

Zamorano Elementary School

2655 Casey St. San Diego, CA 92139





Sub-district: E Cluster: Morse Year School Opened: 1986 Grades: K-5



Two-story Classroom Building
Solar Photovoltaic System

Zamorano Elementary opened in 1986. It is located in the Paradise Hills area of San Diego. The school is unofficially known as Zamorano Fine Arts Academy, and it is one of two public visual art schools in the entire state of California. As part of the magnet program, students can participate in a full -spectrum of artistic experiences. In addition, the school has received multiple academic awards, including California Distinguished School Award and Urban League's Best Academic Practices Award.

Situated in a residential neighborhood and adjacent to Bay Terraces Community Park, the 25.4-acre campus is comprised of 16 permanent buildings, including a new two-story classroom facility, and 10 portables that were added over time to accommodate the growing student population. The campus includes several gardens growing in between the administrative buildings, a library, a shaded lunch area, a technology lab with 40 computers, a large art studio and art patio, as well as a photography dark room. In 2017, a solar system was installed for energy and cost savings.











Aerial of Zamorano campus with new building location

Completed: July 2014 Funding: Proposition Z

The project involved constructing a new building with 16 classrooms and two instructional support spaces that replaced 19 existing portable classrooms. In addition, a new kindergarten play area was created on the south side of the new building.

Building Features

- 10 new kindergarten classrooms on the first floor, each with a unisex restroom for students
- Six general-purpose classrooms for first and second grade use on the second floor
- Two instructional support spaces on the second floor
- Boys' and girls' restrooms on the first and second floors
- Storage on the first and second floors
- Custodial room
- Elevator
- Stairs
- Electrical/mechanical rooms





Shade structure





Kindergarten play area







Second grade classroom example



Kindergarten classroom example



Second grade computer work stations



Second floor outdoor seating



Zamorano ES Solar Photovoltaic System



Completed: Summer 2019 Funding: Proposition Z

A Solar Photovoltaic System will be installed at Zamorano Elementary School. The proposed system for this campus will have solar panels that are mounted on tilt elevated canopies within the existing parking lot. These canopies will provide shade structures and undermount LED lighting for parking lots. This system will create an energy-efficient and renewable power source. It will deliver a clean energy supply during both the academic year and school vacations. All elements of installation will include, but not limited to:

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



Solar Canopies on the Northwest parking lot



Electrical gear



Zamorano ES Solar System









