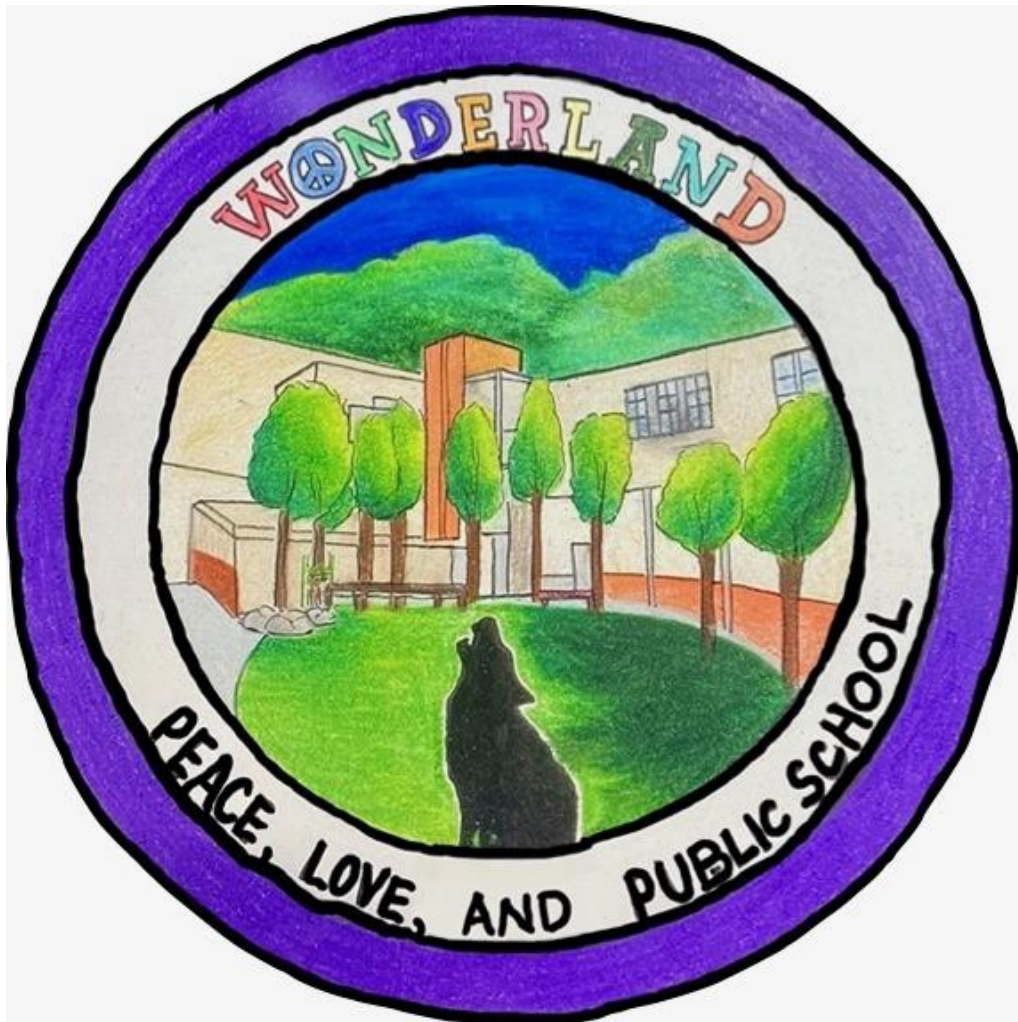




2023-2024 Middle School Resource Book



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Wonderland's 2023-2024 Middle School Resource Book. We hope it makes your school search easier.

This book is by no means a complete list of middle schools in Los Angeles. Instead, it focuses on the local schools Wonderland families choose most often, and a few others we've been told have great reputations. If you are aware of a school not listed here, and you think Wonderland parents should know about it, do let us know so we can update this resource for all!

Choosing the right school can feel daunting. Admissions processes vary widely. Some of the most popular schools - both public and private - are challenging to get into. The good news is there are lots of great options, and a strategic approach will likely yield a suitable middle school for your child and family.

There are many factors to consider when choosing a school. Public vs private, location, class size, student to teacher ratio, teaching methodology, facilities, extracurricular programs, religious affiliation, co-ed vs. unisex... the list goes on. Your family will need to decide for itself what is most important. Don't get too caught up in what other people say. Everyone has different criteria, and every child (and family) is different!

THIS GUIDE ORGANIZES SCHOOLS INTO THREE MAIN GROUPS:

- 1. Public Schools & Affiliated Charters.** Free to attend. Apply via LAUSD's EChoices portal.
- 2. Independent Charters.** Free to attend. Apply as directed by the school.
- 3. Private & Parochial.** Tuition varies. Apply as directed by the school.

As you are researching schools, here is some practical advice.

Communicate with schools directly. Don't be shy - it is their job to help you! Get on mailing lists, complete online inquiry forms. Speak with their admissions officers and magnet coordinators. Check their websites frequently for updates.

Tour schools - in person when possible. While some schools only offer virtual tours, many schools may have some in-person tours available. We encourage you to take your child with you on school tours. Many families get a "gut feeling" when they experience the right fit. FYI, if your 5th grader attends a tour with you during school hours, whether in-person or virtual, Wonderland can excuse your child's absence, provided your child does not miss the whole day and can return back to school after the tour. Do notify your child's teacher, preferably ahead of time.

Talk to other parents whose children attend schools you want to learn more about. We are all in the same boat, and information sharing benefits everyone.

If you don't think you can afford private schools, first look deeper into financial aid. Many of them offer scholarships and tuition assistance to qualifying families.

Lastly, the information in this guide is subject to change! While we have made every effort to update the information in this guide [through September 2023] - please understand that school admissions and policies are constantly in flux. Always, always verify deadlines and admissions procedures directly with the schools in question.

Happy hunting!

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SCHOOL CHOICES AT A GLANCE

QUICK SCHOOL LIST

PUBLIC & AFFILIATED CHARTER SCHOOLS

NOTE: most of these schools operate multiple programs, each with its own distinct admissions process. Some are Magnets, some are Charters, some are both! Be sure to read our detailed descriptions, and do your own research.

1. Louis Armstrong MS – Grades 6-8 [formerly Millikan MS]
2. Bancroft MS – Grades 6-8
3. John Burroughs MS – Grades 6-8
4. Emerson Community Charter – Grades 6-8
5. GALA / Girls Academic Leadership Academy – Grades 6-12
6. Thomas Starr King MS – Grades 6-8
7. LACES / Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies – Grades 6-12
8. Le Conte MS – Grades 6-8
9. Palms MS – Grades 6-8
10. Gaspar de Portola MS – Grades 6-8
11. Walter Reed MS – Grades 6-8
12. Paul Revere MS – Grades 6-8
13. Science Academy – Grades 6-12
14. SOCES / Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies – Grades 4-12

INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOLS

1. Citizens of the World, Silverlake - Grades 6-8
2. Larchmont Charter School – Grades K – 12
3. New Los Angeles Charter – Grades 6-8
4. New West Charter — Grades 6-12
5. Magnolia Science Academy — Grades 6-11
6. Renaissance Arts Academy – Grades K-12
7. Valley Charter Middle School - Grades 6-8

PRIVATE & PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

(Schools listed below are considered local and begin in 6th grade.)

1. Archer School for Girls — Grades 6-12
2. Berkeley Hall — Grades Pre-K-8
3. The Brentwood School — Grades K-12
4. The Buckley School — Grades K-12
5. Campbell Hall Episcopal — Grades K-12
6. Crossroads — Grades K-12
7. SLA (The School of Los Angeles formerly ESLA) – Grades 6-12
8. The Geffen Academy – Grades 6-11, planning to expand out to 12th.

9. Immaculate Heart School for Girls — Grades 6-12
10. Laurel Hall — Grades K-8
11. Mirman School — Grades K-8
12. Oakwood School — Grades K-12
13. Polytechnic - Grades K-12
14. St. James Episcopal School — Grades K-6
15. Saint Brendan School — Grades K-8
16. Tree Academy – Grades 6-12
17. Wildwood School — Grades K-12
18. Willows School – Grades K-8
19. The Wesley School - Grades K-8

SCHOOL CHOICES AT A GLANCE

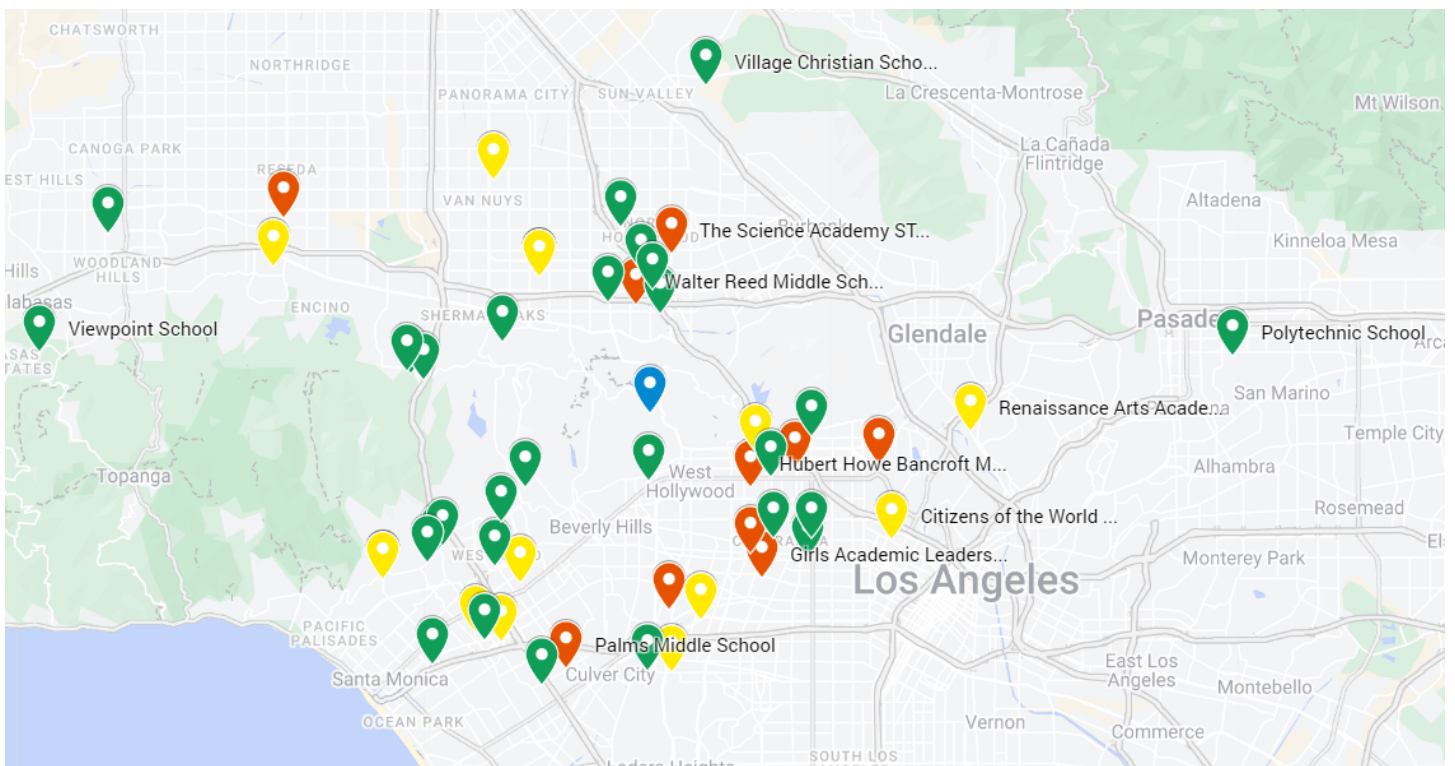
MIDDLE SCHOOL MAP

Please click on the image below to access an interactive online map.

