

## 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
- Lack adequate Music spaces; one located in portable; other two in/near MPR
- No separate Special Ed classrooms

(beside 1 RSP)

- Two (2) dedicated Science classrooms
- No dedicated Art Lab
- Need for more classrooms; Portables used

### Multi-Purpose Room

- Ability to open up into central courtyard
- Stage can be used as Classroom (moveable 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/ conference spaces; may find it noisy

### Physical Education

- Need for more storage space for PE equipment

## CAMPUS OVERVIEW

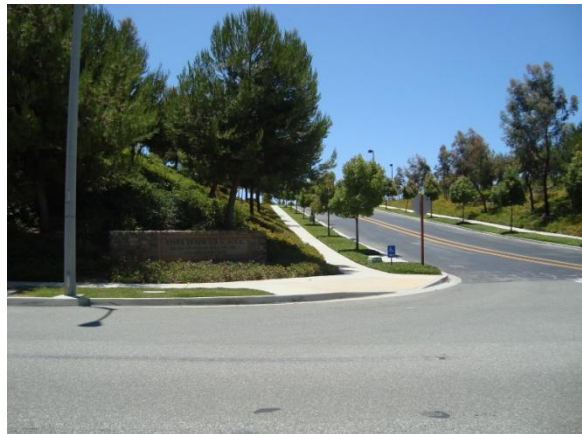
Vista Verde School is a year-round, single-track, K-8 Blue Ribbon school. It is a “school of choice” open to all students in the District. The school is situated adjacent to Las Lomas Community Park, across the street and up the hill from the O.C. Merage Jewish Community Center and the Tarbut V’torah 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.



### Overall Condition

- Site and building configuration described as enhancing learning
- Facility does a good job of allowing for user control of air temperature

### Building Systems

- All new roof top packaged gas/electric HVAC equipment is controlled by a Carrier EMS

### Technology

- Computers in Library/Media Center, plus computers outside classrooms in each hallway pod area; no student computers in classrooms

### Small Group Collaboration

- There is need for more small group

instruction spaces outside classroom, for implementation of RtI

### Vehicular Access/ Parking/ Drop-Off

- Drop-off area is extensive
- Large parking lot; adjacent to Las Lomas Community Park additional parking
- Parking circulation can still be a problem

### Wayfinding

- Small signage on roadside; can be difficult to find entrance

### Child Care

- Located on the perimeter in portables
- Separate drop-off area and secondary entrance

### Supervision

- Difficult to supervise fields behind portables
- Lack of immediate access to lunch area (from Admin/Support areas) for supervision

### Student Artwork

- A lot of student artwork throughout school – in classrooms, hallways, shared spaces

### Grounds/Outdoor Areas

- Difficult to maintain, according to staff



# Vista Verde K-8 School

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Site Analysis

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### 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>

*\*One RSP space, not included in count*

### MEASURES OF QUALITY -

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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	○ ○ ○ ●

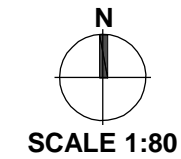
#### LEGEND

- 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

K	Kindergarten
#	Grade Level
C	Commons
S	Science
A	Art
M	Music
RSP	Special Ed/Resource
Comp.	Computer Lab
Admin.	Administration
Open	Unused Classroom







Front of School



Main Entrance



Seating and walkway at front of school



Parking & Drop-off



Kindergarten Play Apparatus



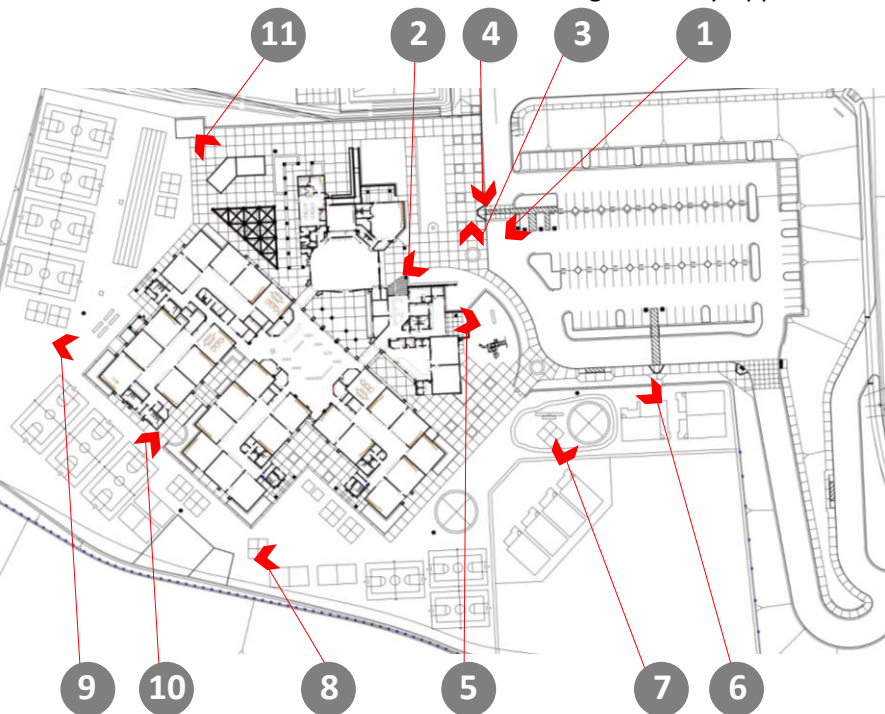
Childcare Portables



Portables P1-P4



Play Area with swings and shade structure



KEY MAP



Hardcourts and Playfields



Classroom Courtyard



Bike Racks





Lunch Shelter



Additional seating in lunch area



Seating between classroom wings



Central Courtyard near MPR



Main Office



Waiting Area



Conference Room



Health Office



KEY MAP



Staff Workroom



Staff Lounge (has adjacent Patio)



Office (adjacent to Library)





23

Library/Media Center



24

Computer Stations in Media Center



25

MPR



26

Indoor/Outdoor Connection in MPR



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Music Room



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Typical Classroom



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Typical Collaborative Area between classrooms



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Typical Kindergarten Classroom



KEY MAP



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Science Classroom



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Food Service



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Typical Bathroom