Innovation Middle School opened at this campus in 2008. The campus originally built in 1962 as MacDowell Elementary School in the community of Clairemont. Innovation Middle integrates a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) focused curriculum with project-based and hands-on learning experiences for their students. Students come from all over the city of San Diego with a student enrollment of 550, approximately.

The original campus consisted of five buildings for classrooms, administration offices, multipurpose room and kitchen; play field and asphalt playground with play structures. Due to growth, 19 portable classrooms were added over the years. In 2003-2004 five more permanent structures were built for science classrooms, dance studio, library and media center and a faculty restroom. Currently the structure square footage totals 59,303. In 2017-2018 the campus will undergo a Whole Site Modernization project to replace portable classrooms with a new classroom building and other site renovations.
Innovation Middle School
Whole Site Modernization

Rendering of new entrance to the campus
Innovation Middle School
Whole Site Modernization

Estimated Completion Summer 2018
Funding: Propositions S and Z

Innovation Middle School improvements are required to meet the program and operational needs of the campus. A multi-phase Whole Site Modernization project is to achieve the goal of improving the learning environment, health, safety and security of the students as well as improve the accessibility throughout the campus. The project is broken down into three phases:

**Phase I**
- Bring in temporary classrooms for interim space during the project
- Upgrade electrical systems

**Phase II**
- Construction of two new two-story buildings to add 10 new classrooms, administration offices, boys locker room and girls locker room

**Phase III**
- Modernize existing permanent buildings
- New Joint Use Area
- Plant trees along I-805 freeway for noise buffer
Innovation Middle School Whole Site Modernization

New signage on new building

Rendering of campus walkways along new two-story buildings

Rendering of north view of new two-story buildings
Innovation Middle School Whole Site Modernization

- New Administration Offices
- New Teachers Lounge
- New “iDEA Space” - Collaborative Learning
- New Lobby Area in Administration Offices
- New interactive hallways
- New “iDEA Space” - Collaborative Learning
Innovation Middle School Whole Site Modernization

New classroom

Classroom Hallways

New classroom

New Locker Rooms for middle school physical education

New Resource Room
Innovation MS Joint Use Field
With the City of San Diego

Estimated Begin Construction: Spring 2019
Funding: Proposition Z

This will be a Joint Use Agreement project with the District and City of San Diego that involves the construction by the District on the schools existing Decomposed Granite (DG) Field. The agreement allows the Joint Use Field to be used by the students during school hours and open as a public park to the community after school, on weekends and during school breaks.

Joint Use Area features:
- Natural Grass Field
- Walking/Jogging Track
- Basketball Courts
- Paved Parking Lot
- Accessible Route of Travel
- New Trees
- Security Fencing
- Accessible Drinking Fountain