Creative Performing Media Arts Middle School opened in 2002. The campus was originally built in 1962 and at one time was designated Kroc Middle School after former Padres owner and McDonald’s restaurant chain founder Ray Kroc. CPMA provides a challenging, standards-based instructional program, coupled with specialized training in the areas such as theater, dance, music, and art.

The 23.96-acre campus is comprised of 12 permanent buildings totaling approximately 157,000 square feet. The site includes special education classrooms, dance studios, an updated cafeteria with cold/warm cases and new production kitchen, a shaded lunch area, a black box theater, and the new 20,600-square-foot Performing Arts Center (PAC), a state-of-the-art facility that supports all aspects of creative, performing, and media arts. The school is located in climate zone 2 (central) as designated by San Diego Unified School District.
CPMA MS Performing Arts Center
The Performing Arts Center (PAC) was designed to provide performance space for CPMA Middle School, a school focusing extensively on the arts, such as dance, symphonic productions, jazz band, theatrical productions, and the use of projected multimedia. The 20,600-square-foot facility features a 3,000-square-foot stage, seating for more than 400, two music classrooms, a green room, scene shop, control and ticket booths, and support and storage spaces.

Extensive attention was paid to acoustic qualities of interior spaces, including noise transmission between spaces, background noise level, and reverberation times. Due to its relatively close proximity to MCAS Mira Mar, concrete masonry was selected as the material of choice to effectively shelter the interior acoustic environment from exterior noise.
CPMA MS Performing Arts Center Building
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View from stage

View from control booth

Section cutaway rendering
CPMA MS Performing Arts Center Building

Backstage

Control room

Retractable screen

Green room
CPMA MS Whole Site Modernization Phase I

Completed: February 2015
Funding: Propositions S and Z

CPMA’s Whole Site Modernization project included general site improvements, such as security fencing, improved landscaping, Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades, specific building/classroom renovation and improvements, air conditioning installation, and building interior/exterior repairs and painting.

Some specific improvements within the project scope include the following:

- **300 classroom building** — Creation of special education sensory spaces and Deaf and Hard of Hearing classrooms
- **400 building** — Reconfiguration of two small rooms into one large dance studio with new lighting, flooring, mirrors, permanent ballet barre rails, and two new food kiosks
- **500 classroom building** — Complete remodel of all classrooms, including those for fine arts, choral, drama, and theatre tech
- **600 Administration Building** — New space configuration and restroom upgrades
- **700 Building** — New black box theatre space complete with theatre lighting and control room.
- **700 Building** — Kitchen and cafeteria improvements, including multiple cold and warm cases and point of sale stations, remodeled food preparation areas and kitchen upgrades/new equipment
- **800 Building (PE)** — Reconfiguration of locker rooms and small storage spaces to create a new, large activity room and remodel of the dance studio, including new flooring, mirrors, and permanent ballet barre rails

Grayed areas on site plan indicate where work was completed.
CPMA MS Whole Site Modernization Phase I

700 building — Remodeled food service area with cold and warm cases and point of sale equipment

700 building — Point of sale station in cafeteria

700 building — Remodeled food prep area in kitchen
CPMA MS Whole Site Modernization Phase I

700 building — Black box theater

700 building — Black box theater control room

500 building — Classroom remodel

500 building — Classroom remodel
CPMA MS Whole Site Modernization Phase I

500 building — Drama tech classroom remodel

500 building — Drama classroom remodel

800 building — New PE activity room

800 building — New dance studio
CPMA MS Whole Site Modernization Phase I

400 building — Large dance studio from two smaller classrooms

300 building — Special education classroom
CPMA Middle Re-Roof and HVAC

Completion of Phase I: September 2016
Completion of Phase II: Winter 2018
Funding: Proposition Z

The roof replacement and installation of new heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) systems on eight campus buildings was due to the deterioration of the existing roofs and age of HVAC systems. These repairs and renovations will support the learning environment for the students and comply with the district’s health and safety standards. This large project is being divided into two phases.

Phase I
The project involves re-roofing and providing HVAC systems at buildings 100, 200, 300, and 400. The majority of the work will be architectural, structural, mechanical, and electrical with some civil scope to connect the downspouts from the roof into the underground storm drain system. (A separate project is currently investigating this system, to provide repairs as required). Temporary relocatable buildings are provided as classroom space while the buildings are under construction.

Phase II
This project involves re-roofing buildings 500, 600, 700, 800, and all covered walkways, and providing HVAC systems to buildings 500 through 900. The scope of work is very similar to that listed in Phase I.