

Educational Suitability Summary Report

Becker Elementary School

Date: 12/22/2020 Score 53% Average

Becker Elementary School, serving a student enrollment of approximately 440 students in south Austin, is known for being one of four "hub" schools for the two-way dual language program. The school's academic curriculum is both enriching and engaging for students providing many opportunities to learn both in and out of the studio.

Becker has embraced STEAM academics with a centralized maker lab that includes 3D printers. One unique program is housed in the Becker Green Classroom. Here, each class tends to their own garden plot, learning gardening techniques, how to garden in the the local environment and sustainability principals. Adjacent to this space is the Becker Chicken Coop, where students can incorporate handson learning. Both the green studio and chicken coop are disconnected from the learning spaces and located across the street from the main school building.

The original 1936 building and site create difficulties when trying to meet the new AISD Educational Specifications. Studios are undersized, and restrooms are disconnected. The admin suite is not intuitively located off the main entrance, and the building addition is completely isolated from the main building. The campus has multiple staircases but does not have elevators to serve the second level.

Interview Overview

Principal Barrett invited 2 teachers, a staff member, the librarian, and a parent to join us for their assessment interview. Becker Elementary School is in a historic building and has many characteristics that are important to the surrounding community. The front of the building is an element that was brought up a few times as being a landmark in the community. The mature oak trees around the campus as well as the outdoor gardens and chicken coops provide unique opportunities for students to connect with and learn from nature. The original campus utilizes spaces across Milton Street as outdoor learning areas because the original campus has such limited outdoor space. Staff mentioned that the limited outdoor space makes it difficult to create outdoor learning studios on campus. Community events are typically held outdoors, due to lack of an indoor space large enough to gather, which poses challenges.

Interior corridors have a few murals that are historic but are not culturally appropriate, according to the principal. This has led to a debate in the community of whether they should be removed or kept. Classes noted for not being in suitable spaces were the second-grade studios, due to their small size, and the kindergarten studios, because they do not have connected restrooms. The most needed item throughout the school is improved accessibility. As noted above, the school has multiple floors but no accessible connections. The building lacks staff restrooms and current restrooms are not age appropriate, causing difficulties for the younger students. A topic that was brought up multiple times was the need for more large gathering and multipurpose spaces. Other needed items are a track,

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permanent stage and dedicated maker/STEM studios.

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In thinking about the future, the staff wants more flexible spaces. Their studios all have built-in storage and lack outlets, which limits the use of the room. Connections to technology, both interior and exterior, was an item they felt would be necessary in the future. During the interview it was stated that this is a "forward-thinking community in an antiquated building." The building has many unique features however, it is difficult to apply 21st century teaching principles in such a historic building.

Assessment Findings

The Educational Suitability Assessment of Becker Elementary School earned a 53% overall score and places the campus in a category of Average. The assessment consists of seven General Building categories and seven Academic categories to determine areas that need more attention.

Very Unsatisfactory Categories (0-35%):

Exterior

Score is very unsatisfactory.

Bus and student drop-off occur at same location and do not provide adequate queuing space. No overhang provided at drop-off loop. Trash, recycling and compost dumpsters are provided but are not on an accessible route.

Administration Spaces

Score is very unsatisfactory.

This space lacked acoustic privacy and does not provide a conference room for parent or public use.

Unsatisfactory Categories (36-50%):

Security

Score is unsatisfactory.

Controllability of Systems

Score is unsatisfactory.

Two-zone fluorescent lighting is provided throughout studios. Shades are provided. Thermostats are only provided in classrooms in annex.

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Academics & Learning

Score is unsatisfactory.

Studios are undersized and do not have attached restrooms. The original building layout does not allow for learning neighborhoods as described in the Ed Spec.

Visual and Performing Arts

Score is unsatisfactory.

No dedicated stage provided in school. A temporary stage appears to be provided in the gym but is disconnected from the music studio.

Technology

Score is unsatisfactory.

Only mobile screens on carts are provided in the studios. Outlet configuration is not adequate for technology-supported learning with two outlets per wall and no charging locations provided in studios. No digital media signage is provided in the reception area.

Average Categories (51-65%):

Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment

Score is average.

Furniture is not new but appears to be in good condition. A variety of furniture types has not been provided throughout the building, which means reconfiguration of the spaces may be cumbersome. Variety of furniture is provided in the studios located in the addition building.

PE and Wellness

Score is average.

Gym appears to be adequately sized but does not provide natural light or views. Storage is adequate.

Food Services

Score is average.

Dining commons is appropriately sized and connected to outdoor seating area to provide multiple seating options. All food service support spaces are present per the Ed Spec, they are, however undersized.

Media Resources

Score is average.

Media center is far from the main entrance and is difficult to find. There are two connected rooms – one appears to be the literacy library and the other storage – but appear to have furniture in them that could function as support spaces for teaching.

Satisfactory Categories (66-80%):

Outdoor Learning and Activity

Score is satisfactory.

Though disconnected, outdoor learning gardens provide animal husbandry, gardening and a

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learning pond. Outdoor play area is well shaded, but play equipment needs upgrades.

General Building

Score is satisfactory.

Interior corridor widths are generous, and the appearance of the school conveys pride with multiple murals throughout the building. The PTA Room in a separate building across the street is not used as a community room due to its poor condition and slanted floor. It is currently used for storage.

