

Gardner Bullis School Can Be Your Neighborhood Elementary School

The headline is obvious to town residents who live within the southern part of Los Altos Hills, served by the Los Altos School District (LASD). However, if you live in the northern part of town, served by the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD), you can also consider Gardner Bullis, which may be a closer, more convenient neighborhood school for your family.

Before May 2007, there was no formalized way of dealing with the fact that Los Altos Hills is split between LASD and PAUSD and allowing transfers between the districts that could be enabled for multiple years. Neighborhood students could find themselves either able to go to a local, neighborhood school (today known as Gardner Bullis School) or having to leave town and go past Foothill Expressway and Page Mill Road to Nixon Elementary School, all for residing on the "wrong side of the road." Friendships were interrupted or missed altogether even though students were neighbors.

Now, under joint arrangements with LASD, PAUSD families living in Los Altos Hills can receive up to 7-year transfers to Gardner Bullis School, located at 25890 Fremont Road (650-559-3200). After elementary school at Gardner Bullis, PAUSD transfer students return to PAUSD to continue their education at Ellen Fletcher Middle School (formerly Terman) and Gunn High School.

ENROLLMENT IF YOU RESIDE IN PAUSD PART OF TOWN

If you will have a K-6 student in the next academic year, and you would like them to attend Gardner Bullis, they will be treated as LASD residents for registration purposes. You will need to complete the following three steps.

Step One: Begin the LASD enrollment process, completing and submitting the "Initial Student Registration Form" for 2019 between December 07, 2018 and February 02, 2019. That process kicks off with open houses ("Kindergarten/New Family Information Nights") hosted at each of LASD's schools. Visit Gardner Bullis on Thursday evening, December 6 (7:00 pm), where registration forms will also be available.

Step Two: Complete the LASD registration process, which is described on the LASD website at www.losaltos.k12.ca.us.

Step Three: Complete the transfer form with PAUSD. The form is available at the PAUSD Central Attendance Office at 25 Churchill Avenue or it can be downloaded from the PAUSD registration/transfer web page: <https://www.pausd.org/registration/school-placement-transfers>. Scroll down to "Transferring To & From PAUSD" and click on the link ("Gardner Bullis Interdistrict Transfer Request") located in the third paragraph.

Remember, all three steps need to be completed before LASD's deadline of February 02, 2019.

