



Bell Middle School

620 Briarwood Rd.
San Diego, CA 92139



Sub-district: E
Cluster: Morse
Year School Opened: 1967
Grades: 9-12

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Bell Middle School sits high on a hill in the Paradise Hills community. Cooled by ocean breezes, the campus' location offers students a commanding view of San Diego. The school serves more than 900 students from the richly diverse area. Electives at the school include Spanish and Tagalog. Bell maintains a partnership with UCSD to beautify the campus and tutor students, as well as a partnership with Blacks in Government (BIG), San Diego State University and the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) to provide mentoring to students.

The campus consists of 35 acres and is situated in a residential neighborhood. The school includes 14 permanent buildings, 11 of which were completed in 1969, two classroom buildings completed in 1996, and a library building that was added in 2015. In total, the school features more than 154,000 square feet of academic and support facilities. In addition, the campus features shaded lunch structures, a synthetic turf field, a large dirt play area, a library, a multipurpose center, and a gymnasium. The school is located in climate zone 3 (inland) and received site-wide air conditioning as part of the district's HVAC 2000 program.



Bell MS Whole Site Modernization



Completed: January 2016
Funding: Proposition S and Z

The Whole Site Modernization Project

- Improve student and pick-up/drop-off area with modifications to the south parking lot to incorporate a designated student pick-up area
- Additional security cameras and lighting installed throughout the campus
- A new campus-wide public address system installed
- All classrooms received HVAC
- Food serving areas in building 900 were renovated to increase efficiency
- Restrooms throughout the campus upgraded to meet accessibility codes;
- Lockers outside of buildings 200 and 300 converted to school support space
- Accessibility to classrooms and from the south parking lot improved to meet accessibility codes
- Wiring, electrical panels, transformer and switch gears upgraded throughout the site
- Sidewalks replaced throughout the site
- Stairs from south parking lot replaced
- New casework and carpet
- All exterior windows and exterior doors replaced
- HVAC upgrades to all other campus buildings
- Sewer and Fire service water lines in restrooms replaced
- Flooring in the multipurpose building upgraded and existing partition wall replaced



Aerial of campus after Whole Site Modernization



Bell MS Whole Site Modernization



New concrete work and benches throughout campus



New drinking fountain and tilework

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Classroom with new interior finishes



Food Services with renovations



Student restroom upgrades



Bell MS New Synthetic Play Fields



Completed: September 2016
Funding: Proposition Z

A new 65,500-square-foot synthetic turf field was installed over the existing decomposed granite play field. An additional 14,450-square-foot rubberized ballfield with new asphalt play area was also included. The fields feature a soccer area, a small-scale baseball diamond with a dugout, and a running track. The installation included irrigation for cooling and cleaning purposes.



Before play field upgrades



New Rubberized Baseball Field



New Synthetic Turf Field



Bell MS Exterior Paint and Graphics



Completed: May 2018
Funding: Proposition S

The exterior of all Bell Middle School buildings, doorways and trim are painted with durable, sustainable materials. Graphics such as school logos are refreshed and reapplied. New directional graphics and signage are created to navigate the path of travel throughout campus.



Entry new paint and graphics





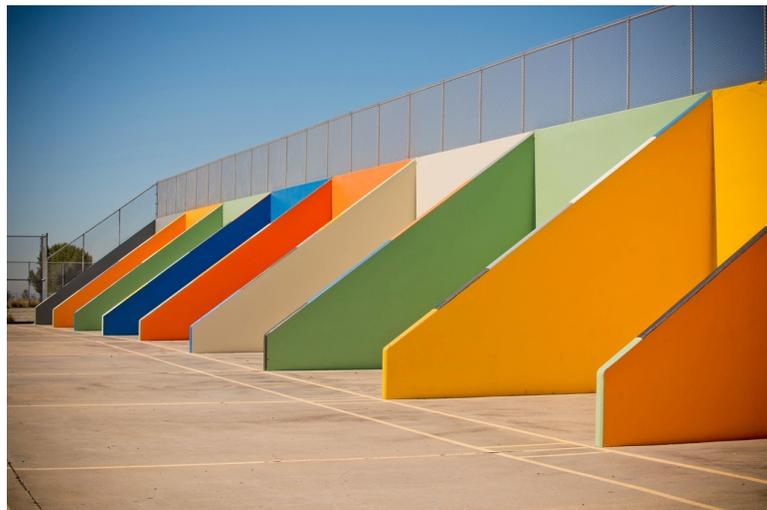
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New light pole banners



