CAMPUS OBSERVATIONS

Classrooms
• Two (2) Kinder classrooms plus use of one (1) regular classroom as Kinder
• Kinder classrooms have nice features to accommodate teacher and student sizes (e.g., small/large sinks)
• General classrooms connected to breakout/collaboration space central to each pod; classrooms also connect to outdoor areas, which is desired
• Each breakout area has skylights/daylight and is large – accommodates many students (size of space) but can become too loud
• Teaching wall in classrooms and location of technology makes space less flexible
• Library/Media Center or into a short hallway that connects directly to the central Library.

Multi-Purpose Room
• Ability to open up into central courtyard
• Stage can be used as Classroom (movable partition)

Food Service
• Adequately-sized, functions well for its purpose; queue has two (2) entry/exits
• Queuing area has shade and rain cover from overhang near food service

Library/ Media
• Centrally located. Accessible to all academic wings. (2) wings with younger grades directly adjacent; 2 others slightly further but still in close proximity
• Facility has traditional Library and separate computer area; desire to have technology integrated in Library area as well, as instructional tool
• Speech and Psych located in perimeter office/confrence spaces; may find it noisy

Physical Education
• Need for more storage space for PE equipment

CAMPUS OVERVIEW

Vista Verde School is a year-round, single-track, K-8 Blue Ribbon school. It is a “school of choice” open to all students in the District. The school is situated adjacent to Las Lomas Community Park, across the street and up the hill from the O.C. Merage Jewish Community Center and the Tarbut V’torah Community Day School. Hills and grassland surrounding the school set it apart from neighboring residential areas. The school is close to the 73 toll road.

With the exception of the Kindergarten wing, which is located off of Administration, each academic wing is organized in a pod configuration around a central breakout/collaboration area. These collaborative areas either feed directly into the centrally-located Library/Media Center or into a short hallway that connects directly to the central Library.

The Administrative area and the Multipurpose Room (MPR) are located toward the front of the campus with interior walkways connecting to the Library. The MPR is equipped with a high-tech stage and also sliding glass doors, which enables the room to open to a central courtyard whenever there is a need or interest in connecting to outdoor space.

Vista Verde is committed to excellence. As a K-8 school, the school strives to provide a true Middle School experience that goes beyond the elementary experience and prepares 6-8 graders for the future. There are high standards and expectations, regular assessments, coordinated curriculum, integrated instruction, a focus on respect and positive relationships, and equal learning opportunities.

Mission & Vision: To provide the highest quality educational experience the school can envision for its students.
SCHOOL STATISTICS
Grades: K-8, yr round
Building SF: 68,985
Portable SF: 6,720
2010/11 Enrollment: 908
Year Built: 2006
Modernization: (2031)
Site Acreage: 14.5
# Portables: 4 + 3 CC

CLASSROOM COUNT
Kindergarten 3
1st - 3rd Grade (1 Portable) 12
4th - 5th Grade 6
6th - 8th Grade 6
Science 2.5
Music (1 Portable) 3.5
Not Used (2 Portables) 2
Special Education 1
Computer Lab 1
TOTAL 37
*One RSP space, not included in count

MEASURES OF QUALITY -
Wayfinding/ Entry/ Welcome
Natural Daylighting
Controllability (Daylight, Lighting, HVAC)
Flexibility in Classrooms
Access to Technology
Collaboration
Student Display
MPR
Library/ Media
Functional Landscaping
Energy Consumption
General Condition

LEGEND
K Kindergarten
B Grade Level
C Commons
S Science
A Art
M Music
RSP Special Ed/Resource
Comp Comp. Lab
Admin Admin. Lab
Open
EXTERNAL ELEMENTS
Main Entry
Secondary Entry
Drop-Off
Playfields/ Landscape
Hardcourts
Play Apparatus
Parking
Courtyard
Trees

UTILIZATION LEGEND
Kindergarten Classroom
Classroom
Science/ Art Lab
Specialty Classroom
Special Ed Classroom
Portable (Color based on Program)
Child Care (Portable)
Other Space