



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 4300 children in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – the District does not currently offer a Pre-School program.
- 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. Enrichment classes are tuition-based, and core/proficiency classes are free for students attending South Pasadena Unified School District who need additional support to achieve State and District standards.
- The District does not require uniforms; there are, however, dress codes enforced at each school site.
- The District GATE Program begins in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. GATE testing takes place in the third grade or during the summer for new 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade usually is held in April.
- No student will be registered until he/she resides in South Pasadena.
- By law, a student must be 5 years old on or before December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- The student must have a recent (within 1 year of entering school) TB Mantoux Skin Test and proof of reading for entering kindergarten or if they have moved here from out of state or from out of the country. Out of state/out of country entrants (grades K-12) must have received one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, or physician documentation stating student has had the disease.

Attendance in the three elementary schools in South Pasadena is determined by the residence 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](http://www.spusd.net). To verify the elementary school that corresponds to a specific South Pasadena 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 home school of residency, but will be placed in another elementary 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, if desired and if space permits, may return to their home school of residency the following school year. If a child enters the District after January 1 and is relocated to another elementary school, that child will automatically be moved to their home school of residency 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 late August/early September 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.