Wonderland Avenue Elementary: **blue** marker in the middle.

Middle Schools color coded as follows:

Red - Public & Affiliated Charter, **Yellow** - Independent Charter, **Green** - Private/Parochial.



SCHOOL CHOICES AT A GLANCE

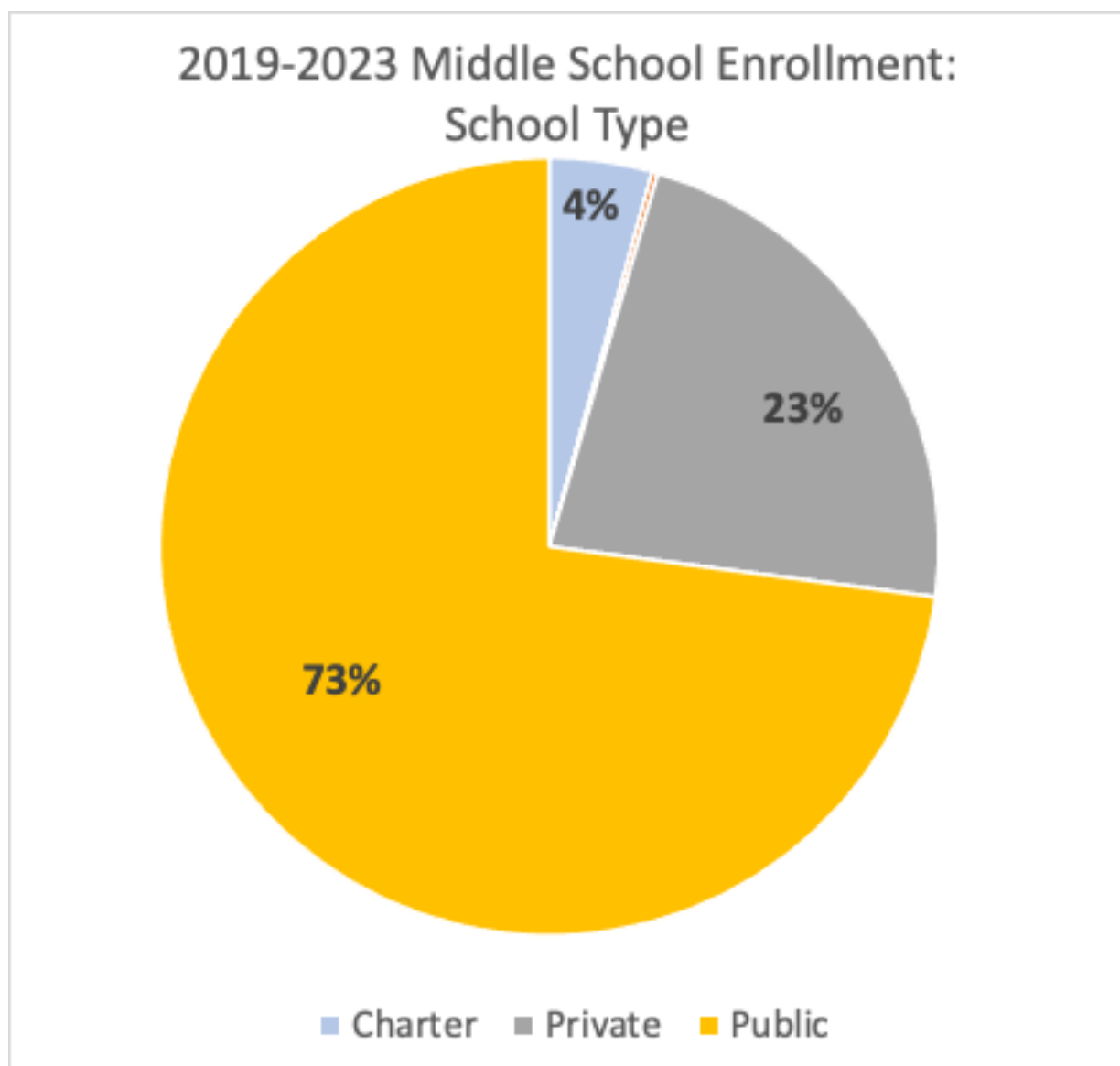
WHERE WONDERLAND KIDS WENT (Classes of 2019-2023)

SCHOOL NAME	# STUDENTS
Science Academy	70
REED IHP	67
LACES	29
Armstrong Performing Arts Magnet	20
Laurel Hall	20
GALA	16
REED SAS Human.	14
Immaculate Heart	13
Armstrong Math Academy	11
Wesley	11
REED SAS	8
Geffen Academy	8
Armstrong Performing Arts Academy	7
Armstrong Cinematic Arts Academy	7
Buckley	6
Thomas Starr King Gifted Arts/Tech Magnet	6
Armstrong SAGE magnet	5
Larchmont Charter	5
Polytechnic	5
REED SAS Environ. Sci.	5
REED SAS STEAM	4
Campbell Hall	4
Pilgrim School	4
Thomas Starr King MS	4
The School of Los Angeles (formerly ESLA)	3
Armstrong MS	2

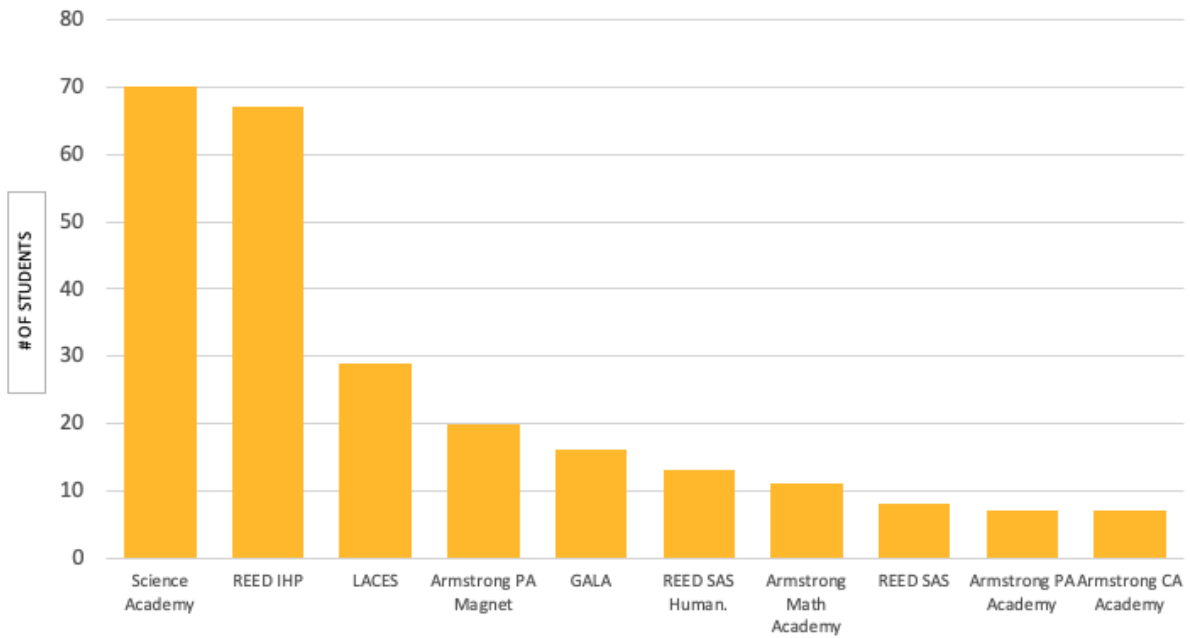
Village Christian	2
REED SAS TECH	2
Revere MS	2
Renaissance Arts Academy	2
St. Francis De Sales	2
REED SAS Global Leadership	2
Portola	2
New Roads	2
St. Brendan	1
Muir MS	1
Brentwood	1
Dolores Huerta MS	1
Oakwood	1
Fusion Academy	1
Palms	1
Thomas Starr King Film/Media Magnet	1
Emerson Comm Charter	1
Good Shepherd	1
Portola Highly Gifted	1
Archer	1
Hale Charter	1
St. Charles	1
Citizens of the World	1
Valley School	1
Crossroads	1
Westridge	1
Thomas Starr King Environ. Steam Magnet	1
Milken Community	1
Le Conte MS	1
Grand Total	391

**NOTE: In the pie chart below, “Public” includes Affiliated Charters. “Charter” refers to Independent Charters.*

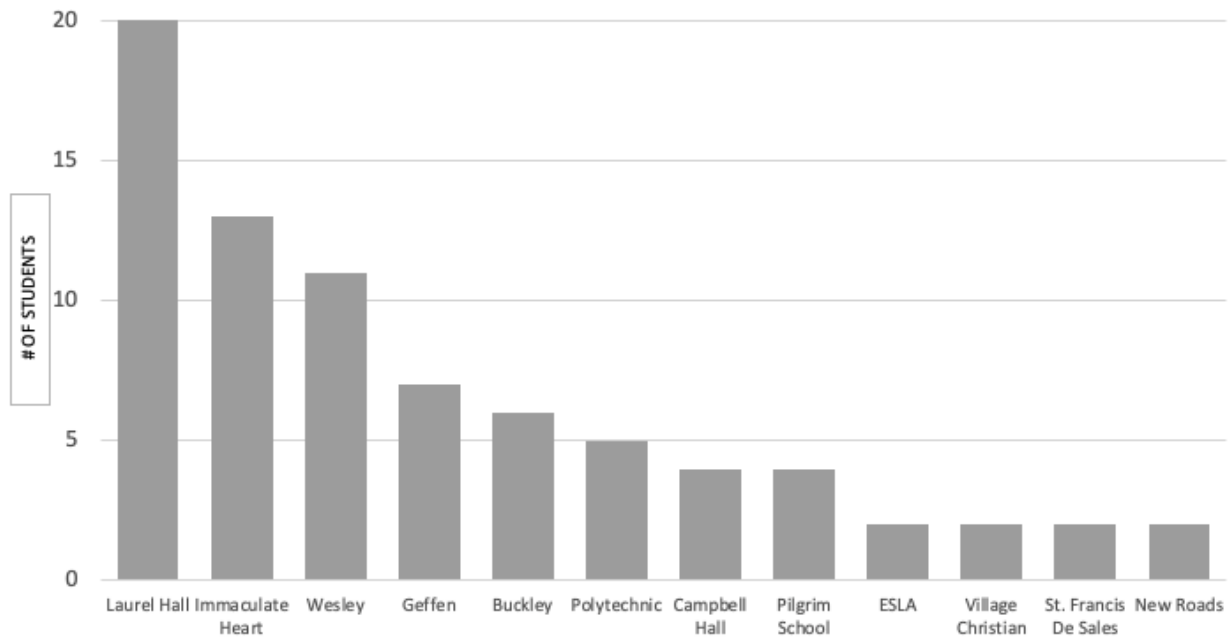
***NOTE: 2023 data is not complete, with only 33 out of 89 students captured.*



2019-2023 Middle School Enrollment: Top 10 Public Schools



2019-2023 Middle School Enrollment: Top 10 Private Schools



PUBLIC SCHOOLS & AFFILIATED CHARTERS

THINGS TO KNOW

All the schools in this section **are free to attend**, and **can be applied to online via LAUSD's platform [EChoices](#)**.

YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

You can find out your resident home school [here](#). But your home school is not the only option available to you. Los Angeles area public schools offer an impressive range of choices including Magnets, Affiliated Charters, Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS), Dual Language Education, and other smaller learning communities. Each school has a different feel and character, so it's always a good idea to visit and judge for yourself.

Some of these schools require your child to have been identified as GATE, a.k.a. Gifted and Talented. To find out what programs your child is eligible for, visit your [Schoolology](#) parent page for their identification letter. If your child has not been identified as gifted and talented, and you feel that they may be eligible, or you are unsure how to access this information, then please contact your teacher for more information. There are [seven gifted and talented identification categories](#) that may be of interest to you when looking into which school to choose for your child.

Before we go further, let's define a few terms - all of which refer to public schools.

"Neighborhood School." Also called "home school." Every family living within LAUSD's boundaries is zoned for a specific public middle school. Technically, your child is guaranteed a spot at this school, unless it has no space remaining. If interested, contact the school directly.

"Magnet." An LAUSD public school that does not base its enrollment on where a student lives. Anyone living in LAUSD bounds can apply to a Magnet, provided they meet its specific criteria. The Magnet program was developed for purposes of racial desegregation, and still serves that purpose. But over time, it has evolved into a vast ecosystem of schools with different specialties, themes, and purposes. If you are interested in applying to a Magnet, be sure to read about **"Magnet Points"** below.

NOTE: free bus transportation to Magnet schools may be available to families who do not live within a few miles of the school in question. To find out more information on transportation, click [link here](#).

"SAS." This is an acronym for "School for Advanced Studies." It is essentially an LAUSD tracking program which clusters together certain students within a school's student body who have a demonstrated history of high academic achievement. Per the district, schools with a SAS program offer "SAS schools offer "high-quality differentiated instruction with an emphasis on depth, complexity, acceleration and novelty. The SAS program is distinct from LAUSD's Gifted/Highly Gifted Magnet program. [Here is LAUSD's explanation of the difference](#).

"Affiliated Charter." An LAUSD public school that operates under district supervision, but has received the district's permission to modify its offerings and/or how it operates. In certain key respects, an Affiliated Charter school is no different from a normal LAUSD public school. For example, its teaching staff is fully unionized; and the school is still obligated to serve families living in its zone. But Affiliated Charters can, and often do, develop special programs or Academies to which any LAUSD student may apply. If an Affiliated Charter receives more applicants than it can accept, it employs a **"Lottery"** - each school according to its own unique lottery system.

We will deal with “**Independent Charter**” schools in a later section, for one simple reason: *you CANNOT apply to Independent Charters on Echoices.*

LAUSD’S eCHOICES PROGRAM

The primary way to access LAUSD’s wide range of public school offerings is through an [online platform called EChoices](#). It is through this platform that you can apply to LAUSD schools other than your zoned neighborhood school.

Every year, the EChoices On-Time Application window opens at the beginning of October, and closes in mid-November for spots in the following school year. **For the 2024-25 school year, the EChoices On-Time window runs from Oct 2nd - Nov 17th.** Provided you apply on-time, offers of admission and waitlist placements will be emailed in March 2024.

[Here are the District’s step by step instructions](#) on how to apply to schools using the EChoices platform.

We encourage you to take advantage of the On-Time Application window, as many of the most popular schools receive a flood of applications at this stage. That said, eChoices does reopen in February for a Late Application window which runs through the start of the next school year.

If you prefer to apply on paper, rather than online - you can pick up a blank EChoices application form at your local LAUSD school. You can also attend a Choices Fair virtually by clicking [here](#).

Certain popular schools receive many more applications than they have spots. To find out which, we strongly suggest you look at the EChoices [Brochure](#). By digging through the data, you can learn how many openings each school will have for the coming year - but also, how many applications it received for those spots last year. This is a strong indicator of which schools might be harder to get into!

You can apply to multiple schools at once on EChoices: up to 3 Magnets in order of preference; up to 3 Multilingual Multicultural Programs in order of preference; up to 3 SAS programs in order of preference; exactly 1 Admissions Criteria program; and as many Affiliated Charters as you like. [For 2024-25, Permits with Transportation are only available to families whose resident middle schools are: Audubon, Drew, Gompers, Harte Prep, Mann, Muir and Obama Global High School.]

Just because EChoices offers you the option to rank 3 Magnet choices does not mean that you should do so. It is not necessary to enter more than one choice. And it may or may not be in your interest to do so. If you have a very strong preference for your first choice Magnet, and you are not admitted to it outright - be aware that naming a second or third choice Magnet will automatically prevent the first school from adding you to its waitlist. Only list a second and/or third choice Magnet school if you are truly prepared to send your child to those school(s).

By contrast, Affiliated Charter schools do not communicate with each other about acceptances or rejections. Each school conducts its own lottery independently of the others. **There is no downside to applying to several Affiliated Charters.**

Re. Gifted Magnet or SAS programs, be sure your child meets criteria before applying.

If you have any questions regarding the EChoices process or the programs themselves, LAUSD has a [Contact page](#).

ABOUT “MAGNET POINTS”

If you wish to apply to a Magnet school, and you are not already acquainted with LAUSD’s “Magnet Points” system... We must tell you that it is a fairly intricate system, and best navigated with experienced advice.

But in brief: when considering Magnet applications, the District gives preference to those applicants who have accumulated the largest amount of Magnet Points at time of application. Magnet Points are bestowed on the basis of:

whether you already attend a Magnet and are matriculating (12 points); whether the school you are zoned to attend next is overcrowded or predominantly non-white, a.k.a. PHBAO (4 points); whether you have applied to a Magnet in previous years and been waitlisted (4 points for each consecutive year you've been waitlisted , looking back 3 years); whether you have a sibling already attending the Magnet to which you are now applying (3 points.) Also important: if at any point you decline an offer of admission from a Magnet school, your child's Magnet Points reset to 0.

Some families who are aware of the Magnet Point system get an early jump on collecting points, deliberately applying each year to a school where they stand a very low chance of admission. The strategy is to accrue Waitlist points, as described above. The process takes years. If you haven't done this, do not despair. Most LAUSD families haven't either.

Schools do not generally publicize "how many magnet points it takes to get in," because the number of openings per grade varies from year to year, and each year brings a different number of applicants with different circumstances. But as an informal guideline, the MOST IN-DEMAND magnet schools, with many more applicants than spots, are notably more likely to admit students if they apply with 12 Magnet Points or above.

If all of this is new to you, or if you don't know how many points your child has, we suggest you contact LAUSD's central Magnet office, called Student Integration Services, at (877) 4MAG-PWT or (877) 462-4798.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS & AFFILIATED CHARTERS

DETAILED SCHOOL INFO

LOUIS ARMSTRONG MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6-8

5041 Sunnyslope Avenue, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

[Louis Armstrong Middle School](#)

818-528-1600

Armstrong (formerly known as Millikan) is both an Affiliated Charter and a Magnet. Within these two buckets are several independent programs, as follows:

AFFILIATED CHARTER:

- General school population
- [Performing Arts Academy](#)
- [Math Academy](#)

MAGNET:

- [Performing Arts Magnet](#)
- [SAGE \(Social And Gender Equity\) Magnet](#)

As of this writing, Armstrong's official website is a little too disorganized to be a reliable resource for parents who want to learn about the different programs offered by the school. (The exception is Armstrong's [Math Academy](#), whose parent-administered website is clean and functional.) The information we've included here has been vetted verbally with the Magnet Coordinator, Joseph Porter, as of September 2023. If you have questions, Mr. Porter is the person to ask.

If Armstrong is your neighborhood school, your student automatically qualifies for a spot in the general school population of the Affiliated Charter. However, the Affiliated Charter's two specialized "Academies" have additional admissions criteria with their own deadlines. The Performing Arts Academy requires an audition. Math Academy requires a written Math Assessment.

If Armstrong is NOT your neighborhood school, you can still apply to any of its programs via EChoices. On EChoices, you will see a total of 3 possible ways to apply to Armstrong:

- Apply to the SAGE Magnet (No admissions criteria.)
- Apply to the Performing Arts Magnet. (No audition.)
- Apply to the Affiliated Charter. If you are accepted via EChoices, and wish to attend a specific Academy rather than join the general school population, your next step is a Lottery, conducted mid-February. If selected in the Lottery stage, your student will then be invited to audition (Performing Arts Academy) or take the math assessment (Math Academy.)

Additional notes:

- As you may have noticed, there are indeed TWO Performing Arts programs on campus. While the Academy (the Charter School's program) is accessed via Echoices application, then lottery, then audition - the Magnet requires only an Echoices application. Per Magnet Coordinator, "by 7th or 8th grade," students from these two nominally separate schools generally wind up taking the same performing arts classes, even as they have different teachers for their academic classes.
- Per Magnet Coordinator: An advanced math track is available to every student in the school. The very same Math Assessment that is a criteria for admission to Math Academy is available to any student on request. Passing the assessment entitles the student to cross-enroll in advanced math classes.
- Per SAGE website: "The SAGE Magnet offers a SAS/Honors cohort with an accelerated Math pathway."
- There is no longer a Cinematic Arts Academy at this school. The teacher who led it is still on staff, but those classes are now offered as electives within the other programs.

Magnet Coordinator:

Joseph Porter: jbp8974@lausd.net

Math Academy contact:

Erika Smith: esmith6@lausd.net

CAMPUS TOURS: signups are live on the homepage.

BANCROFT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6-8

929 N. Las Palmas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038

Bancroft Middle School - Los Angeles

323-993-3400

Bancroft is an International Baccalaureate (IB) school for ALL of its students. Three separate programs operate on school grounds:

- Neighborhood school
- Performing Arts Magnet
- STE[+a]M Magnet

Magnet Coordinator:

Susan Weber: sew5846@lausd.net 323-993-3423

International Baccalaureate Coordinator:

Ryan Sutton: [email link](#)

CAMPUS TOURS: Thursdays at 10:30 am, running throughout the Oct/Nov EChoices application period. A flier will be posted to the school's website last week of September 2023, and also physically mailed to elementary schools at that time. QR code on flier to sign up in advance (signup not mandatory but appreciated.) *Source: Susan Weber 9/22/23*

JOHN BURROUGHS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6-8

600 S. McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90005

John Burroughs Middle School - Los Angeles

323-549-5000

Four different programs operate on school grounds, three of which you may apply to via EChoices:

- Neighborhood school
- Gifted Magnet
- SAS
- Dual Language Program / Spanish, Korean

Magnet Coordinator:

Samuel Corral: samuel.corral@lausd.net

Tel: 323-549-5009, 323-549-5000 ["email preferred"]

SAS coordinators:

Debbie Lee, SAS Administrator or Florentina Echevarria, SAS

email: fxr2511@lausd.net

Coordinator telephone: (323) 549-5000

Dual Language program Coordinator:

Mrs. Tina Echevarria: fxr2511@lausd.net

CAMPUS TOURS: will be held in-person, "no signup required," at 8:30am on October 5th, October 12th, October 26th, November 2nd, November 9th.

EMERSON COMMUNITY CHARTER (GRADES 6-8)

1650 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

(310) 234-3100

<https://emersonms-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com>

The Emerson Community will provide 21st century instruction and experiences in art, technology, leadership and athletics. Our well-rounded, responsible and accomplished students will contribute to all aspects of our diverse world and live by our motto, "Scholarship, Citizenship, Achievement."

