

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# 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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## Grant Elementary School

### Building Tomorrow's Future: Grant Early Learning Building Modernization and Library Update

Since the passage of Bond Measure QS in November 2024, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) has started work on transforming Grant Elementary School into a future-ready learning environment. Several projects are underway, each designed to enhance student learning, accessibility, and collaboration.



### Early Learning Building Modernization

Construction began on the new transitional kindergarten (TK) building in December 2024. The existing classrooms have been demolished, and contractors are currently working on foundation modifications. This new 4,500-square-foot building will house three TK classrooms with restrooms and workrooms for staff, aligning with state standards for early childhood education. The outdoor play area will also be expanded to accommodate the growing TK program now required by the state. The work is scheduled for completion in July 2025, with students and teachers moving in for the start of the school year in August.



### Library Modernization

During spring break 2025, the temporary library will be relocated to the north end of the playfields. In June 2025, construction will begin on the library modernization project. The redesigned space will expand to 6,300 square feet, incorporating a dedicated reading area for younger grades, a multi-purpose space for all students, and a makerspace classroom. The library's exterior will feature

landscaped courtyards designed for outdoor learning. Construction is expected to take 18 months, with completion anticipated for fall 2026.



## Historic Garden Renovation

At the same time as the library modernization, the central courtyard and garden will undergo a major renovation to create a more accessible outdoor environment for learning and recreation. The historic courtyard, home to trees that predate the school's construction, will be enhanced to support outdoor education while preserving its legacy.



## New Classroom Building

The new classroom building is set to break ground in June 2025. The building will be constructed south of the current row of buildings where the play structure is. This 11,000-square-foot structure will feature six classrooms of which four are for general education, one for science, and one for art. The design also includes 8,500 square feet of landscaped outdoor learning spaces and a rooftop deck for science, technology, engineering, math-based activities, project-based learning and gardening. The contractor for all projects is Erickson-Hall Contracting Co. The construction management team is from Fonder-Salari. The TK expansion project was approved by the Division of the State Architect last year and the remaining projects will be approved over the next few months. In addition, they are providing pre-construction services to ensure a streamlined process and a successful outcome for all the remaining work.



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Construction on a working campus always presents challenges, but the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Projects Department is committed to minimizing disruptions for students and staff while ensuring these enhancements benefit generations to come.

Learn more about the early learning building and library update [here](#).

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to build the future of Grant Elementary School!

*"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*



**Exterior rendering of new library and early childhood learning building**



**Interior rendering of new library**



**Exterior rendering of kindergarten courtyard**



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