NURTURING, RIGOROUS SCHOOL FOR EVERY CHILD

At Altadena Arts Magnet, children are taught how to think, not what to think.

Our dedicated teachers use evidence-based approaches including Balanced Literacy and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports to:

- Celebrate each child's unique abilities, perspectives, and interests.
- Provide opportunities for voice and choice, so students drive their own learning.
- Promote positive interactions with other students in a diverse learning community.
- Build on students' strengths to increase academic achievement and social-emotional competencies, preparing students for college and careers.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP

Our students and teachers are supported by an experienced leadership team comprised of full-time instructional specialists.

Principal: Benita Scheckel

Arts Curriculum Specialist: Victoria Camargo

French Teacher on Special Assignment:
Amy Marmol

Instructional Coach: Hanh Le

Magnet Grant Coordinator: Regina Major

Response to Intervention Coach: Dana Hill



FRENCH

FRENCH DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Our program is based on a two-way, 90:10 model. Two-way means that classrooms are composed of both native English speakers and French speakers, so students can support each other in their development of both languages.

The 90:10 model signifies that the kindergarten curriculum is taught 90% in French and 10% in English. At each subsequent grade level, the amount of instruction in English is increased by 10%, so that by fourth grade, students are taught 50% in each language.

These program characteristics are research-based and critical to the development of bilingualism, biliteracy, academic success, and multicultural understanding.

WHY FRENCH?

Students master academic subjects in both English and French, providing an academic and career advantage as they become global citizens:

- Immersion students develop greater cognitive functioning and demonstrate increased attention control, developing better memory and superior problem-solving.
- French is currently spoken by 1.3 million people at home in the United States and by 9.2 million people in neighboring Canada.
- French is the official language of 32 nations and is widely spoken in over 55 countries, across five continents.



CULTURAL SERVICES
FRENCH EMBASSY
IN THE UNITED STATES

ENROLL

Learn more about the English and French programs at Altadena Arts Magnet to determine which program is the best educational fit for your child.

English Arts Magnet Program

- Altadena Arts Magnet has an existing attendance area that identifies students who are guaranteed a seat in the *English Arts Magnet* program.
- Students living within this boundary who wish to participate in the *English Arts Magnet* program may skip the application process and register at the school.
- All out-of-zone students must apply online through PUSD's Open Enrollment lottery.

French Immersion Arts Magnet Program

- All students interested in the *French Immersion Program* must apply online through PUSD's Open Enrollment lottery. Out-of-district families must also complete an interdistrict permit application.
- Parents/guardians of students who are accepted to through the lottery must then complete a registration packet at the school site to enroll.

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and enroll!
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