

Balboa Elementary School

1844 S. 40th St. San Diego, CA 92113





Sub-district: E Cluster: Lincoln Year School Opened: 1924 Grades: K-5

New Synthetic Turf Field

Balboa Elementary School sits in the southwestern edge of the district borders near National City in the community of Mountain View. This is a culturally diverse neighborhood with families from Mexico, Russia, Iraq, Sudan, the Congo, and the Philippines. The school, which was originally opened in 1924, is quickly approaching its centennial.

The nearly 6-acre campus is comprised of seven masonry and wood framed buildings and 14 portables that were added over time to support the growing student population. The site includes a large shaded lunch area, several play structures, hardcourts, and a recently installed synthetic turf field that includes two individual areas for soccer and/or football. Several campus buildings include solar paneling to improve and promote energy efficiency. In June 2009, Balboa Elementary received a campus makeover courtesy of the National Educators Association. Teachers and volunteers from across the country helped revitalize the entire school, which included colorful murals and a renovated and renewed library.



Balboa ES Turf Field





Completed: April 2015 Funding: Proposition Z

An existing dirt play field was replaced with an approximately .79-acre synthetic turf playfield at the northwestern edge of campus. The field features two small-scale soccer/football field combinations, a student lineup area, and irrigation for cooling and cleaning purposes.

Aerial of turf field



Corner kick area and yard markers



Goal box and midfield circle



Completed: August 2020 Funding: Propositions S and Z

The Whole Site Modernization project will improve the learning environment, health, safety and security of the students that attend Balboa ES. Upon expert assessment the following has been proposed (once scope determination has been made, a revised list will be provided):

- Construct new 15,000 square foot buildings for classrooms and administration offices and provide new entrance to the campus
- Install and/or upgrade wireless network
- Replace obsolete fire alarms
- Provide campus-wide emergency communication system
- Install security lighting
- Increase vandalism and intrusion safeguards, including modifications to fencing
- Expand parking area
- Improve student drop-off and pick-up area
- Renovate existing restrooms
- Improve accessibility to all campus buildings to comply with ADA regulation
- Improvements to structures to comply with current seismic codes
- Repair/replace aging wiring and electrical systems, as needed, including lighting fixtures
- Repair/restore building interiors, exteriors, finishes and fixtures
- Repair/replace doors and windows
- Repair/replace/upgrade performance areas and multipurpose room
- Repair/replace/upgrade heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Repair/replace aged and deteriorating plumbing/sewer systems

- Replace roofs that are beyond their useful life
- Replace exterior concrete infrastructure
- Grade and resurface DG playgrounds/fields



Current entrance to campus





Proposed site plan







Rendering of proposed new classroom/administration building and entrance to campus





East Side of Building 400



West Side of Building 400





Parking Lot Upgrades