Central Elementary was originally built in 1938 as a one building school. As the population expanded in the community of City Heights, the school was added onto in 1945, almost doubling it’s original size. Then again in 1991-1993, an expansion was necessary and three buildings were constructed. Over the years, portable classrooms were necessary to accommodate the increasing student enrollment of 780, on average. The school is situated on a 4.5-acre lot in this multi-cultural neighborhood and 80% of the students are English learners.

The Central Elementary campus is made up of six permanent buildings for classrooms, administrative offices, food services, multipurpose room, library and other instructional support areas, and 19 portable classrooms, totaling approximately 73,000 square feet. The rest of the campus is made up of an interactive playground with a synthetic turf field and a lush courtyard and raised planter beds throughout the campus that are tended to by the students and staff. There are over 100 varieties of plants, trees, vegetables and flowers.
Central Elementary and Wilson Middle Major Rebuild

Construction Estimated Completion: Winter 2023
Funding: Proposition S and Z

Based on a comprehensive planning study, the District concluded that the Wilson Middle School campus will be redeveloped to house both Wilson Middle and Central Elementary. Central Elementary will be located at the east end of the lot. There will be a centrally located joint-use field and collaborative buildings. The Central campus will have one and two-story buildings of learning space. To accommodate the demand for parking, there will be an underground structure.

Central Elementary new buildings will consist of:

- Approximately 43 classrooms
- Administration office
- Health center and community clinic
- Daycare facility
- Food service
- Multi-purpose room
Central Elementary and Wilson Middle Major Rebuild

Aerial rendering of Central Elementary campus

Rendering of Central Administrative Office and Entry