SAS is now The EMERSON ACCELERATED PATHWAY (EAP) for Gifted and High Achieving Students. Our new program is founded on the values and ideals of our charter document and is aligned with the state standards for GATE programs.

TOURS :

Thursday, October 5th

Thursday, October 19th

Thursday, November 2nd

Tours start at 8:30am

Please RSVP [here](#)

Lottery Information:

- Intention to enroll form can be found [here](#)

- If you live outside of Emerson's residential boundaries and you would like your child to attend, click [HERE](#) to fill out an application at the LAUSD Unified Enrollment website. Scroll down to the "Affiliated Charter Schools" section and apply.
- Applications are available online during the October - November application period. The lottery for non-residential students will occur in February during our regular Charter Board Meeting. The meeting is open to the public. Selected applicants will be notified by email and through the LAUSD Unified Enrollment system. Lottery Application Deadline — TBD. Apply at Goto.lausd.net. Lottery opens in October.

Please contact (310) 234-3100 and ask for Mrs. Dilmore, Coordinator. You can also email questions at emersoncommunitycharter@gmail.com

GALA / GIRLS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Grades: 6-12

1067 West Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019 [but see below]

www.galacademy.org/

Tel: (323) 900-4532

info@galacademy.org / jocelyn.i.guerrero@lausd.net

GALA, which opened its doors in 2016, is an all-girls program focusing on STEM education. Effective Fall 2024, the school is relocating to a new campus at **2328 St. James Place**. "Our new location is nestled and surrounded on three sides by the beautiful Mount. Saint Mary's Doheny Campus (the only all-girls college in Los Angeles), the area's historic Victorian mansions, and conveniently located within walking distance from the Expo train line. We have already partnered with Mount Saint Mary's and USC on multiple projects and we can't wait to continue those relationships."

CAMPUS TOURS: Current info [here](#). As of this writing, two virtual tours remain available by prior registration: Oct 11, Oct 23. Families who attend a virtual tour will receive an invite to an In-Person Open House on Nov 4. The school is also participating in a number of Middle- and High School admissions fairs.

APPLICATION NOTES: Current info [here](#). New this year, GALA now requires applicants to submit BOTH an EChoices application (GALA is under "Admission Criteria Schools") AND the school's own custom application, via website. Definitely review dates and deadlines. Some deadlines are on the early side; for example, mandatory teacher recommendations are due by Dec 1. Email: Admissions@galacademy.org

THOMAS STARR KING MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6-8

4201 Fountain Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90029

(323) 644-6700 | Magnet Office: (323) 644- 6708

<http://www.kingms.org/>

Four different programs operate on school grounds, three of which you may apply to via EChoices:

- Neighborhood School
- Gifted Arts and Technology Magnet
- Environmental STEAM Magnet
- Film & Media Magnet

Please also see this [overview](#) of the magnet programs, as well as the following multimedia resources which the school has produced to assist prospective parents:

[King MS Brochure](#)

[Self Guided Virtual Tour](#)

[Environmental Stem Magnet](#)

[Film and Media Magnet](#)

[Arts and Tech Magnet](#)

[Application Process](#)

CAMPUS TOURS: [RSVP for a Magnet Tour](#) for one of the following dates (Thursdays):

10/5/2023 9:30AM - 11:30AM

10/12/2023 9:30AM - 11:30AM

10/19/2023 9:30AM - 11:30AM

10/26/2023 9:30AM - 11:30AM

11/2/2023 9:30AM - 11:30AM

Magnet Coordinator:

KingMSMagnet@gmail.com

Parent Liaison:

Marylou.mejia@lausd.net

LACES / LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES

Grades: 6-12

5931 W 18th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90035

[Los Angeles Center For Enriched Studies](#)

(323) 549-5900

LACES is a full magnet school. All students wishing to apply must do so through EChoices. There are no admissions criteria other than your child's accumulated Magnet Points.

6th Grade is the most common point of entry to LACES (approx 160 spots.) Spots in the upper grades are space-available, i.e. based on the number of non-returning students. In other words, spaces in the upper grades are hard to come by.

Be advised that LACES is a very in-demand school. Our sources suggest that most successful applicants have 12, 16 or even more Magnet Points at time of application. Before betting the farm on LACES on your EChoices application, we suggest verifying how many magnet points your student actually has; and perhaps discussing your odds with the school's Magnet Coordinators.

Magnet Coordinators:

Ms. Nikki Derdzinske: nad9396@lausd.net

Ms. Jennifer Lewis: jennipher.lewis@lausd.net

CAMPUS TOURS: There is only one in-person visitation opportunity per year, the [LACES Annual Open House](#), which will be held on October 20, 2023 from 9:30-12:00. Doors will open at 9 am. RSVP is required. The RSVP form will open at 9

am on October 5th, and will close either when capacity is reached, or on October 19th at 3:00 pm. When the RSVP window opens, you can [RSVP here](#).

Re. virtual tours: as of this writing, the LACES website does not list any virtual tours. But in the past, we know the school has relied heavily on virtual tours to promote itself. Inquire with magnet coordinators.

LE CONTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6-8

1316 N Bronson Ave, Hollywood, CA 90028

<http://www.lecontems.net>

(323) 308-1700

Four different programs operate on school grounds, three of which you may apply to via EChoices:

- Neighborhood school
- HEAT (Health, Engineering and Applied Technology) Magnet
- SAS
- Dual Language Magnet / Spanish

Magnet & SAS Coordinator:

Adelina D'Ambra: agd6158@lausd.net

CAMPUS TOURS: available Wednesdays 10:00-12:30 or by appointment

PALMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6-8

10860 Woodbine St, Los Angeles, CA 90034

Palms Middle School

(310) 253-7600

Virtual Tour

Home School

Modern Media and Communication Magnet

Modern Media and Communications Magnet

Gifted High Ability Magnet

SAS

Magnet Tours:

- Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 8:30-9:30 am
- Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 8:30-9:30 am
- Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 12:15-1:15 pm
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 12:15-1:15 pm

Magnet Coordinator:

Ms. Kelley Girvan can be contacted [here](#)

Ms. Kelly Cohen: Kelly.cohen@lausd.net

GASPAR DE PORTOLA CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6-8

18720 Linnet St, Tarzana, CA 91356

818 654 3300

<https://www.portolams.org/>

If Portola is not your neighborhood school, and if your child meets the necessary GATE criteria, you may apply via EChoices to two of its three programs:

- [Highly Gifted Magnet](#) (the only HG middle school in LAUSD)
- [SAS Charter School](#)

In addition, Portola offers a unique program [with its own non-Echoices application pathway](#):

- [Academy of Integrated Arts and Technology \(AIAT\) Charter Program](#)

Additional info:

- The AIAT program is a full inclusion program which caters to students who are identified Gifted and also students who are “Twice Exceptional,” i.e. with an active IEP. [This brochure](#) contains more information about the program. [Read this page carefully for instructions about how and when to apply.](#)
- Students in the AIAT charter program may opt to continue through a school in a companion program [at Taft Charter High School](#).
- For students interested in a [highly accelerated Math pathway](#), Portola administers a written Math assessment around the beginning of the school year. (Dates TBA; for the present 2023 school year, testing dates were Aug 9 and 16.) Passing the test qualifies your child to accelerate by two years: Pre-Algebra in 6th grade; Algebra in 7th; Geometry in 8th. [District-wide, highly accelerated math programs are rare, but we are aware they also exist at Science Academy and Walter Reed IHP.]

CAMPUS TOURS: [banner is live](#) on the homepage. Pre-registration for tours is required. For the Charter Schools, Parent Tours will be held on 10/20, 11/3 at 8:15 am; and Portola Tour Experiences, geared toward students, will be held on 10/11 and 11/8 at 5:30 pm. For the Highly Gifted Magnet, [multiple tour dates](#) starting Oct 5 are available with pre registration [here](#). For a general video tour, click [here](#).

SAS/Gifted/Honors coordinator:

Suzanne Miller suzanne.miller@lausd.net 818-654-3332

Highly Gifted Magnet coordinator:

Hala Dillsi hala.dillsi@lausd.net 818-654-3355

IAIT contact:

Asst. Principal Jennifer Ohlund jennifer.ohlund@lausd.net

WALTER REED MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6-8

4525 Irvine Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91602

Walter Reed Middle School

(818) 487-7600

Walter Reed Middle School is a large public middle school divided into six Smaller Learning Communities (SLCs), each with its own dedicated faculty and curriculum:

- Humanities Academy
- IHP (Individualized Honors Program)
- Media Arts & Technology Academy
- STEAM Academy
- Environmental Science Academy
- Global Leadership Academy

Students from Reed's various SLCs do co-mingle in Elective courses as well as in Physical Education. A SAS program exists in all of the SLCs. None of Reed's programs are designated as Magnets.

There are multiple pathways to enroll at Reed.

If Walter Reed is your neighborhood school, your student is guaranteed a spot in one of its SLCs. Admission to five of the six SLCs is upon request, using a ranked choice system managed by the school directly. The exception is IHP, an accelerated program for students who are working approximately 2 grade levels ahead of their peers. IHP has its own admissions path. It requires all applicants to pass a written Assessment test, administered on school grounds in January 2024; and also supply additional academic records and recommendations.

If Walter Reed is not your neighborhood school - multiple pathways are still available to apply to its six SLCs.

CAMPUS TOURS: Info available online and summarized below.

Prospective Parent Schedule for Incoming 2024-2025:

OCTOBER 12, 2023 at 5:00pm - PROSPECTIVE PARENT NIGHT (ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

"Join us this evening to learn more about our school, visit the campus, meet some of our academy teachers and learn more about each of our wonderful smaller learning communities. This is a great opportunity to bring your child to see the campus, learn which academy interests them and ask questions. Presentation will begin promptly at 5:00 pm in the school auditorium. (No sign up required.)"

INFORMATIONAL ZOOM

"Join one of our zooms to learn about our different smaller learning communities, the various enrollment pathways available, and Q & A. This is a great alternative if you missed our Prospective Parent Night or have questions."

OCTOBER 16, 2023 at 9:00am - <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/87915250634>

OCTOBER 25, 2023 at 3:30pm - <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/87915250634>

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 at 1:30pm - <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/87915250634>

ON CAMPUS SCHOOL TOUR

"A campus school tour is your opportunity to visit the campus and classrooms with the prospective student. The tours do a walk through and visit each academy to see what students are currently learning. Q & A will not be during class time but will be available at the end of the tour."

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 at 8:00am - Reservation Link

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 8:00am - [Reservation Link](#)

SLC Coordinator:

Naomi Kaidin, SLC Coordinator: phone: 818-487-7614;
email WalterReed.slc@gmail.com

IHP contact:

WalterReed.IHP@gmail.com

PAUL REVERE MIDDLE SCHOOL & MAGNET

Grades: 6-8

Math, Science & Technology Magnet

1450 Allenford Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90049

[Paul Revere Charter Middle School and Magnet Center](#)

(310) 917-4800

[Virtual Tour](#)

[Link to Magnet Brochure](#)

[Magnet Brochure](#)

[Prospective Student Tours](#)

Upcoming Tour Dates:

- October 12th, 2023 @ 9:00AM | Sign-up: <https://forms.gle/syYy48ftb5YBACGL8>
- November 9th, 2023 @ 9:00AM
- January 11th, 2023 @ 9:00AM
- February 8th, 2023 @ 9:00AM
- Use this [link](#) to see updated registration links for later dates listed above

Click on the link to view the presentation and watch the video.

