



South Pasadena Unified School District
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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- The attendance area for South Pasadena Unified School District is the city limits of South Pasadena.
- South Pasadena Unified School District does not offer transportation to or from school. If you or your childcare provider do not drive, you are responsible for getting your child back and forth from school.
- South Pasadena Unified School District provides free, public school education for approximately 4400 children in grades Kindergarten through 12th Grade. The District offers a Preschool Education Program for four year olds at each of the elementary schools. Please contact Katy Nielsen, Director, at 626-441-5810 X1124 for more information.
- The District runs on a traditional calendar (as opposed to year-round school). Classes are held generally from September through June with a summer break.
- The Summer School Program is administered in partnership with the South Pasadena Educational Foundation. For more information, please visit the SPEF website at www.spef4kids.com.
- The District does not require uniforms; there are, however, dress codes enforced at each school site.
- The District GATE Program begins in 4th grade. GATE testing takes place in the third grade or during the summer for new 4th and 5th grade students entering the District.
- Residency verification is held every year during annual registration, which takes place in August. For elementary school students, this event is referred to as "Registration Round-Up." Registration for the fall for new students from Kindergarten through 5th grade usually is held in April.
- No student will be registered until he/she resides in South Pasadena.
- By law, for the 2011-2012 school year, a student must be 5 years old on or before December 2nd of the year the student begins Kindergarten. Parents may, at their discretion, wait until the next year to enroll their child if there are concerns the student is not yet ready to begin Kindergarten. For the 2012-2013 school year, the cut-off birth date for Kindergarten will be November 1.
- Immunizations and the Mantoux TB test and reading must be up to date according to California law, with the last vaccines having been given after the fourth birthday, in order for your child to attend school on the first day of class. Students moving to S. Pasadena from out of state or out of country must have a valid Mantoux TB test and reading current within the past year, in addition to being current on immunizations.

Attendance in the three elementary schools in South Pasadena is determined by the attendance area boundaries of each school. A map of the boundaries of each school is available from the District Office or on the District website – www.spusd.net, under "About Us". To verify the elementary school that corresponds to a specific address, please contact the Office of Instructional Services at (626) 441-5810, ext. 1120.

Please note that at the time of registration, students' packets are stamped with the date and time of registration. Priority of space at the site is given to those students who register first. Students are not guaranteed placement in their attendance area school, but will be placed in another school in South Pasadena, based on space availability. Relocated students who enter the District before January, if desired and if space permits, may stay at their current school the next year, or may return to their school of residence the following school year, if space permits. If a child enters the District after January 1 and is relocated to another elementary school, that child will automatically be moved to their school of residence the following fall. Anyone requesting alternate placement is allowed to fill out an Open Enrollment Form at the District Office after initial registration has occurred. A blind lottery occurs just before the start of school in the fall to determine if requests can be accommodated, based on space and grade availability.

The District also offers a tuition-based Extended Day Program at all three elementary schools and at the Middle School. For more information, please call (626) 441-5810, ext. 1125.