

Educational Suitability Summary Report

Walnut Creek Elementary School

Date: 01/05/2021 Score 54% Average

Walnut Creek Elementary School, serving an enrollment of approximately 630 students in north Austin, is known for its ESL and bilingual programs for pre-K through fifth grade. The school incorporates social and emotional learning and fine arts into the curriculum and offers a gifted and talented program, guitar and orchestra club, and a cheerleading squad.

Originally built in the 1960s, the school has adapted its learning environments over the years and a 1999 addition essentially doubled the building's square footage. Studios throughout the building are just below the required size per the Educational Specifications. Studios in the older part of the building feature built-in storage but lack restrooms, requiring students use restrooms down the hall. In the newer portion of the building, studios are laid out around a common space. This space is underutilized and lacks furniture to create an additional learning environment.

Multipurpose spaces appear to be adequate in size and condition, though have some deficiencies when compared to the Ed Spec requirements. The gym lacks natural lighting and views outside but has a recently renovated floor and a large climbing wall. The library is one large space and lacks small group breakout rooms, which creates a difficult environment for multiple groups meeting at once. This space appears to be recently renovated and has newer chairs.

Interview Overview

In addition to Principal Dinorah Bores, we were joined by the head custodian and a few teachers.

Most of their responses reflected on the challenges brought on due to the layout of the original school

The school has an interior courtyard that is utilized as an

outdoor learning area. Additional outdoor furniture is necessary to create better outdoor learning areas for students and teachers. They feel that ongoing and uncompleted maintenance projects contribute to the poor appearance of the school's exterior.

The staff holds the art room in high regards and mentioned it as a feature that should never change. There are a number of programs held in insufficient spaces, such as PPCD and Life Skills, which are not in dedicated studios. Special education and pre-K are currently in portables. (While this assessment does not cover portables, it is assumed spaces in portables will be found deficient.) The 200 wing doesn't have restrooms in the studios and teachers said this makes restroom breaks difficult. The campus lacks adult restrooms, which makes it difficult for teachers to use the restroom in the middle of the day. There are a number of programs on their wish list, including a more intensive gardening program and animal husbandry, as well as dedicated outdoor studios. A major concern is

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the recent HVAC system in the studios that hangs low below the ceiling and is a hazard for staff and students. The overall aesthetic of the school, both interior and exterior, was something brought up multiple times. The staff and community would like to see this updated.

Assessment Findings

The Educational Suitability Assessment of Walnut Creek Elementary School earned a 54% 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.

Buses, cars and pedestrians all congregate at the same location because the intended drop-off location is too small for buses. Visitor parking doesn't have proper pedestrian paths. The school has a digital marquee but it's small for the speed of the adjacent road. Dumpsters are far from the cafeteria on an inaccessible route.

Administration Spaces

Score is very unsatisfactory.

The reception area is

dark, lacks daylighting, and paint colors are muted. There is no dedicated conference room and acoustics are poor throughout the admin space.

Unsatisfactory Categories (36-50%):

General Building

Score is unsatisfactory.

The exterior appearance of the school is in generally poor condition and does not convey pride for the community. The school lacks a dedicated community and meeting space for use outside of school functions. Interior circulation routes are wide enough, but the flooring is not in good condition. Only the cafeteria can be secured from the rest of the school with its own access to the exterior.

Academics and Learning

Score is unsatisfactory.

Studios are undersized and lack attached restrooms in the kindergarten studios. Studios have built-in storage and adequate storage. The new wing of the building has a common space in the middle of studios for collaboration but was not set up for collaboration during the assessment. The school lacks a dedicated maker space, professional learning centers, and a science room.

Media Resources

Score is unsatisfactory.

The library is far from the main entrance and difficult to find without staff help. It is one large space that lacks acoustic separation, making quiet study difficult. There are a handful of informal furniture pieces throughout the space and two separate furniture areas to separate small and larger groups.

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Technology

Score is unsatisfactory.

Typical studios are equipped with mobile screens and projectors. Most studio walls have two outlets; some have more. Charging locations and carts were not seen during the assessment. The cafeteria and gym have A/V, but both are not in good condition. The reception area does not have digital media signage.

Average Categories (51-65%):

Security

Score is average.

Environmental Quality

Score is average.

Acoustics in studios are poor and you are able to hear noise from the corridor. Artificial lighting is average. All studios have natural light. Studio windows are good height, but views are typically only to other wings of the building. There is evidence of multiple pests throughout the building.

Controllability of Systems

Score is average.

Studio thermostats do not allow for individual control. Shades are provided but are in poor condition. Lighting controls are average with alternating lamps on dual switches.