Campus Tours will be held virtually. Sign up Via Link.

September 30th @ 9:00 am

November 3rd @ 6:00 pm

October 28th @ 9:00 am

February 9th @ 6:00 pm

Magnet Coordinator

Ms. Elana Mabashov: ebm6437@lausd.net (310) 917-4850

SCIENCE ACADEMY STEM MAGNET

Grades: 6-12

5525 Vineland Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91601

[The Science Academy STEM Magnet – Innovative methodologies to teaching and learning.](#)

(818) 753-4470

Science Academy is a 7-year intensive, accelerated STEM program that spans middle school and high school. Located on a modern North Hollywood campus it shares with East Valley High School, Science Academy is known for its Honors and AP-heavy curriculum tailored to incoming students capable of working two years above grade level. The informative website also lists prerequisite skills which incoming students should possess.

Admission to Science Academy is a multi-step process:

1. Review curriculum on the website to see if your child is a possible fit.
2. Tour the school. Not a requirement, but highly advisable.
3. Apply on-time through EChoices, listing Science Academy as your First Choice magnet school. (The volume of applications the school receives precludes considering applicants who list it as a Second or Third choice. Note also that listing a Second or Third choice behind Science Academy will prevent the school from adding you to its waitlist.)
4. Your student takes the school's in-person written Assessment Test (administered Dec 4th, 5th, and 6th of 2023; exact times TBA.) Per Dean Jodi Huff, in 2022, a pool of about 900 applicants took the assessment, and about 350 applicants passed.
5. Students who pass the assessment enter a lottery for the 90 available spots. Students not chosen in this lottery are waitlisted, provided that, on EChoices, they listed Science Academy as their first and only choice. Students whose EChoices application specified a Second and/or Third Choice will not be placed on Science Academy's waitlist.
6. Students will be admitted from the waitlist starting in Spring 2024. This is where magnet points play a role; students who have accumulated more magnet points will be placed higher on the waitlist.

Science Academy does not consider a student's grades, test scores, GATE status, or teacher recommendations in its admissions decisions.

Dean & Magnet Coordinator

Jodi Huff: jhuff@lausd.net

CAMPUS TOURS: Tour dates and RSVP available online. All tours are led by the school's founders, Principal Lauchu and Dean Huff.

INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOLS

THINGS TO KNOW

Independent Charters, like Public Schools and Affiliated Charters, are **free to attend**. Independent and Affiliated Charters are further similar to each other in that both employ a **lottery system**.

But there is a **key difference in the Independent Charter admissions process**. In Los Angeles, admission to Independent Charters is handled not by LAUSD's Echoices, but by the schools themselves.

Independent Charters also differ in other aspects. Independent Charters are *authorized* by LAUSD, rather than being *part of it*. Most Independent Charters are not unionized. They operate under much less district oversight than Affiliated Charters, and are correspondingly more free to innovate with their curricula and educational approach. Some of them may also have different graduation requirements, versus district schools.

When visiting an Independent Charter, be sure to ask about these differences.

THE CHARTER LANDSCAPE

As of this writing, there are 277 charter schools (53 Affiliated, 224 Independent) under the jurisdiction of LAUSD, serving more than 138,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Please see the following links for more information:

- [California Charter Schools Association](#)
- [Charter School Development Center](#)
- [California Department of Education](#)
- [Los Angeles Unified School District Charter Division](#)

INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOLS

DETAILED SCHOOL INFO

CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, SILVERLAKE (GRADES 6-8)

152 N Vermont Ave. *(Co-located with Virgil Middle School)*

Los Angeles, CA 90004

213-913-1199-3519

<http://www.cwcsilverlake.org>

The mission of Citizens of the World Los Angeles (CWC LA) is preparing our students to emerge as a new generation of leaders – as trailblazers who are ready to tackle the future challenges and surpass the conceived limitations of what students, communities, parents, and schools can achieve.

All of our schools are tuition-free, non-religious public schools committed to socio-economic, cultural and racial diversity.

CWC students engage in rigorous, active learning processes that develop conceptual understanding and self-knowledge. CWC embraces the diversity of individual students' skills, learning styles and array of multiple intelligences, ensuring that children have the opportunity to grow not just in core academic areas, but also in the arts, music, physical education and character development.

CAMPUS TOURS:

As of this writing, tour dates appear not to be posted. For questions for grades 6-8, email Danny at daniela.perez-acosta@cwcsilverlake.org or leave her a message at 213-784-3519 and she will return your call at her earliest convenience.

Prospective families should submit an application for the incoming school year. It is free to apply to all CWC LA schools. Applications submitted during the Open Enrollment period will be sorted into our Lottery, usually run in February/March. Applications submitted after this period will still be considered, but are placed on the waitlist until seats become available.

For more information, contact their enrollment teams:

msenrollment@cwcsilverlake.org (6-8)

Apply here:

<https://cwclosangeles.schoolmint.net/signin>

LOTTERY INFORMATION:

Submitting a lottery application does not guarantee your child's enrollment in the charter school. Rather, it's the first step in the process. If your child is offered a seat, you will be notified via the CWC Los Angeles enrollment system about the process to accept or decline your offer. If you accept your offer, you will be asked to complete an enrollment packet for your child's school. Please note that timely submission of all paperwork will be required if your child is selected for enrollment.

Within two weeks of the lottery, families will be contacted via email or letter in the mail with lottery results, including waitlist number (if applicable). If a child is accepted, the family must respond and accept or turn down the space offered. Any spaces that become available will be offered to the next family on the waiting list until the class is full.

Per our CWC Silver Lake charter, the following preferences shall be given in the lottery:

- Students residing within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Unified School District.
- Siblings of students currently enrolled at CWC Silver Lake. Siblings are defined as any two students who share a legal parent or guardian.
- Children of the Founding Parents of CWC Silver Lake (not to exceed 10% of total enrollment)
- Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch
- Children of a current CWC Silver Lake staff member
- Children of a current member of the CWC Los Angeles Board of Directors
- Students who are currently enrolled in, and students who reside in, the attendance area of the public elementary school where the Charter School is located

****Please note that if you are extended an offer for enrollment through one of the preferences above, you will need to provide supporting documentation in the enrollment packet to accept the enrollment offer. A verification of this will be completed prior to finalizing your child's enrollment. If your child was offered enrollment via one of the preferences above and CWC Silver Lake deems that the child does not qualify, your child will be placed on the waiting list.**

LARCHMONT CHARTER (GRADES K-12)

6611 Selma Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028

323-871-4000

www.larchmontcharter.org

Larchmont Charter is one of the most socio-economically diverse K-12 schools in the country. It was formed by community parents to offer an alternative to district schools, and continues to be characterized by parent leadership and involvement. Larchmont was recently named the #1 charter elementary school in Los Angeles (and #2 in CA), ranked in the top 12% of all nationally ranked high schools by U.S. News & World Report and mentioned as a model diverse by design school in LA School Report.

The school has grown to encompass four separate campuses. There are two elementary school campuses (Fairfax and Hollygrove.) The middle school campus (Selma) is in Hollywood. The High School is near Lafayette Park.

Once admitted to Larchmont Charter via lottery, students enroll through 12th grade unless a parent/guardian releases their seat. You do not have to complete a new lottery form every year.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The primary point of entry to Larchmont's Middle School program is in **5th grade, not 6th**. There are far fewer spots in 6th grade. For Wonderland families, this is obviously not great news, unless you've had the foresight to think about middle schools a full year before the rest of us!

TOURS:

General tours and informational meetings will begin in Fall 2023.. Please see this site to sign up.

<https://www.larchmontcharter.org/tour>

LOTTERY INFORMATION:

- Lottery forms are made available at the beginning of each November.
- The deadline for applications each year is in mid-February.
- The lottery drawing is held on the last Saturday in February.

LOTTERY PRIORITY:

Although by law, the LCS lottery is open to all students in California wishing to attend the school, priority is given to:

- Children residing within the jurisdictional boundaries of LCS
- Siblings of currently enrolled students and siblings applying to the lottery. If one sibling is admitted, then other siblings will receive sibling preference
- Students eligible for the National School Lunch Program
- Families residing in the attendance boundaries of Vine ES, Laurel ES and Charles White ES
- Children of Founding Parents
- Children of Larchmont Charter School staff and Board Members

For general lottery questions, or if you need further clarification, please email admissions@larchmontcharter.org or contact Admissions at 323-380-7893 x302.

NEW LOS ANGELES CHARTER (GRADES 6-8)

1919 S. Burnside Ave, Los Angeles, CA. 90016
323-939-6400;
www.newlosangeles.org

The aim of New Los Angeles Charter School (New LA) is to cultivate future civic leaders through rigorous project-based learning and hands-on commitment to social justice, teaching students skills that will enable them to thrive and ensure advanced academic success. The school nurtures and trains students who understand how to work together to solve problems, changing their own lives as they change the community around them.

Enrollment: Information for the 2024-25 school year has not been posted yet. Please check back with the website for the correct application dates. Enroll at [ApplyLA](https://www.newlosangeles.org/apply).

You can contact the school via email at aledesma@newlosangeles.org; By calling our office at 323-939-6400.

NEW WEST CHARTER (GRADES 6-12)

Grades 6&7: 11625 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064
Grades 8-12 & NWC+: 1905 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025
310-943-5444;
<http://newwestcharter.org>

The mission of New West Charter School is to provide an academically rigorous, highly individualized education for 21st Century students in grades 6 – 12. In the decades to come, personal success will require increasingly high levels of competency, independence, and self-reliance in an ever changing, ever more complex society, whether individuals choose to manage their own businesses, work within public or private organizations, or raise families whose children will face the same challenges. New West will produce competent, independent, self-reliant students by creating a learning

environment that promotes academic excellence and strong character development as the antecedents for success in college preparatory high school programs.

Enrollment dates for the 2024-25 school year: No dates have been posted yet.

Important information:

- NO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
- NO ADMISSIONS TESTS OR INTERVIEWS

Admission to New West is a multi-step process:

- Attend an Open House.
- Application for Admission. Interested applicants must complete and submit their application by the application deadline (see [Important Dates](#)). If too many students apply for the available spaces, then admission priority is determined by a public lottery.
- Verification. Parents/Guardians must come to New West during the verification period (see [Important Dates](#)) to verify their application submission and receive their lottery number.
- Enrollment. Admitted students are mailed a notice of admission and an enrollment packet. The enrollment packet and all its required documents have to be completed and returned to the school by the enrollment deadline to confirm and guarantee their place at New West when school starts the next fall.

MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY 6 - PALMS (GRADES 6-8)

745 S. Wilton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90005

310-842-8555;

<http://msa6.magnoliapublicschools.org>

Students throughout Magnolia Science Academy's (MSA) campuses use technology daily at school and at home as a tool to work collaboratively with each other and communicate with teachers. We challenge their minds and foster an environment where students want to learn, whether that is through our science labs, or our robotics projects and competitions. At Magnolia Science Academy we place great emphasis on STEAM education, as it will give our students an advantage in their college and career plans. Students at Magnolia Science Academy also participate in a variety of school activities and clubs including technology & engineering, language & culture, community service, and visual & performing arts.

All students in the State of California, regardless of their residential areas, are welcome to apply. Magnolia Science Academy – 6 admits students without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national and ethnic origin, or the presence of a medical condition or disability

Enrollment dates for the 2024-25 school year: No dates have been posted yet.

- **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Submit a pre-enrollment application online or drop off a printed application to the school office. Families who turn in Pre-Enrollment forms by the stated deadline will be notified if they are included in the Random Drawing Enrollment Lottery. If an Enrollment Lottery is not required at our school, we will contact families to pick up an enrollment packet or one will be sent in the mail.
- Electronic version: [Click here to submit a new student application for pre-enrollment](#)
- Downloadable **ENGLISH & SPANISH** [Pre-Enrollment Lottery Form](#)

RENAISSANCE ARTS ACADEMY (CHARTER, GRADES TK-12)

2558 N. San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90065

323-259-5700

<https://www.renarts.org/admissions>

RenArts welcomes applications from all students, has no academic or arts prerequisites, and requires no parent volunteer hours. We highly recommend that all prospective families attend an Informational Meeting to ensure that RenArts is an appropriate choice for their child.

Information meetings for 2022-23 TK-12 Prospective Families will be held on the following dates:

- February 1, 2024 @ 5:45 PM
- February 27, 2024 @ 5:45 PM
- March 12, 2024 @ 5:45 PM (Spanish)
- April 18, 2024 @ 5:45 PM

To reserve a spot, fill out this [Google Form](#)

How to apply for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Applications must be delivered to the RenArts office by Monday, April 22, 2024
- Lottery will be held at 5:45 PM on April 25, 2024.

VALLEY CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL (CHARTER, GRADES 6-8)

6th Grade: 14646 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405. 818-988-9128; 818-988-9265

7th and 8th Grades: 6952 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91405. 818-928-4708; 818-928-4706

<https://middle.valleycharterschool.org/>

The mission of Valley Charter Schools is to provide a holistic and exceptional education to a diverse student body, cultivating in students intellectual curiosity, collaboration, respect for others, and a passion for excellence.

Group Tours

Each VCMS group tour is on the Sherman Way campus located at 14646 Sherman Way. During the tour, prospective parents will hear from school leadership about the VCMS model, curriculum and programs followed by classroom visits. Tour dates:

- October 11, 2023, 10:00-11:15 am
- February 7, 2024, 10:00-11:15 am

Fill out the Google Form to select a tour date.

[Valley Charter Middle School Tour Sign up](#)

For any questions, or to schedule an individual tour, contact Director of Family Engagement Rebecca Avery (ravery@valleycharterschool.org).

How to Apply for the 2024-25 school year

- [Link to enrollment application](#) (further information below)
- Enrollment application is due February 15, 2024 at 4:00 pm
- Random public drawing will take place on February 22, 2024 at 10:30 am.
- [Link to Zoom of public lottery](#)

To apply, visit <http://valleycharterpublicschools.schoolmint.net>. If you do not already have an account, you will need to create one by selecting "Create an Account" and following the (very simple) steps provided.

In the event of a public random drawing, admissions exemptions and preferences will be as follows:

1. Existing students (exempt)
2. Siblings of existing students (exempt)
3. Children of faculty (preference)*
4. Students who reside in the attendance area of Andres & Maria Cardenas Elementary School. (preference)
5. Residents of the District (preference)

* Children of faculty will not constitute more than 10% of the school's enrollment.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

If you are extended an offer for priority enrollment, you will need to provide supporting documentation in the enrollment packet to accept the enrollment offer. A verification of your priority will be done prior to finalizing your child's enrollment. If your child is offered priority enrollment and VCMS deems that the child does not qualify, your child will remain on the waitlist.

Once enrollment is reached, the remaining names will continue to be assigned numbers and will be placed on a "wait list" in order. If vacancies occur during the school year, the vacancies will be filled according to the order of the waitlist.

Every family in the random public drawing will be notified of their wait list number by email or telephone. As spaces become available, parents will be notified by U.S. mail, phone call or email. Families will be given a deadline by which to accept the spot and request an enrollment packet.

PRIVATE & PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

THINGS TO KNOW

Private and parochial schools often boast smaller classes, a lower student-to-teacher ratio, and a greater range of offerings (such as foreign language instruction and greater enrichment opportunities). Facilities, too, are often more elaborate and fancier.

Private and parochial schools can cost up to \$60,000 a year. Tuition for religiously-affiliated schools tends to be lower than secular private schools.

Three general notes about tuition costs:

1. Many schools offer generous financial aid packages, so if you have your heart set on a school, it's worth applying to see if aid can make up the difference.
2. In addition to need-based financial aid, some schools provide merit-based scholarships.
3. The actual price to attend may be higher than the "sticker price." Many private schools assess various fees in addition to their tuition, so your actual costs may be higher than you expect. Parents are encouraged to do their own research and work out the numbers for each school they're interested in.

If applicable, be aware of financial aid application deadlines which might require timely tax returns and other documentation. Note: budget time and money for the process of applying to schools, in particular if you are applying to numerous ones. Some schools may waive application fees for low income families.

Additional testing may be required by some private schools. Ask the admissions director for a list of required tests.

Most private schools require letters of recommendation from your child's current teacher. Give your teachers plenty of time and notice to write letters of reference, and with some schools, getting letters from current or alum parents is also helpful. It is important to be aware of the different school deadlines.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSORTIUM (PRIVATE SCHOOLS) INFORMATION

LAIS – Los Angeles Independent Schools – is a consortium of 59 Los Angeles-area independent & private schools serving children from preschool to 12th grade that share a common mission: assisting families in their exploration of independent school education. We do so by following the best practices of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); by establishing and adhering to ethical, consistent policies and procedures, most notably, our common decision notification and response dates. We are also committed to sharing resources and expertise in a collegial manner to support the recruitment, access, and enrollment of students.

LAIS schools are listed here: <https://losangelesindependentschools.org/schools/>

Join a seminar on Tuesday December 5 to learn more about admissions & financial aid:

Join a panel of Los Angeles Independent School Admissions Directors for an informational evening introducing the Los Angeles independent school experience. We'll be discussing the value of an independent school education, what the admissions process entails, and why we are committed to robust financial aid programs.

Register [here](#).

TESTING

Typically, private schools require admissions test scores like the SSAT or ISEE. However, many private schools have revised their requirements since the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of these are accepting test scores, but not requiring them. Parents should be sure to check with the schools they are applying to for testing requirements.

If parents choose for their child to take the ISEE, then parents will need to sign their child up to take the ISEE at a local test site starting as early as November, so scores are available in time for the application deadlines. The ISEE testing facilities are still operating during the pandemic with safety protocols listed on their website:

<https://www.erblearn.org/parents/isee-registration#registration>

ISEE Test Dates: <https://iseeonline.erblearn.org/Search>

The SSAT is offering three ways to take their test: computer test at home, computer test at a Prometric testing facility, or via paper. More details here: <https://www.ssat.org/testing/overview>

Beyond test scores, each admission committee looks at many items to determine admissions: the application, current school records, teacher/administrative recommendations, and the interview (most are virtual this year). All components of the admission process help the school and family determine the best school match for each student.

DIVERSITY

There is an alliance to help improve the representation of minority students within private schools. They provide counseling, help with the financial process, and other ongoing resources. <http://www.independentschoolalliance.org/>

PRIVATE & PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

DETAILED SCHOOL INFO

ARCHER SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (GRADES 6-12)

11725 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049

310-873-7037; Web: <http://www.archer.org/>

Mission: The Archer School for Girls empowers young women to discover their passions and realize their true potential in an environment that is both ambitious and joyful.

COST

- o Tuition \$53,000
- o New Student Fee \$3,500
- o Other costs: \$330-830
- o **TOTAL Costs (for New Student): \$56,830 - \$57,330**

TOUR INFORMATION

Complete an inquiry to tour and get more information: [Inquiry Form](#)

[Link to tour schedule](#)

Neighborhood Coffees with Head of School Elizabeth English and Admissions Director Felicia Paik (informal, personal discussion for parents and guardians only).

- September 29, 2023, in Beverly Hills
- October 19, 2023, in Ladera Heights
- November 3, 2023, in Brentwood

Campus Previews for Parents (tour for parents and guardians only).

- October 4, 2023
- October 12, 2023

Discover Archer (on-campus event for girls and their parents).

- October 15, 2023
- October 29, 2023
- November 5, 2023

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: ISEE or other standardized testing will not be accepted, instead, applicants will complete a writing exercise for which advance preparation will be unnecessary.
- Guaranteed Interview Application Deadline: November 13, 2023
- Final Application Deadline: December 11, 2023

BERKELEY HALL (GRADES PRE-K–8)

16000 Mulholland Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90049

310-476-6421; <https://www.berkeleyhall.org/>

Mission: To empower children to fulfill their unlimited, God-given potential as fearless scholars and conscientious citizens

COST

- Tuition Grade 6 : \$41,170
- Tech Fee: \$400
- Grade 6: Outdoor Trip \$525
- **TOTAL COST: \$42,095**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Campus Tour Scheduling: https://calendly.com/berkeley_hall/campus-tour?month=2021-10
- Virtual Open House (RSVP required) at <https://www.berkeleyhall.org/admissions/admissions-events>
 - October 4, 2023, 9:30 AM Admissions Coffee & Tour
 - October 15, 2023, 2:00-4:00 PM Discover Berkeley Hall (Open House)
 - October 25, 2023, 9:30 AM Admissions Coffee & Tour
 - November 15, 2023, 9:30 AM Admissions Coffee & Tour
 - December 2, 2023, 2:00-4:00 PM Discover Berkeley Hall (Open House)
 - December 13, 2023, 9:30 AM Admissions Coffee & Tour

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

Request admission information form:

<https://www.berkeleyhall.org/page/admissions/steps-to-apply/request-admission-information>

- Requirements: “Call to schedule these after submitting the application. Berkeley Hall will not require, nor consider Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) scores as part of the admissions process for 5th to 8th grade applicants for the 2024-2025 school year.”
- [Applications must be submitted through this link.](#)
- Application Deadlines are not posted as of this writing. Notifications of acceptance will be issued March 8, 2024.

THE BRENTWOOD SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

100 South Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049

(310) 889-2657 or <https://www.bwscampus.com/>

Statement of Purpose: Brentwood School inspires every student to: Think critically and creatively. Act ethically. Shape a future with meaning.

COST

- Tuition \$50,880
- Other Fees (new student) \$5850-\$6150
- **TOTAL COST: \$56,730-\$57,030**

TOUR INFORMATION

To register for Information Sessions, please go to

<https://www.bwscampus.com/admissions/welcome-to-brentwood-school/visit>.

- Campus Tour
 - Parent/Guardian 90-minute walk n' talk:
<https://calendly.com/bwsadmissions/middle-school-walk-and-talk?month=2023-10>
 - Student Tours
 - Saturday October 7, 2023 9-11:45 AM
 - Saturday November 4, 2023 9-11:45 AM
- Virtual Open Houses:
 - Parent Information Sessions - **must register**:
 - Tuesday October 10, 2023 6:30-7:30 PM

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

To begin an application please go to: <https://bwscampus.myschoolapp.com/app#login/apply>.

- Requirements: ISEE or SSAT not required. Only accept 6th Grade applications from students currently enrolled in public schools, students relocating to Los Angeles, or students whose elementary schools end in Grade 5."
- Application Deadlines: January 5, 2024
- Guaranteed Interview Deadline: November 17, 2023

THE BUCKLEY SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

3900 Stansbury Ave., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

818-783-1610 x709 (Admissions); <http://www.buckley.org/>

Mission: The Buckley School is a dynamic, nurturing learning community committed to equity and inclusion. Our innovative teachers and challenging programs inspire creativity, courage, and collaboration. By promoting a balanced development of mind, body, and character, we encourage each student to find joy and meaning in life and make an impact in the world.

COST

- Grades 6-12 Tuition: \$51,270 + \$2,000 New Student Fee
- **TOTAL COST \$53,270**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Campus Tours and Open House Registration: Start the admissions process in order to RSVP.
https://buckleyla.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in
- Middle School Open Houses:
 - o Oct 14, 1:30-3:30 pm
 - o Nov 4, 9 -11 am
 - o Must register at https://buckleyla.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: <https://www.buckley.org/admission/middle-school>
- Other Requirements:
 - o Parent/Guardian and Student Interviews (space is limited for in person interview)
 - o Recommendations (if school does not provide recommendations, alternate requirement fulfilled through Character Snapshot <https://www.admission.org/services/character-skills-snapshot>)
 - o Transcripts
- Deadlines:
 - o Priority Admission Deadline: Nov 13, 2023
 - o Admission Deadline: Jan 5, 2024

CAMPBELL HALL (GRADES K-12)

4533 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91607

818-980-7280; <http://www.campbellhall.org/>

Mission: Campbell Hall is a COMMUNITY OF INQUIRY committed to ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE and to the nurturing of DECENT, LOVING, AND RESPONSIBLE human beings.

COST

- K-6 Tuition \$40,770
- Other fees including new family fee: \$1,560-\$3,215 fees + 2,000 new student fees
- **TOTAL COST: \$44,330 - \$45,985**

TOUR INFORMATION

Campus Tours: Registration opens on the 15th of each month for the following month.

- Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 | 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM (PDT)
- Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 | 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM (PDT)
- Thursday, October 26th, 2023 | 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM (PDT)
- Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 | 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM (PDT)
- Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 | 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM (PST)
- Monday, December 4th, 2023 | 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM (PST)
- Friday, December 8th, 2023 | 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM (PST)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: Campbell Hall does not require or consider ISEE or SSAT scores to evaluate applicants.
- Other Requirements:
 - Family Interview
 - Teacher and Administrator Recommendations
 - Transcripts
- Application Deadline: December 14, 2023
- Recommendations and Transcripts: Deadline January 12, 2024

CROSSROADS SCHOOL for ARTS & SCIENCES (GRADES K-12)

1714 21st St., Santa Monica, CA. 90404

310-829-7391; <http://www.xrds.org/>

Admissions: msadmission@xrds.org, usadmission@xrds.org | 310-582-4451

“We are a School that was created with a very specific mission: to be a part of the change in the world.” —Bob Riddle, Head of School

COST

- Tuition: \$50,092
- New student enrollment fee of \$3,400.
- **TOTAL COST: \$53,492**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Campus Tours
 - [6th Grade Admission Information Night 10/03/2023 06:00 PM](#)
 - [Middle School Open House 10/21/2023 09:00 AM](#)
- [Virtual Events](#)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: ISEE or SSAT scores not required or considered
- College Matriculation: https://xrds.myschoolapp.com/ftpimages/271/download/download_2054681.pdf
- Application Deadlines: January 5th, 2024

SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES (SLA), formerly THE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES (ESLA) (GRADES 6-12)

6325 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90038

323-462-3752

<https://www.school.la/>

Mission:

At the School of Los Angeles, we abide by one simple truth: The best educational tool for any young person is the collaboration and camaraderie of peers from different backgrounds—peers who have stories and perspectives to share,

the stuff of life that simply cannot be gleaned from a textbook. This, along with direct, genuine connection to real-world experiences through the most forward-thinking academic disciplines, is what sets SLA apart.

A truly exceptional, transformative education requires a diverse environment grounded in hands-on learning. It gives students access to entire worlds and worldviews they might never otherwise encounter. It opens their hearts and minds to the concerns, struggles, and joys of others—knowledge that will forever shape their convictions and actions in life.

COST

- Annual tuition: \$38,400
- Annual student fee: \$1,500
- New student fee: \$2,000
- TOTAL COST: \$41,900

TOUR INFORMATION

- SLA uses the Ravenna platform to facilitate the entire admissions season: campus tours, fall open house, track key deadlines and application steps, and opt into opportunities to meet current parents and community members.
- Campus Tours: Most Monday and Thursdays at 8:45 am
- Community Panels: October 5, November 2, and December 4, 5:30–6:30 pm
- In-person Open House: Saturday, November 11, 2023

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: ESLA does not require any standardized testing in the application process.
- Application Deadlines: January 12, 2024

THE GEFFEN ACADEMY UCLA (GRADES 6-12)

11020 Kinross Ave, LA CA 90095

310-794-7181; <https://www.geffenacademy.ucla.edu/>

admissions@geffenacademy.ucla.edu

Mission: Geffen Academy at UCLA is a university-affiliated school for students in grades 6-12. We value academic depth and inspiration within a humane educational environment. Our community is guided by principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Geffen Academy students are encouraged to be questioners, analysts, and presenters, who are creative, collaborative, and active young adults. Our students practice their skills, competencies, and relationships with deliberation. Geffen Academy graduates believe that knowledge is beautiful, transformative, and relevant to one's life and civic responsibility in a global community.

COST

- Annual tuition: \$38,600
- Other fees: \$1,730
- TOTAL COST: \$40,330

TOUR INFORMATION

- Open House: December 2nd, 2023

- o RSVP links for our December 2nd Open House will be posted in late October. To ensure you receive an email update when RSVP links go live, we encourage you to submit an inquiry.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Within 48 hours of completion of the Inquiry Form, you will receive login information to access the online application. Note: If you would like to request a paper application, please contact our team at admissions@geffenacademy.ucla.edu.
- Test-optional policy“Geffen Academy at UCLA will continue to use a test-optional policy for students applying for the 2023-2024 academic year. Committed to a holistic review process, the Admission Committee uses all parts of the application to better understand and honor the unique capabilities, experiences, and gifts of each individual applicant. There will continue to be no penalty for applicants who decide not to submit test scores, nor will priority be given to those who do submit ISEE or SSAT scores.”
- Application Deadlines:
 - o **Dec 15, 2023** Online or paper application & Tuition Assistance Application deadline
 - o Jan 12, 2024 Deadline to submit academic records, letters of rec, and optional testing scores (ISEE/SSAT) (see requirements)

IMMACULATE HEART SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (GRADES 6-12)

Immaculate Heart High School and Middle School is a Catholic, independent college preparatory school for young women grades 6-12. Virtually 100% of the graduates attend college immediately after high school. Immaculate Heart has been located on a beautiful hillside property in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles since its founding by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1906.

5515 Franklin Ave., Los Angeles CA 90028 | 323-461-3651;
<https://www.immaculateheart.org/>
[Interactive Campus Map](#)

COST

- Tuition: **\$22,350**

TOUR INFORMATION

Immaculate Heart Middle School campus tours are offered throughout the fall beginning in September. Tours last approximately one hour and provide prospective families an opportunity to visit classrooms, see our community in action, and learn more about our academic program and extracurricular offerings.

Open House: Saturday, December 2, 2023 / 1 p.m.

Campus Tours: Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information on campus tours, please contact by phone at (323) 461-3651 or by email at ihmsadmissions@ihs.immaculateheart.org.

- 10/03/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 10/05/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 10/10/2023 8:45 am-9:45 am
- 10/12/2023 8:45 am-9:45 am
- 10/17/2023 8:45 am-9:45 am

- 10/19/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 10/24/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 10/25/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 11/03/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 11/08/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 11/09/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 11/14/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 11/16/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 12/05/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 12/07/2023 8:45am-9:45am
- 12/12/2023 8:45 am-9:45 am
- 12/13/2023 8:45am-9:45am

- [CLICK HERE](#) FOR ONLINE CAMPUS TOUR REGISTRATION!
- [Virtual tour](#)

- [Middle School Shadow Days](#)

"Individual Shadow Days are arranged for **incoming** 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students who are interested in entering Immaculate Heart Middle School in the fall. During these half-day visits, students will have the opportunity to attend classes & meet the teachers and students in the classroom setting.

For more information on our shadow days, please contact us by phone at (323) 461-3651 or by email at ihmsadmissions@ihs.immaculateheart.org.

Space is limited and reservations are required.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR SHADOW DAY ONLINE REGISTRATION!

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements:
 - 1) Submit the [online Application for Admission](#) and a \$125.00 **NON-REFUNDABLE** application fee to Immaculate Heart Middle School no later than **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**.
 - 2) Send or email student's personal essay & a school photo of your student to us at ihmsadmissions@ihs.immaculateheart.org.
 - 3) Come to campus on **Saturday, January 13, 2024** for the [Entrance Examination](#) for all incoming 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students from 8:30 am - 1:30pm. A completed application for admission will automatically register you for this examination.
 - 4) Request your student's current school to send their [complete transcript including previous standardized test scores, the administrator and teacher evaluation](#) to Immaculate Heart by **Friday, February 2, 2024**.
- Application Deadlines: Jan 10, 2024

LAUREL HALL (GRADES TK-8)

11919 Oxnard St., North Hollywood, CA. 91606

818-763-5434 x110; <https://www.laurelhall.org/>

As a ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Laurel Hall looks to educate the full child -- mind, body and spirit. Its staff works hard to provide a solid foundation so that all of its graduates move into the world a smarter, stronger and more caring citizen. Laurel Hall seeks to grow confident, happy, academically-minded students who begin their high school journey with a solid work-ethic and a strong moral compass.

COST

- Tuition \$ \$16,472
- New Student Fees: \$125
- Annual Fees: \$550
- **TOTAL COST (New Student): \$17,147**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Attend the Middle School 2024-2025 Tour Day, October 18th, 9:30 am - 11:00 am RSVP to admissions@laurelhall.com by October 10th.
- You can also attend a private, in-person tour that can be set up through an [online inquiry](#) or by phone through calling the admissions office at (818) 763-5434 ext : 110 or Admissions Coordinator Stephanie Humble shumble@laurelhall.com or by phone at (818) 763-5434 ext : 110.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: To inquire, <https://www.laurelhall.org/admissions> Standardized testing is not required.
- Application Deadlines: March 1, 2022

MIRMAN SCHOOL (GRADES K-8)

Mirman School is an independent, co-educational day school for highly gifted children.

16180 Mulholland Dr., Los Angeles, CA. 90049

310-476-2868; www.mirman.org/

COST

- o Upper School Tuition: \$44,800
- o New Student Fee: \$2,400
- o **TOTAL COST: \$47,200**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Campus Tours: Schedule a Tour [HERE](#)
- Virtual Open Houses:
 - o Information Evening for 1-7th Grade: Oct 7, 6-7:30PM Register for Event
 - o Admission Open House: Oct 24, 2021 2-4PM Register for Event

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Student Administrator Teacher Recommendation: January 12th, 2024
- Student Records Deadline: January 12th, 2024
- Requirements:
 - o December 8, 2023 IQ test results due

- Click [here](#) for information about Mirman-approved psychologist testers
 - Target qualifying score is 138
- Application Deadlines: January 5, 2024

OAKWOOD SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

11230 Moorpark St., North Hollywood, CA. 91602

818-732-3500; www.oakwoodschool.org/

Elementary K-6, Secondary 7-12

Oakwood School was founded in 1951 by parents who wanted to provide their children with an educational experience that was rich in the arts, sciences, and humanities and challenging to their creative, intellectual, and physical capacities. They wanted a learning community which would foster independence of thought, intellectual integrity, sensitivity to the needs of others, and prepare students for participation in a democratic society.

