



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY (K-6)

527 West Ventura Street
Altadena, CA 91001

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Year Built: 1956
 Site Acreage: 6.17
 Grade Levels: K-6

 Enrollment: 407
 Permanent Capacity: 475
 Classrooms:
 Permanent: 19
 Portables: 2

Assessment Summary:

Franklin Elementary is a school which shares much of its facilities with community groups as The Franklin Elementary School Neighborhood Advocates Council (FESNAC) a volunteer organization made up of community members, school personnel, church and town council members, PTA representatives, business people and social service agencies. The school also participates in the LEARNS and I Have a Dream Foundation. Spaces allocated for shared-use are concentrated in adjunct rooms to the Multi-purpose room, including back-stage areas designed to accommodate changing rooms but no longer needed as originally intended. This situation was observed in a number of schools throughout the district, thus prompting the need to modify these spaces to meet the adaptive re-use.

The Planning Team has identified other maintenance issues which need to be addressed as part of a deferred maintenance or modernization program. Although the cafeteria was modernized during the last improvement measure, staff and Team observed the need for introduction of mitigating measures to improve the room’s acoustical quality.

The school’s administrative area is very small in comparison to other school facilities and substandard in relation to its own enrollment and permanent capacity. It is for this reason that the proposed plan calls for a new expansion of space dedicated to administrative uses. Other improvements recommended are the upgrading of classroom interior finishes, including window replacements; and the upgrading of electrical panel boards and separation of water meters.

Finally, an immediate need is the provision of shade structures on the school’s playgrounds.