Environmental Quality

Score is satisfactory.

All studios are provided with natural light and outside views. Studio artificial lighting is satisfactory with no glare.

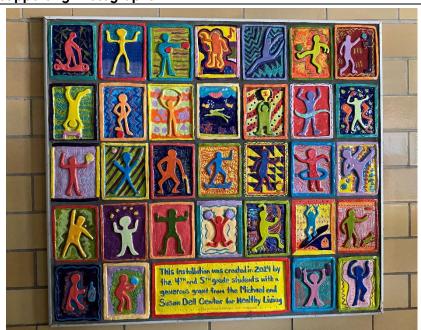
Supporting Photographs



Student drop-off provides small queuing space and lacks overhang. Main entrance is not easily distinguishable from the street. (Main entrance is near the right side of this photo.)



The reception area is small and does not feel inviting. Reception is disconnected from the main entrance and lacks transparency and a view to the front door.



Mural in corridor displays school, community and student pride.



Studios are small and lack flexibility. They are rich in natural daylighting and views, but do not provide proper technology or reconfigurable furniture.



Part of the gym has been converted to a makeshift stage, though it's disconnected from learning spaces.



Although it lacks daylighting and views, the gym is an adequate size and has new flooring.



Dining commons is spacious and filled with natural daylight but does not have a connected stage.



Outdoor seating area directly connected to the dining commons.



Outdoor learning gardens provide plots for each class to grow their own crops, though they're disconnected from the main building.



School chicken coop provides animal husbandry learning opportunities, though it's disconnected from the main building.



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School Name	Walk Attendees:	Date:
Becker Elementary School	Patrick Reinhard & Kevin Kinsey	12.22.2020

1 - Ex	xterior		1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4 8.75	34%
1.1	Does the sit	te permit desirable separation of vehicular, bus and traffic?	1						Comments 1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Bus, car and pedestrian all happen at the same location							Only one drop-off loop and no parking lot.	
	2	Unsatisfactory - Cars and buses mix, pedestrians are separated								
	3	Average - Buses, cars, and pedestrians are separate but stack space is small								
	4	Satisfactory - Buses, cars, and pedestrians are separate but drop off does not have a canopy or a holding place like a commons or cafeteria								
	5	Very satisfactory - Buses, cars, and pedestrians are separate and drop off area has a canopy and destination								
	N/A	Does not apply								
1.2		ing easily identified with appropriate signage and wayfinding?				4			Comments 0.25	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Campus has no signage / wayfinding							Building signage small and unlit. Monument sign is lit but not di	gital.
	2	Unsatisfactory - Signage/wayfinding is faded/hidden								
	3	Average - Signage / wayfinding visible but not apparent								
	4	Satisfactory - Signage / wayfinding is visible but not good condition								
	5	Very satisfactory - Signage and wayfinding is visible and easy to use								
	N/A	Does not apply								

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terior (cor	nt.)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A			
Is the dump	oster accessible for trash / compost disposal?		2					Comments	0.50	1.00
1 2 3 4 5	Very unsatisfactory - No compost present, route has obstacles (stairs, curbs, barriers) to dumpster Unsatisfactory - Compost is present. Route has obstacles to dumpster Average - Compost is present (<100' to cafeteria), Route to dumpster is free and clear but the two are not directly adjacent. Satisfactory - Compost and dumpster are directly adjacent and route is barrier free Very Satisfactory - Compost and dumpster are directly adjacent and route is barrier free. Dumpster are shaped / positioned so people of all heights can access it.							Compost, recycling and trash are all present but not a Have to walk down stairs to access.	on accessible re	oute.
•		1	2	3	1	5	Ν/Δ		15.00	67%
	-	'		<u> </u>	4	5	IN/ A		10.00	07/6
			2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated outdoor studios			•				Very small covered area with built-in benches.		
2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, disconnected							, ,		
	from learning spaces, no flexibility, no shade provided									
3	Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs									
	some renovations or updates to function well, 50% or									
	less shade coverage over studio area									
4	Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, connected to									
	learning spaces, good flexibility, more than 50% shade									
	coverage over studio area									
5	Very satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition,									
	connected to learning spaces, excellent flexibility, full									
	shade coverage over studio area									
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4								have been removed and not replaced. Much of the re	emaining equip	ment
4								is in poor condition and needs to be replaced or upg	raded.	
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2-0	utdoor Le	arning and Activity (cont)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4		
2.3		s and support spaces appropriately configured per the ed uation on infrastructure not condition of plants)					5		Comments	0.00	0.00
	1 2 3 4	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated gardens Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, disconnected from learning spaces, no flexibility, no accessible water source Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs some renovations or updates to function well, water source is difficult to access Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, connected to learning spaces, good flexibility, water source is accessible with 100 ft hose Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition, connected to learning spaces, excellent flexibility, water source is less than 50ft from the garden or has irrigation							Monitoring answer, does not affect score for Outdoo Activity. House and surrounding lot across street are school. Spacious garden and ample support, with cis and a wide variety of planters.	incorporated ir	nto
	N/A	Does not apply			1						
2.4	Are the rair ed spec?	n gardens and/or cisterns appropriately configured per the				4			Comments	0.00	0.00
	1 2 3 4 5	Very unsatisfactory - No rain gardens or cisterns Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, not functioning, disconnected Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, is connected, needs some renovations or updates to function well Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, functions properly Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition, exceptional functionality, connected to learning spaces, educational signage provided							Monitoring answer, does not affect score for Outdoo Activity. 2 large cisterns and rain garden present in let the street.	•	
2.5	N/A	Does not apply hool have animal husbandry? (optional)					5		Comments	0.00	0.00
2.0	1 5	No Yes					5		Comments	0.00	0.00
2.6	Does the so	hool have nature loop trails? (optional)	1						Comments	0.00	0.00
	1 5	No Yes									
2.7		hool have a learning pond? (optional)					5		Comments	0.00	0.00
	1 5	No Yes									
2.8		hool have a grass play field and walking trail?					5		Comments	1.00	5.00
	1 5	No Yes									