Visual and Performing Arts

Score is average.

The performance stage is an appropriate size with good storage but doesn't have proper support for stage lighting. The music studio is in a portable and disconnected from the performance area. The art room has great natural light as well as a kiln room and proper storage and support space.

PE and Wellness

Score is average.

The gym is small and lacks natural light. The flooring is new, and the gym has a large climbing wall. There is a small amount of storage inside and an exterior storage room for PE use.

Food Services

Score is average.

The dining commons is small and does not have a connection to exterior seating. There is limited natural light and the large space is divided by columns at the entrance. The ceiling has plastic all over to prevent insulation from falling on students while they eat.

Satisfactory Categories (66-80%):

Outdoor Learning and Activity

Score is satisfactory.

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There are limited areas with small improvements, but overall, there are not enough dedicated outdoor learning areas. The active playgrounds are old but have shade coverage. Gardens are small but have a hose nearby.

Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment

Score is satisfactory.

The overall condition of the furniture is not new, but sturdy and clean. The library and learning neighborhoods have a variety of furniture throughout. Typical studio furniture is flexible but may be too heavy for students to move. Furniture is ergonomic and appropriate per grade level.



The drop-off at the main entrance doesn't have an overhang and does not separate bus traffic or pedestrian foot traffic through the parking lot.



Dumpsters are not on accessible path. Compost is adjacent to exit; however, trash and recycling are 100+ feet away at the edge of the parking lot.

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Reception doors were locked during school hours at the time of the assessment.



Outdoor gardens are in good condition. There is one hose bib nearby and no support shed. They are on the edge of campus, disconnected from a majority of learning spaces.

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Learning pod and collaboration space in the center of studios in the new portion of the building.



Media center large group area has a mixture of furniture and can be configured for different lessons but lacks acoustic separation.

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Supporting Photographs



Corridor in the older portion of the building has ample tackable space but lacks transparency into learning spaces.



Relatively new HVAC duct hangs below acceptable head height in the older wing studios.



The interior courtyard just off the main entrance provides a secure outdoor space with seating.



Dining commons is undersized and lacks daylight. The old stage (in front of view) was renovated for the teacher workroom and the new stage (to the right) is disconnected from music studio. The ceiling finish requires maintenance and has been secured with temporary plastic.



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General Building

School Name	Walk Attendees:	Date:
Walnut Creek Elementary School	Patrick Reinhard, Kevin Kinsey	1/5/2021

1 - E	xterior		1	2	3	4	5	N/	A	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							Buses can't use the intended drop-off because the po All pickup and drop-off happens at main entry.	arking lot is too	small.
	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									
	5	like a commons or cafeteria 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							Digital marquee at road, but small given speed of ro	ad.	
	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									

1 - E	xterior (cor	nt.)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A			
1.3	Is the dump	oster accessible for trash / compost disposal?		2					Comments	0.50	1.00
	1 2 3	Very unsatisfactory - No compost present, route has obstacles (stairs, curbs, barriers) to dumpste Unsatisfactory - Compost is present. Route has obstacles to dumpster Average - Compost is present (<100' to cafeteria), Route to							Compost in separate location from trash and recyclir from cafeteria. Not an accessible route.	ng. Dumpsters o	are far
	4	dumpster is free and clear but the two are not directly adjacent. Satisfactory - Compost and dumpster are directly									
	_	adjacent and route is barrier free									
	5	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.									
	N/A	Does not apply							L		
2 - 0	Outdoor Le	arning and Activity	1	2	3	4	5	N/A		15.00	73%
2.1	Are outdoo the ed spec	r studios and support spaces appropriately configured per ?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1 2	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated outdoor studios Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, disconnected from learning spaces, no flexibility, no shade provided							Limited areas with small improvements but not enou outdoor studio.	gh to be consic	dered
	3	Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs some renovations or updates to function well, 50% or less shade coverage over studio arec									
	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 arec									
	N/A	Does not apply							L		
2.2		playgrounds (elementary only) and support spaces per the ed spec?				4			Comments	1.00	4.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated active playground							Playscapes are old, but all spaces are covered.		
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, no shade									
	3	provided Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs some renovations or updates to function well, 50% or less									
	4	shade coverage over play structure Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, more than 50% shade coverage over play structure									
	5	Very satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition, full shade coverage over play structure									
	N/A	Does not apply									

2 - Outdoor Le	earning and Activity (cont)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Α	
	ns and support spaces appropriately configured per the ed Iluation on infrastructure not condition of plants)		2					Comments 0.00	0.00
1 2 3 4 5	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 Outdoor Learning and Activity. Few small planting beds. