



Porter Ranch Community School

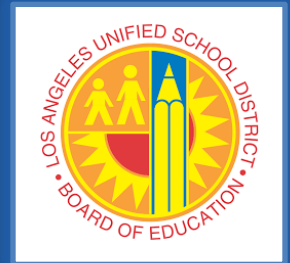
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Porter Ranch Community School



Porter Ranch Community School (PRCS) opened in August, 2012. We are a Los Angeles Unified Gold Ribbon and California Distinguished K-8 School located in the hills of Porter Ranch, California. With a student body of 1,200+ students, PRCS is a true community school. The magnitude and depth of support we receive from parents, community leaders, and corporate sponsors is the heart of who we are.

Porter Ranch Community School is a robust, engaging, learning environment where students in kindergarten through 8th grade understand that education is an investment in their own future. They take pride in their academic and leadership accomplishments, display cultural awareness, and empower others to do to the same.

PRCS is a community school that incorporates science, literature, theater, and technology into weekly lessons. Our goal is academic excellence that creates an environment of inclusion and leadership for all of our students, fostering independence and leadership with programs such as Leader in Me in elementary, Restorative Justice and Houses in Middle School. PRCS consistently has the highest test scores in standardized testing of English and Math compared to the neighboring Elementary and Middle Schools in the area. In fact, we are one of the top scoring elementary schools and the top scoring Middle School in our Local District.

- GATE Gifted / Talented Programs in elementary and middle school
- Korean Dual Language Program (KDLP) - E Choice Application
- Honors Courses in middle school



To round out our students' experiences, every elementary grade level attends at least two field trips per year to places like the Reagan Library, Chumash Indian Museum, Moorpark Zoo, Placerita Canyon Nature Center, 24th Street Theater, Sacramento for 4th graders and an overnight trip to Pali Camp for 5th graders. Middle School students travel to the Columbia Space Center, Medieval Times, JA Finance Park, Alex Theater and Northrop Grumman.



Staff

Elementary, KDLP, Middle School

We are very fortunate to have an experienced staff of dedicated teachers who are committed to learning the latest teaching methods and standards to ensure student success for all. Our teachers attend yearly trainings across the southland and bring the information, resources and strategies back to the staff. Our faculty consists of 52 credentialed teachers, 12 of which are Nationally Board Certified. We also have over 40 additional support staff, 13 supervision aides, an on- site School Counselor, a School Psychologist and a 5 day full-time Nurse.

Elementary

TK - 5

PRCS Elementary offers a Korean Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program 50/50 model for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Elementary program also offers STEAM Enrichments which will include STEM & More, Music, Dance, Theatre, Taekwon Do, Korean Drums and Computer Wise Lab. See p. 3 for more info by grade level. Afterschool Enrichments and clubs for Elementary include Tennis, Mad Science, Academic Chess, Culinary, Speech and Debate and other wonderful enrichment classes throughout the year. Elementary students can also participate in YMCA aftercare and Kiwanis Club.

Middle School

6th – 8th

PRCS Middle School offers 1 to 1 Chromebooks for every student, Promethean Boards in the classrooms, Accelerated Math courses, variety of Electives including Associated Student Body (ASB), Finance, Marine Science, Scientific Cooking, Yearbook, Creative Writing, Drama and more. We have a Robotics Team and Community Service opportunities as well. Afterschool clubs include homework club and running club and our on-site Youth Services program offers team opportunities throughout the year with a variety of sports.

Parent Community

PRCS is a community of students, parents and teachers that support one another for the benefit of the school. We put high importance on parent involvement with several parent body groups to make this happen. During our inaugural year, our parents established a PTA with its by-laws and committees. We also have The Booster Club, aka the Friends of PRCS, which generates revenue to support many initiatives and programs directly supporting students. And finally, we have the Governing School Council, GSC, which also involves parents who are committed to working with the staff and administration to make PRCS successful.





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Elementary TK – 5th



Academic Achievement:

- The percentage of PRCS students meeting or exceeding the State Standards far exceeds the average numbers reached by the district and surrounding schools.
- Academic Honor Roll – Fall and Spring Semester
- More than 80% of PRCS students Meet or Exceed standards for ELA and Math for the 2018-2019 school year
- PRCS students are academically outperforming students from other local schools and the District
- Porter Ranch boasts the highest percentage for Meets/Exceeds when compared to Local District, District, and State
- PRCS ensures that all students have access to a rigorous and relevant curriculum that includes real world application that will prepare them for success in middle school.

GATE Gifted/Talented Programs:

GATE path is available for students who meet the criteria as “gifted” or students who demonstrate high achievement. See page 5.



STEAM Enrichment Programs: K – 5th

- STEM & More (3rd – 5th Grade)
- Music
- Dance
- Theatre
- Tae Kwon Do (2nd Grade)
- Korean Drums (3rd Grade)
- Computer Wise Lab



LEADER IN ME Leadership:

The **Leader in Me 8 Habits** are leadership qualities all students can learn. Developing these leadership skills will prepare students to be future-ready and life-long learners.



After School Enrichments:

- K-Kids Community Service





이중 언어 교육 프로그램
(DUAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION – DLE)



Benefits of Dual Language Education

Decades of research have shown that students in a dual language program develop academic skills that are on or above par to their peers educated in English-only classrooms.



What is a Dual Language Program? Dual language education is “an effective approach to developing language proficiency and literacy in English and a partner language.” Students are instructed in the classroom in both English and a second language.

Did you know that PRCS has a Dual Language Program? From the first day our doors opened in 2012, PRCS has offered one of the 60+ Dual Language Programs across LAUSD with new programs being established every year.

Who is eligible? The benefits of being in a dual language program are irrespective to the language being taught. All students are encouraged to join!

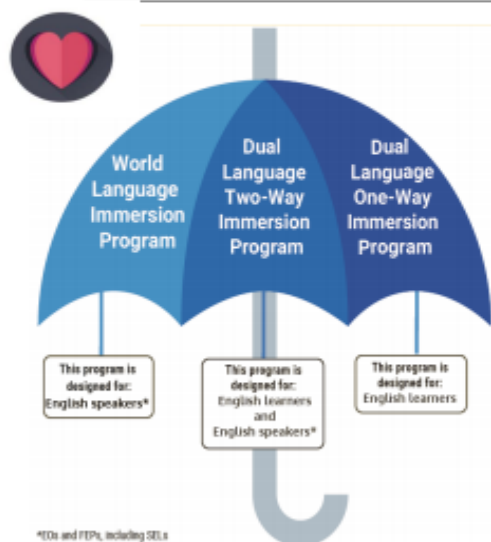
Here at PRCS... PRCS offers a Dual Language Program in Korean. LAUSD selects the language based on a demographic study of the community, of which Korean was the largest language group. As a part of the program, students develop an appreciation for diversity.

Benefits of Becoming/Being Bilingual and Biliterate



Source: Adapted from Californian's Together - Campaign for Biliteracy

Dual Language Education



- All three programs share the goals of promoting bilingualism and biliteracy, high levels of academic achievement, and sociocultural competence
- Provide grade-level content and literacy instruction to all students through two languages (English and a target language)
- Instruction must be provided in the **target language** for at least **50%** of the instructional day

Source: 2018 Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learner Ch. 1

Porter Ranch
Community School's
Korean Dual Language
Education follows the
Two-Way Immersion

Two-Way Immersion

- ★ English Speakers
- ★ English Learners



GOALS



PROFICIENCY

Two Languages



SOCIOCULTURAL

Understanding



BILINGUAL

& Biliterate



Goals of Dual Language Program

- Communicative and Academic Second Language Proficiency
- Primary Language Proficiency
- Academic Achievement in both languages
- Appreciation for Diversity
- Develop higher thinking skills and cognitive flexibility
- Increase college choices and job opportunities
- Prepare for our future global society

Cognitive Benefits of DL Education

- Build **MULTITASKING** skills – skilled at switching between two systems of speech, writing and structure
- Improves **MEMORY** – language rules and vocabulary strengthen mental “muscles”
- Increases **PERCEPTION** – adept at focusing on relevant information
- Increases **DECISION-MAKING** skills – make more rational decisions
- Improves **LANGUAGE** awareness – language structures allows for an more effective communicator, sharper editor and writer, and develops better ear for listening

KDLP at PRCS

- Program starts in Kindergarten (6 year commitment)
- Currently have one class in every grade (K-5)
- One teacher per grade
- Instruction and class work take place in two languages, with Korean used about 50% of the student's instructional day.
- Ideally, a class is comprised of 50% Korean speaking students and 50% English speaking students.

- Each student at each grade level will be taught a cultural talent or skill that will be "showcased" during the year.
- We have a cohesive, school-wide vision that truly embraces the program as one special component of our campus.
- Celebrate Korean Thanksgiving and Lunar New Year. Students are also introduced to Korean art, Taekwondo, Dance and Drum lessons.



I'm not Korean!

The program is for everyone!

The program is not only for children of Korean descent.