3 - General Bu	illding	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4	11.25	67%
3 1	r circulation routes wide enough to safely and effectively date student movement?				4			Comments	0.50	2.00
1 2 3 4	Very unsatisfactory - Primary circulation is 5'-0" to 6'-0" wide Unsatisfactory - Primary circulation is 6'-0" to 7'-0" wide Average - Primary circulation is 7'-0" to 8'-0" wide Satisfactory - Primary circulation is 8'-0"-10'-0" wide							All hallways are at least 9 feet wide.		
5	Very satisfactory - Primary circulation is 10'-0"+ wide									
N/A	Does not apply									
3.2 Are commi	unity use areas arranged so that the school can allow night vithout full school access?			3				Comments	0.75	2.25
1 2	Very unsatisfactory - Cafeteria, gym, and library cannot be accessed after hours Unsatisfactory - Only one of the public spaces (Cafeteria, Gym and Library) can be accessed from parking and secured after hours							Cafe and gym can be accessed directly from exterior vestibule area; however, this is entrance is not located and is inconvenient for accessing the building. Library with cafeteria and gym, but cannot be secured from	d near any pa v is connected	rking to wing
3 4	Average - Only two of the public spaces can be accessed from parking and secured after hours Satisfactory - All of the public spaces can be accessed from parking and secured from the rest of the building but not individually									
5	Very satisfactory - Cafeteria, gym, and library can be accessed from parking and locked off from rest of campus for night/evening use with their own entrance									
N/A	Does not apply		ı		1					
3.3 Is there a constant of school for	community room that is a dedicated meeting space outside unction?			3				Comments	0.75	2.25
1 2 3	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated community room Unsatisfactory - Community room but within school function, no access after school hours Average - Community room, moderate size, but need							Principal's note - PTA room across the street is not an space. The floor is slanted and the interior is not in go has only been used as storage by our PTA.		-
4	some renovations or updates to function well Satisfactory - Community room, good size /layout, meets needs /functions well									
5	Very Satisfactory - Community room, generous size, nice condition, functions appropriately outside of school function									
N/A	Does not apply eneral appearance of the school convey pride for the					l		1		
3.4 students a	nd community?				4			Comments	0.25	1.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - General appearance is poor							Murals and student artwork on walls that convey hist	ory of school.	
2	Unsatisfactory - General appearance is aged but ok									
4	Average - General appearance is good Satisfactory - General appearance shows pride in									
7	campus and student works									
5	Very satisfactory - General appearance shows pride in campus and student works and is welcoming to the community									
N/A	Does not apply									

4 - Security	1	2	3 4	1 5	N/A		16.25	
4.1 Does the facility have key card access at all major entries?						Comments	0.25	
1 Very unsatisfactory - No entries							•	
2 Unsatisfactory - 1/4 of major entries								
3 Average - 1/2 of major entries								
4 Satisfactory - 3/4 of major entries								
5 Very satisfactory - All of major entries								
N/A Does not apply								
4.2 How adequate is site lighting and security for the campus overall?						Comments	1.00	
Very unsatisfactory - No exterior lighting, no secure perimeter.								
perimeter 2 Unsatisfactory - Lighting is limited to front entry only,)		
parking lot lighting poor, security is minimal								
3 Average - Lighting at all night-use entries and parking lot, but poor condition. Security is moderate								
4 Satisfactory - Lighting at all night-use entries and parking lots, good condition, signage less visible,								
perimeter is well secured but needs updates								
5 Very satisfactory - Signage, parking lots, and entries ar								
well lit, visible and easy to use, perimeter is very secure	,							
world, visible and easy to ase, permitted is very secure								
N/A Does not apply								
Is the main office located at the school entry and configured with a								
4.3 secure vestibule to the main corridor?						Comments	1.00	
l Very unsatisfactory - No secure vestibule, office located				<u> </u>)
far from main entry, allows visitors access to school								
unsupervised						·		
2 Unsatisfactory - No secure vestibule, office located								
somewhat far from main entry, minimal supervision of						,		
visitors								
3 Average - Office close to entry, views of front door, but								
no secure vestibule								
4 Satisfactory - Office is well-located with a secure								
vestibule, but needs updates								
5 Very satisfactory - Office well-located with secure								
vestibule and all appropriate security features N/A Does not apply								
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ls there enough interior transparency for faculty to passively supervi	e	2				Comments		
learners and their activities who are not in studios?							1.00	2.00
1 Very unsatisfactory - No transparency of walls						Studios have small windows in doors.		
2 Unsatisfactory - Limited transparency in certain locatio	ns							
3 Average - Good transparency in certain locations but								
inadequate or missing in other locations of school								
4 Satisfactory - Adequate transparency throughout the								
school								
5 Very satisfactory - Excellent transparency throughout the	ie							
school								
N/A Does not apply								

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5 - Environmer	ntal Quality	1	2	3	4	5	N/A		25.00	80%
5.1 How are ac	coustics in studios in general?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1 2 3 4 5 N/A	Very unsatisfactory - Recognized word/sound from adjacent studio/corridor Unsatisfactory - Audible sound from adjacent studio/corridor Average - Slight sound from outside room Satisfactory - Walls to deck insulated only white noise from mechanical system Very satisfactory - Able to hear quiet speaking from across the room Does not apply							Some noise		
5.2 Is the studio	o artificial lighting adequate quality?				4			Comments	1.00	4.00
1 2 3 4 5 N/A	Very unsatisfactory - Sporadic lights work, glare, less than 20 FC Unsatisfactory - 10-19 FC or serious glare Average- 20-29 FC minor glare Satisfactory - 30-39 FC and no glare Very satisfactory - 40+ FC and no glare Does not apply							33 FC on light meter		
5.3 Is there acc	ess to natural light in studios?					5		Comments	1.00	5.00
1 2 3 4 5	Very unsatisfactory - No learning spaces have natural light Unsatisfactory - 1-25% of learning spaces have natural light or windows are too small to let in light Average - 26-50% of learning spaces have natural light Satisfactory - 51-75% of learning spaces have natural light Very satisfactory - 76-100% of learning spaces have natural light									
N/A 5.4 Is there acc	Does not apply ess to outside views from learning spaces?					5		Comments		
1 2 3 4 5 5	Very unsatisfactory - No learning spaces have views Unsatisfactory - 1-25% of learning spaces have views or windows are too small to see out Average - 26-50% of learning spaces have views Satisfactory - 51-75% of learning spaces have views Very satisfactory - 76-100% of learning spaces have views					3		All studios have windows at eye level with views outs	1.00 ide	5.00
N/A	Does not apply									

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5 - Environme	ntal Quality (cont.)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4		
5.5 Does the b	ouilding have odor or pest problems?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - Evidence of both pests and odors					•		School reports that rats are a consistant problem.		
2	Unsatisfactory - Evidence of pests or odors									
3	Average - Limited evidence of pests, no odors									
4	Satisfactory - No evidence of pests / odors, school									
	cleanliness in good condition									
5	Very Satisfactory - No evidence, school cleanliness in									
	excellent condition									
N/A	Does not apply									
6 - Controllab	ility of Systems	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4	12.50	44%
6.1 Does the s	tudio thermostat allow for individual control?	1						Comments	0.50	0.50
1	No							Only annex has thermostats. Principal reports that cla	assrooms in mo	nin
5	Yes							building frequently complain about being too hot or	cold.	
6.2 Are shade:	s provided to control natural light in learning spaces?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No, windows are covered with							Blinds provided but do not look to be in great conditi	on	
	boards/paper									
2	Unsatisfactory - No, windows have no light control									
3	Average - Yes, but poor condition blinds									
4	Satisfactory - Yes, blinds									
5	Very satisfactory - Blackout shades									
N/A	Does not apply									
6.3 What is the	e quality of lighting controls in the studios?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - Single switch only per room							2-zone fluorescent lights		
2	Unsatisfactory - Alternating rows switch off									
3	Average - Alternating lamps in single fixtures switch off									
4	Satisfactory - Tri level switching									
5	Very satisfactory - Dimmable									
N/A	Does not apply									

7 - Furniture, I	Fixtures & Equipment	1	2	3	4	5	N//	4	18.75	64%
7.1 What is th	e current condition of the furniture?				4			Comments	0.75	3.00
1 2 3 4 5 N/A	Very unsatisfactory - Damaged or broken, non- functioning Unsatisfactory - Torn/ bent/ wrong size Average - Scratched/dented/marked Satisfactory - Not new, but sturdy and clean Very satisfactory - New Does not apply							Not new but looks to be in very good condition		
	ety of furniture types being accommodated throughout the arning commons, dining commons, other multi-use spaces?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1 2 3 4 5	Very Unsatisfactory - Same furniture used in all spaces Unsatisfactory - Furniture variety in one multi-use space Average - Furniture variety in more than one multi-use space Satisfactory - All multi-use spaces have greater than one type of furniture Very satisfactory - All multi-use spaces have greater than two types of furniture							Library and cafeteria have only one type of furniture	present	
7.3 How well of space?	Does not apply does furniture accommodate rapid reconfiguration of a			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1 2 3 4 5 N/A	Very Unsatisfactory - Furniture is fixed or very heavy Unsatisfactory - Furniture does not allow desks to be configured as individuals, small groups, or large groups Average - Mix of furniture that can reconfigure but is cumbersome to move Satisfactory - Furniture is flexible for multiple configurations of space Very satisfactory - Furniture is flexible for multiple configurations of space, easy to move and stack Does not apply									5.50
7.4 Is the furn	iture ergonomic and size appropriate for grade level?				4			Comments	1.00	4.00
1 2 3 4 5	Very unsatisfactory - Desk with attached chair combinations too small for grade level Unsatisfactory - Desk with attached chair combinations Average - Mix of studios with tables/loose chairs and desks with fixed seats Very satisfactory - Tables with loose chairs Very satisfactory - Tables with loose chairs that allow students to be active Does not apply							Appropriately sized. Tables and loose chairs.		