New way-findings throughout the campus



Handball Courts new paint and graphics



Library exterior new paint and graphics



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New exterior paint and graphics throughout the campus.



New exterior paint and graphics in bright and engaging colors.





Bell MS Landscape Improvements



Completed: May 2018
Funding: Proposition S





Bell MS Solar Photovoltaic System



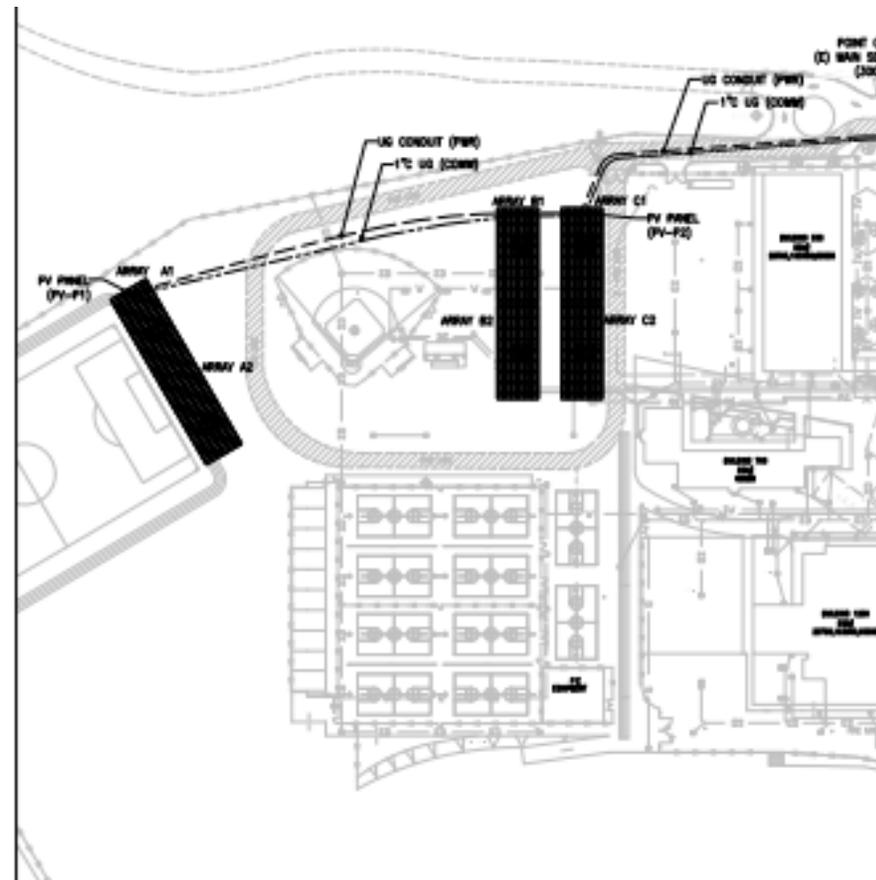
Completed: October 2021

Funding: Proposition Z

The Solar Photovoltaic System for this campus has solar panels that are mounted on tilt elevated canopies at the playfield. These canopies provide shade structures and under-mount LED lighting for parking lots. This system creates an energy-efficient and renewable power source. It delivers a clean energy supply during both the academic year and school vacations.

All elements of installation include, but not limited to:

- Solar PV modules
- Inverters
- All electrical connectors, cabling and components necessary for a complete solar system
- All mounting systems





Bell MS Solar Photovoltaic System