- After-school language support - Students in each grade are offered free "Korean" homework help once a week to complete their homework assignments, study for tests and/or engage in small group intervention
 - Assistance will primarily be for students with no "korean" help at home
- Network with other DLP parents
- Attend cultural events together or participate in Korean after-school enrichment classes

Parent Commitment

- Learning a second language is no easy task...
- Parents also need to make a commitment to support their child through the program
 - Assist in providing additional resources and support as needed
 - Be patient and encourage your child when they may get frustrated
 - Communicate with the teacher if there are issue or concerns
 - Provide your child extra time after-school to work through their Korean homework – don't over pack their schedules



KDLP and Kindergarten Readiness

- Did your child attend preschool regularly?
 - Can your child express his/her needs and wants verbally?
 - Can your child take care of general dressing needs?
 - Can your child regulate his/her bathroom and cleaning needs?
 - Can your child separate from you without becoming overly upset?
 - Can your child play, share, and interact with other children?
 - Can your child follow directions and attend to tasks that are lead by an adult for 10 minutes at a time (e.g., circle-time)?
 - Can your child write his/her name?
- Is your child proficient in one language - in Korean and/or English?
- Kindergarten Entrance Interviews - please sign-up!

KDLP Biliteracy Award

- Students have an opportunity to receive an award from the district that shows he/she is biliterate by 5th grade when they meet the following requirements:
 - Read 10 grade level books
 - Receive a grade of a 3 or a 4 on an essay written in Korean that answers a prompt about biliteracy in the community.
 - Score benchmark on a reading test in English
- Students receive a certificate and a medal by the district recognizing their biliteracy and it will be recorded in their transcript.
- Students who complete the requirements again in 8th grade and 12th grade will receive a seal on their high school diplomas.

Resources

- <http://achieve.lausd.net/apolo#spn-content>
- http://achieve.lausd.net/cms/lib08/CA01000043/Centricity/Domain/295/Intro15_Day1_Research.pdf
- <http://www.thomasandcollier.com/assets/jncl-nclis-white-paper-on-dual-languageeducation.pdf>
- http://www.lindholm-leary.com/resources/Presentations/2015AERA_Symp_KLL.pdf
- http://www.cal.org/twi/toolkit/PI/Basics_Eng.pdf
- <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2014/10/more-languages-better-brain/381193/>
- <https://www.edutopia.org/discussion/why-arent-we-teaching-second-language-publicelementary-schools>
- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/collegeprose/2012/08/27/americas-foreign-languagedeficit/#7bd7a4d4ddcd>
- <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/07/13/learning-a-foreign-language-a-must-in-europenot-so-in-america/>
- http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/global_learning/2013/03/foreign_language_policies_around_the_world.html

Who can I contact for more information?

Please contact the Choices Support Line at (213) 241-4177 if you have questions about Dual Language Education Programs.

Late ECHOICE Application is now open thru September 17, 2021. Please check out the Dual Language Education information for LAUSD [HERE](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – [HERE](#)

- ☐ Teacher to student ratio
 - ☐ Tk – 2nd Grade 24:1
 - ☐ 3rd – 5th Grade 34:1
 - ☐ 6th – 8th Grade 36:1 average class size can vary by a course
- ☐ Gifted and Talented Program (GATE)
 - ☐ Elementary
 - ☐ Middle School – Honors Classes, Accelerated Math



GATE Gifted/Talented Program

Porter Ranch Community School is designed to provide a differentiated curriculum so that students attain optimal levels of learning. Our program complies with more rigorous standard providing differentiation as an integral part of the regular school day.

Components

Curriculum experiences for gifted learners that are planned, implemented, and evaluated in order to maximize student potential.

Goals and objectives that are determined at PRCS by lead GATE Coordinator, administrators, teachers, parents, and students by means of needs assessments.

Differentiation of the core curriculum through various means, including: *flexible groupings, acceleration of content, independent study, tiered assignments, interest centers, learning centers, Compacting in student's area of strength via mentorships, adjusting questions, honors coursework, Advanced Placement courses, and use of above-grade-level resources*

Application of the "non-negotiables" of gifted instruction:

Depth, Complexity, Novelty and Acceleration

How do you get identified by LAUSD? More GATE info click [here](#) see Announcements

Intellectual Ability

- ☐ 2nd semester kindergarten and above Students whose general intellectual development is markedly advanced in relation to their chronological peers. In general, students are tested only one time.

High Achievement Ability

- ☐ Grade 2 only Students who demonstrate high achievement on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced, group administered measure of verbal and non-verbal school abilities (OLSAT-8).
- ☐ Grade 5 and above Students who consistently function for two consecutive years at highly advanced levels in both English-Language Arts/reading (elementary), English (secondary), and mathematics.

**PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BELL SCHEDULE 2019 – 2020**

Effective: 06/24/19

| ELEMENTARY - Regular Day – M, W, Th, F | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| GRADES | START TIME | RECESS | LUNCH START TIME | LUNCH END TIME | END TIME | |
| Kinder | 8:15 am | 9:45 am – 10:05 am | 12:00 pm | 12:40 pm | 2:34 pm | |
| 1 st - 2 nd | 8:00 am | 9:45 am – 10:05 am | 11:45 am | 12:25 pm | 2:19 pm | |
| 3 rd - 4 th - 5 th | 8:00 am | 10:15 am – 10:35 am | 12:30 pm | 1:10 pm | 2:19 pm | |
| ELEMENTARY – TUESDAYS - Early Dismissal | | | | | | |
| GRADES | START TIME | RECESS | LUNCH START TIME | LUNCH END TIME | END TIME | |
| Kinder | 8:15 am | 9:45 am – 10:05 am | 12:00 pm | 12:40 pm | 1:44 pm | |
| 1 st - 2 nd | 8:00 am | 9:45 am – 10:05 am | 11:45 am | 12:25 pm | 1:29 pm | |
| 3 rd - 4 th - 5 th | 8:00 am | 10:15 am – 10:35 am | 12:30 pm | 1:10 pm | 1:29 pm | |
| ELEMENTARY – Minimum Day | | | | | | |
| GRADES | START TIME | BRUNCH START TIME | BRUNCH END TIME | END TIME | | |
| Kinder | 8:15 am | 9:50 am | 10:20 am | 12:49 pm | | |
| 1 st - 2 nd | 8:00 am | 9:45 am | 10:15 am | 12:34 pm | | |
| 3 rd - 4 th - 5 th | 8:00 am | 10:15 am | 10:45 am | 12:34 pm | | |
| MIDDLE SCHOOL | | | | | | |
| | Regular Day | | Tuesday Early Out | | Minimum Day | |
| PERIOD | START TIME | END TIME | START TIME | END TIME | START TIME | END TIME |
| Period 1 | 7:50 am | 8:52 am | 7:50 am | 8:36 am | 7:50 am | 8:32 am |
| Period 2 | 8:57 am | 9:55 am | 8:41 am | 9:27 am | 8:37 am | 9:13 am |
| Nutrition | 9:55 am | 10:10 am | 9:27 am | 9:42 am | 9:54 am | 10:24 am |
| Period 3 | 10:15 am | 11:13 am | 9:47 am | 10:33 am | 9:18 am | 9:54 am |
| Period 4 | 11:18 am | 12:16 pm | 10:38 am | 11:24 am | 10:29 am | 11:05 am |
| Lunch | 12:16 pm | 12:46 pm | 11:24 am | 11:54 am | no | lunchtime |
| Period 5 | 12:51 pm | 1:49 pm | 11:59 am | 12:45 pm | 11:10 am | 11:46 am |
| Period 6 | 1:54 pm | 2:52 pm | 12:50 pm | 1:30 pm | 11:51 am | 12:27 pm |

Both Elementary and Middle School will have Early Dismissals on all Tuesdays.

**On campus bell schedule is from 2019-2020. Current schedule is Distance Learning.

For weekly briefing from LAUSD regarding return to campus, please click [here](#)

DRESS CODE POLICY

Dress for Success at PRCS!

At Porter Ranch Community School we believe that students should focus on school work and not what to wear to school. It is this reason we adopted a dress code which will be required **every day**.

The following is our Dress Code:

- Navy, royal blue or white collared shirts and PRCS spirit wear for tops and navy, black, and khaki pants, blue or black jeans, shorts, skirts and skorts for bottoms.
- No holes in jeans/pants
- No athletic shorts or pants with logo
- No sweat pants.
- Leggings are allowed only when a skirt is worn.
- No short shorts, short skirts or short skorts allowed. They must be "fingertip" in length.
- Shoes must be closed toed and students can run and play in them safely.
- There are no low cut tops or spaghetti strapped tops.
- No baggy pants or low hanging pants.
- Student's underwear should not be visible and clothing should not be suggestive.
- Excessive jewelry can be dangerous and should not be worn.
- Hats can only be worn outside in the sun and cannot be backwards. Hats may not have inappropriate logos on them.
- No irregular hair colors and styles.

Students are allowed to wear sun-protective clothing, including hats, for outdoor use during the school day only on the yard.

