TK - 8th Grade Education

Our interdisciplinary and project-based approach keeps students intellectually enriched and our wraparound support builds social emotional skills, character, and confidence preparing students for academic and life success.

Highlights of our model:
• High-quality education - project-based learning that fosters creative problem-solving and innovation while emphasizing literacy and language arts
• Instruction in English and Spanish offered in Kindergarten and 1st grade
• Access to new robotics and STEM programs
• After School ensures all children a safe place to play and learn
• Wraparound support, including counseling and parenting workshops are available for all families

Who We Serve

1,070 students
94% of students qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch
64% of students’ primary language is Spanish

Real Results

31% HIGHER
Scores than LAUSD in third-grade math*

100% parent-student satisfaction rating for the after-school enrichment program

93% of parents reported that their child likes to go to school

TOP SCORES IN ELL EDUCATION
Our elementary school performed 10% higher than the entire state of California in Math and English Language Arts**
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**Locations:**
Evelyn Thurman Gratts Primary Center (TK-1st)
474 S. Hartford Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90017

Para Los Niños Charter Elementary School (TK-5th)
1617 E. 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021

Para Los Niños Charter Middle School (6th-8th)
835 Stanford Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90021

**Opportunities & Resources:**
- Transitional Bilingual Education
- Bilingual Classes Available
- Structured English Immersion
- Mental Health Services /Family Counseling
- Art and Music
- Athletics Opportunities
- Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- After School Available for All
- Family workshops (literacy, parenting, etc.)
- Rising Reclassification Rates
- Cultural Events
- Free Uniforms
- Summer Camp
- Anger Management Groups
- Emergency Support

**Our History**
In 1979, the Los Angeles Times published “The Children of Skid Row: A Grim Life,” an investigative article detailing the harsh realities for children living in the Skid Row area of Downtown Los Angeles. After reading, teacher and social worker Tanya Tull was motivated to take action.

With just a $5,000 grant and a warehouse, Tull established the first children's social service agency on Skid Row and the foundation for Para Los Niños. By 1980, the agency served a total of 51 children, and since then, PLN has grown into a widely respected charitable organization, serving over 6,000 children, youth and families per year.

**What We Do**

**Early Education**
Our early education centers provide over 450 students with high-quality academic and social-emotional education. Starting as young as six-weeks we engage parents to ensure a strong support system for their success well beyond preschool.

**TK– 8th Education**
Our project-based approach keeps students intellectually enriched and our wraparound support builds social emotional skills, character, and confidence for over 1,100 students at our Gratts Primary School, Charter Elementary School, and Charter Middle School.

**Youth Workforce Services**
Working with over 2,000 disconnected youth and adults each year, our staff connects participants with opportunities to build their careers and engage in the community. Through workshops, mentorship, internships, and case management, YWS helps students to succeed in school, work, and life.

**Student & Community Services**
We use protective factors to create safe and connecting spaces for 4,000 children and caregivers each year. Our staff works to strengthen family environments and reduce barriers for children, youth, and adults to thrive.