COST

- Tuition
 - Elementary School (K-6) \$41,350
 - Secondary School (7-12) \$49,360
 - New Student Fees \$2,500
 - Parent Guardian Organization Dues \$95
 - Student Activities Fee \$200
 - Total Cost: \$44,145 (New Student Elementary School) - \$52,155 (New Student Secondary)**

TOUR INFORMATION

Prospective Parent/Guardian for incoming 6th grade:

- September 7, 2023
- September 28, 2023
- October 5, 2023
- October 12, 2023
- October 17, 2023
- October 24, 2023
- November 2, 2023
- November 14, 2023
- December 5, 2023
- January 4, 2024

- Events: Register here: [REGISTER](#)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: No testing requirements are listed.
- Application Deadlines:
 - Priority Application Deadline: December 11, 2023 To guarantee a parent/guardian conversation (K) and a campus tour (7-12).
 - Final Application Deadline: January 8, 2024
 - Apply here: <https://oakwoodschool.myschoolapp.com/app#login/apply>

- o Application Fee \$150

POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

The oldest, nonprofit, independent school in Southern California.

1030 E. California Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91106

626.396.6300; www.polytechnic.org

admission@polytechnic.org or by phone at (626) 396-6320.

COST

- Tuition (Grades 6-8): \$39,900
- Tuition (Grades 9-12): \$44,500

TOUR INFORMATION

Fill out an online inquiry here: https://polytechnic.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Then create a username and password.

Middle School Open House Tour: Saturday October 21st 1-3 pm

Middle School Virtual Info Sessions

- Tuesday, Oct. 24; 9-10 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 2; 3-4 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 13; 6:30-7:30 pm.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

Polytechnic's application is on-line here: https://polytechnic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in

Requirements:

- Middle School Student Assessment
- Deadline for teacher recommendations: January 26th
- Deadline for Student Transcripts: January 26th
- Student Statement: Short-essay questions. Deadline Jan 26, 2024
- Parent/Guardian Statement: Deadline Jan 26, 2024
- Application Deadlines:
 - o Application Deadline: 6-8th grade December 11th for grade 7, January 8th for grades 6 and 8
 - o \$100 Application Fee
 - o Each year, Poly enrolls 20-22 students for grade 6 and 8-10 students for grade 7. Grade 8 is considered a "non-entry" year and admission will only be considered if space becomes available through student attrition.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL SCHOOL (GRADES K-6)

625 S. St. Andrews Place, LA, CA 90005

213.382.2315; www.sjsla.org/

St. James' Episcopal School is a diverse, joyful, and inclusive community of learners who focus on academic excellence and compassion for others.

COST

- 6th Grade Tuition: \$34,710
- Parent Association Fee: \$150
- Technology/Arts Fee: \$200 (K-6th Only)
- **TOTAL COST (New Student): \$35,060**

TOUR INFORMATION

Elementary Small Group Tours

- Book a Tour here: https://sjsla.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry
- Tuesdays between September 12th, 2023 - November 14th, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- 2nd - 6th Grade Shadow Day:
- Applicants are invited to spend time in their current grade to get to know their peer group at St. James'. The visit also allows us to observe children in a classroom setting. These visits will be scheduled in January and February, and may be remote depending on the requirements at that time.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

For admission enquiries, contact Kara Leigh Powers E: kpowers@sjsla.org | P: 213-382-2315 x8255 | W: www.sjsla.org
Foreign Language Program - Spanish.

- Requirements: ISEE is not required. All sixth grade applicants to 6th grade are strongly recommended to take The Character Skills Snapshot. For students who take the SSAT, there is no charge to take The Snapshot. Once you register for an SSAT, you will have access to The Snapshot. Students who will not take the SSAT must contact the St. James' admission office in order to gain access to The Snapshot. There is a \$40 fee for non-SSAT test takers.
- Application Deadlines: January 12, 2024

SAINT BRENDAN SCHOOL (GRADES K-8)

238 S. Manhattan Place, LA, CA 90004
213.382.7401; www.stbrendanschoolLA.org

A Catholic school founded in 1915.

COST

- **Tuition: \$10,060**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Campus Tours:
All Campus Tours take place from September - April (except January). Tours will start at 11:00 AM
 - September 21, 2023
 - October 19, 2023
 - November 9, 2023
 - December 7, 2023
 - February 15, 2024
 - March 7, 2024
 - April 18, 2024

- Information Sessions:
 - November 2, 2023 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Information Night
 - January 28, 2024 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Open House

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

Admissions site: <https://www.stbrendanschoolla.org/admission-requirements>

- Applicant Testing:
 - Will take place in mid February, with notification in early March
- Application Deadlines: Contact admissions for deadlines
 - Tuition: (Non-parishioner): \$881 per month (10 months) - \$8,810 for 1 child. Other Fees: \$1,250

TREE ACADEMY (GRADES 6-12)

8628 Holloway Drive, West Hollywood, CA 90069

424.204.5165; <http://www.treeacademy.org/> For questions, contact Marissa.Viramontes@TreeAcademy.org

COST

- Approximately \$43,000. (Source: Sarah Moore - and she says to call back when they have finalized this.)

TOUR INFORMATION

- [Use this form to arrange a tour](#)
- Open House: Sat, September 30, 2023 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT; You need to register [here](#)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements to Apply: Attend an Open House and share your email; a link to the online application will be sent to you.
 - Your student's most recent Teacher Evaluations and/or Grade Reports
 - Two Letters of Recommendation for your student(s) are required.
 - \$150.00 Application fee
 - We do not require ISEE test scores but would be glad to receive them.
- **Application Deadline:** January 12, 2024

WILDWOOD SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

11811 Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90064

310-478-7189; www.wildwood.org/

For questions, contact Alissa Dixon adixon@wildwood.org

“Wildwood School cultivates reflective scholars, bold innovators and compassionate leaders equipped with the skills, ethics and inspiration to transform their world.”

COST

- Tuition: \$48,415
- New student fee: \$2,250
- Other fees: \$2,495
- **Total Cost: \$53,160**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Open House/Campus Tours: You may [click here](#) and view any of the virtual events that interest you and your family.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: No ISEE or SSAT required. Parent/guardian and applicant interview, transcripts, and recommendations.
- Application Deadline: TBD - Check website or call the admissions office for more information

WILLOWS SCHOOL (GRADES K-8)

8509 Higuera St., Los Angeles, CA. 90232

310-815-0411; www.thewillows.org

Cody Gutches, Admissions Coordinator: codyg@thewillows.org

"The Willows is committed to a balanced yet demanding progressive curriculum rooted in experiential learning and social values."

COST

- Tuition: \$39,800
- Other Fees: \$6,435
- **Total Cost: \$46,235**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Tour dates available [here](#) for October. Open houses will be on October 14 and November 11, 2023.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- Requirements: Standardized tests are optional. ISEE is not required.
- **Application Deadline: Jan 19, 2024**

THE WESLEY SCHOOL (K-8)

4832 Tujunga Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91601

(818) 508-4542 <https://www.wesleyschool.org/>

"The Wesley School builds confidence and encourages independence through a challenging academic program that stretches each student to reach the highest level of individual achievement within a supportive, nurturing environment. Wesley cultivates in students strong creative, physical, and spiritual foundations to prepare them to be productive and respectful contributors to a global society."

COST

- Tuition (Grade 6-8): \$37,625 | New Student Fee: \$2,000 | Total Cost: \$39,625
- **Total Cost: \$39,625 (Annual tuition increase of 3-6%)**

TOUR INFORMATION

- Open House/Campus Tours: Open House on Nov 4, 2023 at 9:30AM. Go to this [link](#) to find the registration link (it was not available at the time of publishing this document.) Campus tours available daily, 9-10AM during the fall. Sign up using the same aforementioned link.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

Please feel free to call us at any time with your questions on our direct line: (818) 508-4717. You can also reach us via email at admissions@wesleyschool.org or Lindsey Drasin ldrasin@wesleyschool.org

- Requirements: No ISEE or SSAT required. Parents of all applicants should schedule an interview via our online scheduler with a member of our admissions team. Students applying to middle school will attend a visit day, complete with attending classes, participating in an applicant small group discussion, learning from a Wesley student ambassador, and getting to know more about us. Other requirements include providing teacher recommendation, transcript, and filling out a middle school questionnaire.
- **Application Deadline: Friday, January 12, 2024**

MIDDLE SCHOOL TOUR CHECKLIST

- School name: _____
- Physical spaces: Well maintained? Clean? Well-supplied?
- Student body diversity?
- Principal engaged?
- Do teachers have a plan?
- Look at students' displayed works. Appropriate for the grade level?
- How do the classrooms look?
- Are students interacting nicely with each other? Respectfully?
- Rate physical activity and physical fitness resources, spaces, approaches.
- Rate art and music resources, spaces, approaches.
- Available technology?
- Transportation options? Bus?
- After-school programs?
- Class Size? School Size?
- Start time? End time?
- School philosophy?
- Parent involvement?
- Safety?
- For private: Tuition and Financial Aid?
- Matriculation of students after?
- COVID-era adaptability and policies?

ADVICE FROM FORMER WONDERLAND PARENTS

“Know your child and pick a school that is right for him/her, not one that you think gives him/her the best chance of getting ahead of everyone else.”

“Include parochial (less pricey) or private (more pricey) schools in your search, to keep your options open.”

“Millikan [Armstrong] now has 2000+ students attending.”

“We never expected to choose a parochial school, but we ended up on the waiting list of the magnet school of our choice. Fortunately, we had done all of the advance prep to get into Laurel Hall, and we knew it was a great option. (Kids must take separate tests for parochial/private schools, and those tests are usually taken around November - January. Also, private/parochial school applications are due earlier than magnet applications.)”

“Quality of instruction can be more important than the number of students in a classroom.”

“It was not a good idea to send her to a school for one year where all the kids had been together since kindergarten.”

“With a school like Millikan [Armstrong] it is not necessary to spend the money on private school in middle school.”

“The Charter schools are a good back up (if it’s not your first choice). Most times they go through the waitlist very quickly just before school starts - and sometimes within the first few weeks of school starting, you’ll get a spot.”

“While your child is in 4th grade, visit all possible middle schools and eliminate the obvious misfits. While your child is in 5th grade, take your child to visit only the schools you are seriously considering.”

“If your child qualifies, apply to the magnet program where there will be choices and they can accumulate magnet points. Consider also, non-magnet choices for your child for middle school, especially schools such as Walter Reed’s IHP (Individualized Honors Program). Apply to a magnet during that time so you don’t lose your points for high school. There is the private school choice, but I find my son (who now is in 10th grade at North Hollywood High (in the Highly Gifted Magnet) is getting an excellent public school education.”

“Consider the community of students. If your child is surrounded by peers who share similar passions or interests it can make the school experience more exciting and rewarding.”

“Last minute places become available for schools right up until the school year starts.”

“If you want a private school education, but can’t afford it, ask for scholarships. Many schools have ‘flexible’ tuition.”

“Make sure you tour all the schools and start early. Many magnets only have one tour. If you miss the tours you don’t get another chance.”

“Make the decision based on what you think is the right fit for the child once you have gone there, and what your teacher recommends.”