Additional spirit wear can be purchased at our Coyote Mart (Student Store) or online at our website www.qopracs.org.



LAUSD CHOICE RESOURCES: [HERE](#)

E-CHOICE Brochure in [KOREAN LANGUAGE HERE](#)

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For enrollment instructions click [HERE](#)

Dual Language Video [HERE](#)

How are students selected?

Selection preferences for applicants will be applied in the following order:

1. Siblings living within the school's attendance boundary
2. Students living within the school's attendance boundary
3. Siblings living within L.A. Unified boundaries
4. Students residing within L.A. Unified boundaries
5. Siblings requiring an Inter-District Permit
6. Students requiring an Inter-District Permit



Dual Language Education Programs Information

If there are more qualified applicants than spaces available at the school, a random, unbiased selection process will be conducted. Siblings of current students in the dual language program have priority for attendance. There is no priority point accrual process for Dual Language Education programs. If there are more applicants than spaces available for a given grade, students will be placed on a waiting list.

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- The waiting list number is not disclosed.
- Students will remain on the waiting list for their first choice with an on-time application even if offered a seat at another program with a late application.
- Schools will notify parents of students who applied with an on-time or with a late application who are on the wait list, when a space becomes available. No further action is necessary for parents of students on the on-time or late waiting list.

Contact Us

Go to www.gopracs.org for more information.

Main office phone: **818-709-7100** Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 7:30AM –3:00PM

Currently due to Covid Safety Guideline are in place.

- Avak Demirjic, Principal – ademirji@lausd.net
- Shawn Guidry, Assistant Principal – sdg3534@lausd.net
- Safia Daks, Main Office – safia.daks@lausd.net
- Donna Patterson, Main Office – dpatte1@lausd.net
- Jen Endler, Community Rep - jennifer.endler@lausd.net - Zoom Office Hours available.

Resident Pre-Enrollment for TK – 8 Enrollment for 2021-22 is now available on our website.

Non-Resident Wait List is available on our website.

KDLP K – 5 must apply through E CHOICE.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Neighborhood/Resident School Tk – 8
(KDLP see p.15 for DLE – E CHOICE Late Application)



Registration for the 2021-2022 school for Resident School is now open.
www.gopracs.org

Residents can pre-enroll online at www.gopracs.org

Non-residents can add their children's names to wait-list at www.gopracs.org . Students will be notified if we have space in that section by August.

Once registration for residents open, in order to receive an enrollment packet all original documents are required as proof of residence and must be in the name of at least one of the parents or legal guardian.

Pre-Enrollment is now available for Resident School TK – 8th Grade. Go to www.gopracs.org

If you own the property:

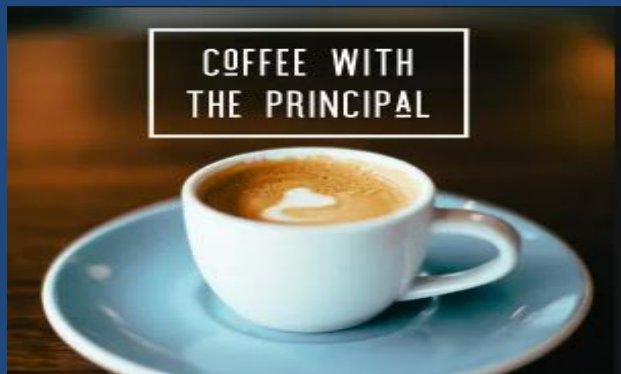
- Current Property Tax Bill
- Current Gas Bill • Current DWP Bill

If you lease or rent the property:

- Lease Agreement or Rental Agreement
- Current Gas Bill
- Current DWP Bill



Please note, giving a false address or the address of a friend or relative is illegal and subject to prosecution as fraud. Giving a false address is also subject to civil penalties or lawsuit PRCS has an internal system to actively investigate all cases where it has a reason to believe that residency has changed and/or false information has been provided. Address verifications will be done at random times. All students with false addresses will be transferred to their home school. BOUNDARY INFORMATION Please see the included boundary map.




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Building Lifelong Learning Practices

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PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOOSTER CLUB
2020-21



GIFT
Giving & Inspiring For Tomorrow

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For
Tomorrow

More information on Booster Club at PRCS
click [here](#)



**Governing School
Council (GSC)**



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

For information on 2021-2022 PRCS enrollment or school tours via virtual or on campus will be determined by LAUSD. Please visit our website at www.goprcs.org for updates under ADMISSIONS and check our HOME page. For updates from LAUSD, please go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/>

Thank you for your interest in Porter Ranch Community School!

Sincerely,

Avak Demirjic, Principal