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Waste	1	2	3	4	5	N/A		5.00	30
Do studios and corridors have blue recycle bins with bilingual instructions and/or image sorting instructions?	1						Comments	0.50	0.
1 Very unsatisfactory - There are no recycling and landfill bins and signage are sparse or infrequent, OR there are only landfill bins with no recycling bins. 2 Unsatisfactory - Bins and signage are sparse or infrequent and/or lack clear signage. 3 Average - 50% of corridors and studios have both a landfill bin and a recycle bin in an accessible location. The containers have clear signage. 4 Satisfactory - 75% of studios and corridors have a visible landfill and recycle collection containers in an accessible location. The containers have clear signage. 5 Very satisfactory - All studios / corridors (100%) have visible landfill and recycle collection containers in accessible locations. The containers have clear signage, and the style and format is consistent and uniform across campus. N/A Does not apply							A score for this category is being recorded, but this cat calculated in the overall ESA average. None seen during the walk, but the school was on wint		
Does the cafeteria (or wherever meals are served) have at least one of each: green compost bin, blue recycle bin, and landfill bin? Are the bins labelled clearly with bilingual and/or image sorting?		2					Comments	0.50	1
 Very unsatisfactory- There may be landfill bins, but there are no compost and/or recycle bins. There is not clear sorting signage. Unsatisfactory- Recycle, landfill, and compost bins are present, but the bins are scattered and no co-located next to one another. Signage is absent or inconsistent. Average- There is at least one waste station with all 							No compost bins in the cafeteria.	0.50	
three bins (recycle, compost, landfill) located with close proximity to one another. The signage is visible and consistent.									
 Satisfactory- There are several waste stations as described above Very Satisfactory - There are several waste stations as described above, and additional signage in the cafeteria that encourages recycling/composting. 									



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Academics - Elementary School

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8 - Academi	ics & Learning	1	2	3	4	5	N/A		70.00	37%
8.1 Are stud	dios appropriately configured per the ed spec?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1 2 3 4	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, no flexibility, disconnected Unsatisfactory - Too small, only one area for all teaching methods, limited flexibility, disconnected Neutral - Adequate size, multiple areas for different teaching methods, adequate flexibility, limited transparency and connection to other studios and shared learning spaces, needs updates or renovations to function well. Satisfactory - Good size, multiple areas for different teaching methods, good flexibility, good transparency and connection to other studios and shared learning spaces Very Satisfactory - Generous size, multiple areas for different teaching methods, excellent flexibility, generous display area and visual teaching tools, excellent transparency and connection with other							Studios in main building are undersized (700 SF) with for instruction. No attached restrooms. Studios in ann 900SF)	only one oper	n area
N/A Do Pre-	studios and shared learning spaces Does not apply K and Kinder have appropriate support spaces such as				I		I			
Ω')	ms and storage per the ed spec?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1 2 3 4 5	Very unsatisfactory - None provided Unsatisfactory - Too small, disconnected, poor condition Neutral - Adequate size, average condition, needs updates or renovations to function well Satisfactory - Good size, connected, good condition Very Satisfactory - Generous size, connected, excellent condition Does not apply							Kinder studios have attached storage but no attache	d restrooms.	

8 - A	3 - Academics & Learning (cont.)				3	4	5	N/A	\		
8.3	Do studios ed spec?	have appropriate support spaces such as storage per the			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1 2	Very unsatisfactory - None provided Unsatisfactory - Too small, disconnected, poor condition							Row of built-in cabinets with sliding doors; appear or	iginal to buildi	ng.
	3	Neutral - Adequate size, average condition, needs updates or renovations to function well									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, connected, good condition									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, connected, excellent condition									
	N/A	Does not apply									
8.4	Do typical l collaboration	earning neighborhoods have small group rooms and open on space?	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No breakout rooms or open collaboration spaces are provided	ı	ı				ı	Traditional hallway with studios on both sides		
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small or too few, poor condition, no flexibility, lacks visual connection to learning neighborhood, poor acoustic privacy									
	3	Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs some renovations or updates to function well									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, good condition and flexibility, transparency and connection to learning neighborhood, acoustic privacy									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition and flexibility, transparency and connection to learning neighborhood, acoustic privacy									
	N/A	Does not apply									
8.5		l studios large enough to support project-based learning le teaching modalities?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, no flexibility, does not support project-based learning							Studios are not uniform in size. Some can accommod modalities. Others cannot.	ate multiple te	aching
	2	Unsatisfactory - Undersized, decentralized resources, limited flexibility									
	3	Average - Adequate size, needs some renovations or updates to function well									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, centralized resources, good flexibility									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, centralized project resources, excellent flexibility									
	N/A	Does not apply									

