



Pershing Middle School Neighborhood Vanguard and Pre-AP

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Pershing Middle School and HISD Magnet
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Fine Arts Magnet

Robin Lowe-Principal



Magnet Program

All students who do not reside in the Pershing attendance zone may apply for a Magnet transfer into our Fine Arts program. Students interested in the Magnet program should submit an application and all required documents by the mandated district deadline. Qualified applicants will be scheduled for an audition in the Fine Art area of their choice. All those who apply will be notified of acceptance or non-qualification by mail. Students who accept the invitation to attend Pershing are required to take the fine arts class and participate in that activity during their Pershing years in order to retain their transfer.

Middle School

At Pershing, our focus is on the success of every student who walks through our doors. We feel that success is not only measured in academics, but also in the social and emotional well-being of our students. By embracing the best practices of middle level research, our students experience a wide variety of choices, while being nurtured as they develop through their adolescent years. Pershing is a large, culturally rich campus, whose students are fostered with a small school feeling through the use of clusters of core teachers. Each student is assigned to a cluster, where the core teachers teach the same group of students. Additionally, each cluster is a member of a house, which allows 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to be part of the larger family of students. We look forward to you being a part of our Pershing family!



Foreign Language

We offer three of the most pertinent foreign languages used in the corporate world today. Beginning in seventh grade students may take Spanish, French or Chinese. In eighth grade, they may complete their courses with a high school foreign language credit. We also have native speaker classes available in Spanish and Chinese for those with experience from home or from Dual language programs.

Electives

We offer an assortment of electives that allow each of our students to have a variety of experiences. Students can strengthen their writing skills in Creative Writing and Advanced Composition and by writing articles for the award winning newspaper "JJP: The Middle." Our Computer Power/Action Lab allows students to work on modules that include rocketry, forensic science, computer aided design, and aero-dynamics. Students can also be a part of the Yearbook staff or learn more about Computer Research. Our Ropes Course teaches students to trust in themselves and others, in its teamwork and challenge by choice curriculum.



Clubs

Our list of Clubs and Organizations grows every year. We listen to student and staff interests and provide as many opportunities as possible. These include:

- National Junior Honor Society
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Chess Club
- Spanish Book Club
- Debate
- Name That Book
- Student Council
- Junior Thespian Society
- Booster Club
- Cheerleaders
- Gospel Choir
- National Travel Club
- International Travel Club
- Garden Club
- Math Counts
- Perfect 10 Step Team
- Health and Fitness Swagger Club



Club Mid

In partnership with the Weekly YMCA we have a supervised before and after school program on our campus. Students may choose from a variety of classes facilitated by YMCA staff and Pershing Faculty. Drop off begins at 7:00am with pickup at 6:00pm on school days. The program is offered free of charge to YMCA facility members or for \$35 per month for non-members.



Academic Success

All students have the opportunity to be successful in the classroom with access to instruction that includes: Grade Level, Pre- AP, and Vanguard GT. Students who are interested in our Vanguard program are placed in appropriate classes based on their previous grades and test scores. Our students complete their course work prepared for the rigor of high school Advanced Placement and IB programs. Additionally, eighth grade students have the opportunity to leave Pershing with three high school credits: Algebra, Foreign Language, and Speech.



Fine Arts

Art, Band, Choir, Dance, Jazz Band, Gymnastics, Guitar, Music Production, Orchestra, and Theater are available to all students at our school. Each of these areas has performances and showings throughout the year, both on and off campus. The Art department participates in a variety of contests, including the Art Car Parade, and travels to New York to visit museums, galleries and take classes with experts. Band, Choir, Guitar, and Orchestra classes participate annually in Regional and UIL contests. They have traveled and performed in Vancouver, Williamsburg, Chicago, Branson, and at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City. The Dance department performs at various events around the city and travels annually to New York City to take classes and see Broadway shows. Our newest program, Music Production, uses Ableton Live© software and equipment to teach students how to compose music on the computer. This unique class is the only one of its kind offered at the middle school level in the United States.



Athletics

Pershing is a destination for some of the premiere athletes in Houston. We compete in all UIL sports, including: Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Basketball, Soccer and Track, which are open to all seventh and eighth grade students interested in athletics. All students, including sixth graders, can participate in our club sports which include Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse. With newly establish fields, a swimming pool on campus, and being known for success in all athletic areas, Pershing is truly the home of champions.