



JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY (K-5)

1500 East Villa Street
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Year Built: 1925
- Mid 1990s

Site Acreage: 6.00

Grade Levels: K-5

Enrollment: 642

Permanent Capacity: 925

Classrooms:
Permanent: 38
Portables: 7

Assessment Summary:

Main entry into Jefferson Elementary School is characterized by a high ceiling rotunda which divides what seems to be a full block-length building complex along Vila Street. East of this entry point lie the original 1925, Art Deco buildings which comprise of the beautifully preserved auditorium exterior and the vintage kindergarten classroom buildings towards the east. On the opposite end, lies the modern classroom building built under the previous bond measure.

Among main immediate needs identified are the modernization of the Cafeteria, Kitchen, and the interior of the Auditorium as well as the provision of a canopy joining the lunch shelter with the cafeteria. Also included are various utility, lighting and electrical panel board upgrades to the older school buildings, including the Kindergarten and replacement of the old Pre-K classroom building.

On-site observations and interviews with district M & O personnel identified the need of providing a safety railing at the last upper tier of the outdoor amphitheater. Also, substandard accessibility to and distribution of K restrooms prompted the recommendation for relocation of the kindergarten classrooms into a new building facility on the southern end of campus. This new building would also replace uses presently housed in the portable buildings.

A key finding arising from on-site meetings was the lack of availability of storage space throughout the school and the spatial limitations to add new storage within its built-up envelope. One recommendation would be to convert the abandoned but spacious subterranean boiler room into an accessible storage area by providing better lighting and a loading lift not unlike those found in commercial urban streets.