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8 - Academics & Learning (cont.)	: ;	3 4	4	5	N/A			
Are Maker Spaces and support spaces appropriately configured per			4			Comments		
the ed spec?			4			Comments	1.00	4.00
 Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated maker spaces 						Centrally located on main hallway. Data and power	ooles. Good st	orage.
 Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, disconnected 						3D printer. Room being used as storage.		
from learning spaces, no flexibility								
3 Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs								
some renovations or updates to function well								
4 Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, connected to								
learning spaces								
5 Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition,								
connected to learning spaces N/A Does not apply								
N/A Does not apply			-					
8.7 Is there a Professional Learning Center in the learning neighborhood?						Comments	1.00	1.00
 Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated space for 								
Professional Learning Center								
Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, disconnected								
3 Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs								
some renovations or updates to function well								
4 Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, connected								
5 Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition,								
connected								
N/A Does not apply								
8.8 Is there a dedicated science room and support space?						Comments	0.00	
, ,							0.00	0.00
1 No						Monitoring answer, but doesn't affect overall score.		
5 Yes								
Are there adequate places to display the evidence and artifacts of		3				Comments		
learning (both 2D and 3D)?		_					1.00	3.00
1 Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated space						3D and 2D display areas. 3D displays are empty but a	at time of asse	ssment
2 Unsatisfactory - Too small, non-dedicated, poor						students were on winter break.		
condition 3 Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs								
3 Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs updates or renovations to function well								
4 Satisfactory - Good size, good condition								
5 Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition								
very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition								

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8 - A	cademics 8	1	2	3	4	5	N/A				
8.10	Does the bu	ilding provide adequate opportunities for	1						Comments		
8.10	students/ted	achers to collaborate in varying group sizes?	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No space to support collaboration in various sizes. Unsatisfactory - Too small, inflexible, only one option, does not support a variety of group sizes							None provided.		
	3	Average - Adequate space for collaboration, needs updates or renovations to function well. Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, multiple options to support a variety of group sizes									
	5 N/A	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition, multiple options to support a variety of group sizes Does not apply									
8.11		ilding provide opportunities for informal interaction?	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1 2	Very unsatisfactory - No space Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, layout and furnishings do not support informal interaction well							Just hallways		
	3	Average - Adequate size and condition, needs updates or renovations to function well.									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, layout and furnishings support informal interactions									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition, layout and furnishings support informal interactions									
	N/A	Does not apply									
8.12		arning neighborhood / building provide adequate es for students to work independently?	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No breakout rooms/small study spaces							No breakout space		
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, no acoustic privacy, only one space for independent work, disconnected from learning neighborhood									
	3	Average - Adequate size and condition, needs updates or renovations to function well.									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size and condition, acoustic privacy, variety of independent work space options, connected to learning neighborhood									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition, acoustic privacy, variety of independent work space options, connected to learning neighborhood									
	N/A	Does not apply									

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8 - A	cademics 8	& Learning (cont.)						
8.13	Are Special spec?	Education spaces appropriately configured per the ed	1			Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, no flexibility, disconnected				No dedicated space.		
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, only one area for all teaching methods, limited flexibility, disconnected						
	3	Neutral - Adequate size, multiple areas for different teaching methods, adequate flexibility, limited transparency and connection to other studios and shared learning spaces, needs updates or renovations to function well.						
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, multiple areas for different teaching methods, good flexibility, good transparency and connection to other studios and shared learning spaces						
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, multiple areas for different teaching methods, excellent flexibility, generous display area and visual teaching tools,						
		excellent transparency and connection with other studios and shared learning spaces						
	N/A	Does not apply						
8.14	Are Special	Education support spaces, such as storage, space for er, appropriately configured per the ed spec?	1			Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided				No dedicated space.	l .	
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, disconnected, poor condition				·		
	3	Neutral - Adequate size, average condition, needs						
		updates or renovations to function well						
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, connected, good condition						
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, connected, excellent condition						
	N/A	Does not apply						
8.15		ble restrooms and changing rooms readily available to the cation spaces?	1			Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	No						
	5	Yes						

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9 -	Visual and F	Performing Arts	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4	15.00	40%
9.	Are music sp per the ed s	paces and the cafeteria stage appropriately configured pec?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, missing program spaces							Mobile stage set in gym. Music and theater classes no	ot nearby.	
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition									
	3	Neutral - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs									
		updates or renovations to function well.									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, good condition									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition									
	N/A	Does not apply									
9.5	Are music a	nd performance storage spaces appropriately configured	1						Community		
9.2	$\frac{2}{2}$ per the ed s	pec?	ı						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided							None provided in performance area.		
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, disconnected, poor condition									
	3	Neutral - Adequate size, average condition, needs									
		updates or renovations to function well									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, connected, good condition									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, connected, excellent									
		condition									
	N/A	Does not apply					1				
9.3	₹	rts spaces and storage appropriately configured per the			3				Comments		
	ed spec?								Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, missing program spaces							Good size. Storage along wall in room, no kiln room s	een	
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition									
	3	Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs									
		some renovations or updates to function well									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, good condition									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition									
	N/A	Does not apply									

