

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District



Building Futures

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Follow the progress of construction projects at your neighborhood school, from initial designs to the final touches. See how your bond dollars are making a difference—building better futures for our students and community!

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Summer 2025

McKinley Elementary School

Building Tomorrow's Future: New Classroom and Administration Building

Construction for the new classroom and administration building for McKinley Elementary School is nearing completion. Thanks to the community's support of [Bond Measure QS](#) passed in November 2024, this exciting project is moving forward to transform the campus.



After more than a year delay to receive environmental clearance, the project is now in full swing with an anticipated opening in January 2026.

Current work includes electrical rough-in for overhead and exterior lighting for Levels 1 and 2. On Level 2, crews installed domestic water, waste, and vent rough-ins, continued Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning ductwork and line set piping and progressed with overhead and soffit framing, drywall, insulation, and exterior framing. On Level 1, soffit framing also moved forward.



In the staff parking lot, base material was imported and graded, and crews drilled and formed light pole bases and tree well curbs. Structural work included bolting and welding for the bridge connection, fish scale panels, elevator hoist beam, and guide rails. NV5, an environmental consulting company, conducted air quality monitoring throughout all earthwork activities for compliance with Rule 1466.

The new two-story, 24,000 square foot classroom and administration building will provide eight new classrooms with break-out rooms and outdoor learning spaces. The new building will have a

designated drive-through drop off and pick-up, along with a secure entrance to the school, thus promoting a safer school experience for students, staff and parents.

Temporary bungalows will be replaced by the new classrooms and will feature connected outdoor learning spaces to foster collaborative, future-ready teaching and learning. The new administration building will also provide a health office, reception area, elevator and an office space/conference room.

The SMMUSD Facility Improvement Projects (FIP) team is committed to minimizing disruptions during construction while ensuring these enhancements benefit generations of students to come.

Learn more about FIP here: <https://bit.ly/FIPHomePage>.

Read more about McKinley's campus plan [here](#).



The future is bright for McKinley Elementary and with the community's support the sky is the limit!

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"A school building is more than a physical structure providing housing, light, heat, and shelter from the elements; it is the one expression of the community's commitment to education." -Donald Leu



New Classroom and Administration Building

Level 2 soffit and drywall framing.



New Classroom and Administration Building

Compacting road base in preparation for upcoming asphalt paving.



New Classroom and Administration Building

Bridge connection metal decking install.



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