

Emerson/Bandini Elementary School

3510 Newton Ave. San Diego, CA 92113





Sub-district: D Cluster: San Diego

Year School Opened: 1992

Grades: K-6



Synthetic Turf Field & Track

Whole Site Modernization

Originally a stand-alone campus, Bandini Elementary School reopened in 1991 after its closure and re-designation as Bandini Administrative Center in 1974. The school was annexed by Emerson Elementary and houses the K-1 program, while Emerson houses grades 2-6. The school is located in the Southcrest neighborhood of San Diego, bordering Mountain View and east of Logan Heights.

The school is situated in a largely residential area with a small shopping mall to its immediate north. The approximately 10-acre compact campus includes 11 permanent buildings and 28 portables, totaling approximately 54,000 square feet. The campus features a shaded lunch area, several play structures, a bus/car drop-off and pick-up area, and a recently completed .71-acre turf field and asphalt track, which provides a safe area for physical education. The school is located in climate zone 2 (central) as designated by San Diego Unified.



Emerson/Bandini ES Turf Field & Track



Completed: August 2014 Funding: Proposition Z

An existing dirt play field was replaced with an approximately .71-acre synthetic turf playfield, surrounded by a small asphalt track for students to use to jog/run around the new field. Additional improvements included grading and irrigation installation for cooling and cleaning purposes.



Aerial of turf field



Original dirt field



New turf field with asphalt track



Emerson/Bandini ES Whole Site Modernization Increment I



Completed: April 2020

Funding: Proposition S and Z

The Emerson Bandini Elementary School Whole Site Modernization Increment I project includes:

- Grading
- Underground utility modifications
- Improvements in the public right of way
- Two buildings on the northeast corner were demolished
- A new retaining wall was constructed along 36th Street
- New storm drains were constructed and the water service lines were rerouted
- New sidewalks were installed along portions of 36th Street and National Avenue



Rendering of new classroom building from street view



Emerson/Bandini ES Whole Site Modernization Increment II



Estimated Construction Completion: Fall 2022

Funding: Proposition S and Z

This project is to reconfigure the existing 8.2 acre Emerson-Bandini site to a new K-5 campus. The proposed new campus will include new construction, building modernization, and exterior campus improvements.

- The new construction includes a 22,000 square-foot, two-story building with 18 classrooms, a 5,203 square-foot administration building, a kindergarten building with five classrooms, a preschool building with four classrooms, a new outdoor amphitheater, and lunch court.
- The new administration building includes administrative offices and a health center. The new kindergarten building and new preschool building each provide a dedicated outdoor play area.
- Modernization includes fully refurbishing the Multi-Purpose building, including the multi-purpose room, library media center, cafeteria, and kitchen.
- Exterior campus improvements include reshaping the existing turf field and expanding it to over 26,400 square feet. The
 project includes new landscaping and parking for staff and visitors. The project provides accessibility and other improvements to satisfy California Building Code requirements.
- The existing San Diego Cooperative Charter School at Emerson site will be transferred to the Bandini site and the existing PK-1 graders on the Bandini Site will be transferred to the new Emerson Elementary School. All existing portables, 20 total, will be demolished to accommodate new buildings.



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Rendering of new buildings and garden area



Rendering of new campus entrance

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Rendering of Kindergarten Classroom



Rendering of Library



Rendering of Lobby



Rendering of Elementary Classroom