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10 - PE and We	0 - PE and Wellness		2	3	4	5	N/A	4	10.00	60%
10.1 Does the co	impus meet the ed spec standard for physical education			3				Comments		
program sp	paces?			0				Comments	1.00	3.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, missing program spaces							No natural light. New flooring. Office and attached re	estroom; single	e-use.
2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition							Student restroom with shower (not ADA) inside gym.		
3	Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs									
	some renovations or updates to function well									
4	Satisfactory - Good size, good condition									
5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition									
N/A	Does not apply									
1102	rsical education storage spaces appropriately configured			3				Comments		
per the ed s	•								1.00	3.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided							3 small storage areas attached.		
2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, disconnected, poor condition									
3	Neutral - Adequate size, average condition, needs							School noted that additional storage space for PE eq	uipment is nee	eded.
_	updates or renovations to function well									
4	Satisfactory - Good size, connected, good condition									
5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, connected, excellent									
N/A	condition									
11 - Food Service	Does not apply	1	2	3	1	5	N/A		10.00	60%
TI - FOOG Servic	.00	<u>'</u>	T	<u> </u>	4		19/7	` 	10.00	00%
11.1 Is the Dining	g Commons appropriately configured per the ed spec?				4			Comments	1.00	4.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, missing program spaces	l				l		Dining has ample natural connection to outdoor dining		
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,							slightly smaller than Ed Spec requires.		
2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, only one							engina) omaner anam za opoc roganico.		
	option for eating space provided, inadequate circulation									
3	Average - Adequate size and condition, needs updates									
	or renovations to function well									
4	Satisfactory - Good size and condition, good circulation,									
	multiple options for eating space (ex: connection to									
_	outdoor eating space)									
5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition									
	and circulation, multiple options for eating space (ex:									
N/A	connection to outdoor eating space)									
	Does not apply d Services support spaces appropriately configured per		I			ı	T			
11.2 the ed spec			2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided					<u> </u>	1	Undersized per Ed Spec. Connected bathroom and of		2.00
2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, disconnected, poor condition							ondersized per La spec. Connected buttiroom and of	IICE.	
2	Street, poor condition									
3	Neutral - Adequate size, average condition, needs									
	updates or renovations to function well									
4	Satisfactory - Good size, connected, good condition									
5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, connected, excellent									
	condition									
N/A	Does not apply									

12 - Media Resources		2	3	4	5	N/A	4	30.00	60%
ls the Library/Media Center easily accessible for the occupants and		2					Comments		
visitors to the school?							Comments	1.00	2.00
1 Very unsatisfactory - Not accessible							Lacks transparency; not close to main entrance.		
2 Unsatisfactory - Limited access, difficult to find, no									
transparency									
3 Average - Adequate accessibility, needs updates or									
renovations to function well									
4 Satisfactory - Accessible, easy to find, good									
transparency, good condition									
5 Very Satisfactory - Accessible, easy to find, excellent									
transparency, excellent condition									
N/A Does not apply	1		1		1	1			
12.2 How well does the Library/Media Center support quiet study?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
 Very unsatisfactory - No quiet study spaces 							Two attached rooms function as storage and literacy	library. Could	host
2 Unsatisfactory - One area in poor condition, poor							students.		
acoustic privacy									
3 Average - One or more areas provided, needing									
updates or renovations to function well									
4 Satisfactory - Clusters or small rooms adjacent to media									
center, good condition, good acoustic privacy 5 Very Satisfactory - Multiple clusters or small rooms									
5 Very Satisfactory - Multiple clusters or small rooms adjacent to media center, excellent condition, excellent									
acoustic privacy									
N/A Does not apply									

12.3 How well does the Library/Media Center support social interaction?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1 Very unsatisfactory - No space				•			One large space with no informal seating.		
Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, layout and									
2 furnishings do not support informal interaction well									
Average - Adequate size and condition, needs updates									
3 or renovations to function well.									
Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, layout and									
4 furnishings support informal interactions									
Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition,									
5 layout and furnishings support informal interactions N/A Does not apply									
N/A Does not apply How well does the Library/Media Center support collaborative work		I			I	l			
12.4 in small groups (4-8 students)?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1 Very unsatisfactory - No breakout rooms, no flexible					<u> </u>		Adjacent reams can be used for breakent Euroiture i		3.00
furniture, no support							Adjacent rooms can be used for breakout. Furniture is	s nexible.	
2 Unsatisfactory - Too small, one area, poor condition									
3 Average - Adequate size, multiple areas provided,									
needing updates or renovations to function well									
4 Satisfactory - Clusters or small rooms adjacent to media									
center, flexible furniture, good condition									
5 Very Satisfactory - Multiple clusters or small rooms									
adjacent to media center, flexible furniture, excellent									
condition									
N/A Does not apply									

12 - M	1edia Res	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4			
125		oes the Library/Media Center support collaborative work oups (10-25)?				4			Comments	1.00	4.00
	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	Very unsatisfactory - No gathering areas Unsatisfactory - Too small, one common space, limited seating, poor condition Average - Adequate size, one common space, needs updates or renovations to function well Satisfactory - Good size, multiple common spaces with seating, good condition Very Satisfactory - Generous size, multiple commons spaces with seating, excellent condition Does not apply							Flexible furniture can be reconfigured for different gro	ups or purpos	ses.
12.6	How well d	oes the Library/Media Center support technology?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1 2 3 4 5	Very unsatisfactory - No vis comm tools Unsatisfactory - Outdated, poorly functioning, or insufficient Good - Mix of old and new whiteboards/projectors/etc. Satisfactory - Projectors, marker boards, smart boards in most spaces - good condition Very Satisfactory - Projectors, marker boards, smart boards in most spaces - new condition							TV on cart and single projector screen.		
12 T	N/A echnology	Does not apply	1	2	2	4	_	N/A		20.00	45%
	-			2	3	- 4	5	IN/A		20.00	45%
13.1	How well ed	quipped are the facilities with instructional technology?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1 2 3 4 5	Very unsatisfactory - Limited to no technology present in instructional spaces Unsatisfactory - One type of technology present Average - Multiple types of technology, smart boards, poor condition, limited to only certain areas of school Satisfactory - Multiple types of technology, smart boards, good condition. Very Satisfactory - Multiple types of technology, smart boards, excellent condition							Only mobile screen on carts.		
	N/A	Does not apply adequate number of power and data outlets in learning		l	l	1		l			
1.3 2	spaces?	adequate number of power and data outlets in learning		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1 2 3 4	Very unsatisfactory - Outlet configuration does not support digital devices throughout school (1 per wall) Unsatisfactory - Outlet configuration support digital devices only in certain areas of school (2 per wall) Average - Outlet configuration support digital devices but not enough capacity throughout school (3 per wall) Satisfactory - Outlet configuration support digital devices with adequate coverage and capacity throughout school (33 per wall) Very Satisfactory - Excellent outlet configuration to							2 per wall other than storage wall		
	N/A	support digital devices throughout school (>3 per wall) Does not apply									

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13 - Technolog	gy (cont.)	1	2	3	4	5	Ν	N/A
13.3 Are there of	adequate charging locations for devices?	1						Comments 1.00 1. 0
1	Very unsatisfactory - No centralized charging location							No charging stations present
2	Unsatisfactory - Centralized charging location, but inadequate in size for number of devices Average - Charging cart or tower but not adequately							
	sized for number of devices							
4	Satisfactory - Charging cart or tower not centralized							
5	Very Satisfactory - Charging cart or tower located centralized location. Excellent condition							
N/A	Does not apply							
13.4 Is there adequate AV for presentations spaces – cafeteria and gym?					4			Comments 1.00 4. 0
1	Very unsatisfactory - AV not present in one or more space							Both have large screen and speakers that look to be in good condition.
2	Unsatisfactory - AV undersized for room, poor condition							
3	Average - Adequately sized / poor condition OR AV							
	undersized / adequate condition							
4	Satisfactory - Good size, good condition							
5	Very Satisfactory - Generous sized, excellent condition							
N/A	Does not apply		ı					
13.5 Is there dig	gital media signage at the reception area?	1						Comments 0.00 0. 0
1	Very unsatisfactory - No digital media present in reception area							None
2	Unsatisfactory - Undersized, poor condition							
3	Average - Adequately sized / poor condition OR undersized / adequate condition							
4	Satisfactory - Media signage present, good sized, good condition							
5	Very Satisfactory - Generously sized, excellent condition							
N/A	Does not apply							

14 - Admi	nistration Spaces	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4	20.00	35%
14.1 Is the	ere a reception area that functions as a security checkpoint for all ors?							Comments	1.00	
	1 Very unsatisfactory - No security checkpoint				-					
	2 Unsatisfactory - Checkpoint is too small, poor condition									
	3 Average - Needs updates or renovations to function well									
	4 Satisfactory - Good size, good condition									
	5 Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition									
1	N/A Does not apply									
14.2 Does	the administration area feel welcoming?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1 Very unsatisfactory - No welcome space			<u> </u>				Adequate size; some seating and some transparency.		
	2 Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor lighting and]		
	transparency, limited informal seating, poor condition									
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,									
	3 Average - Adequate size and layout, needs updates or									
	renovations to feel welcoming									
	4 Satisfactory - Good size and layout, good lighting and									
	transparency, informal seating provided									
	5 Very Satisfactory - Generous size and layout, plenty of									
	light and transparency, informal seating provided,									
	excellent condition									
	N/A Does not apply									
1 1/1 3	hose spaces that require it, does the administration area have		2					Comments		
14.0 aded	quate acoustic privacy?		_					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1 Very unsatisfactory - No acoustic separations							Little acoustic separation		
	2 Unsatisfactory - Acoustic separations do not perform									
	well									
	3 Average - Some acoustic separations function okay, but									
	portions need updates or renovations									
	4 Satisfactory - Good acoustic separations									
	5 Very Satisfactory - Excellent acoustic separations									
	N/A Does not apply									
14.4 Are	conference rooms easily accessed for public / parent use?	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1 Very unsatisfactory - Not accessible for public/parent							No conference room provided.		
	use									
	2 Unsatisfactory - Limited access, no transparency, poor									
	condition, difficult to find									
	3 Average - Adequate accessibility, needs updates or									
	renovations to function well									
	4 Satisfactory - Good accessibility, good transparency,									
	good size and condition									
	5 Very Satisfactory - Excellent accessibility, excellent									
	transparency, generous size, excellent condition									
	N/A Does not apply									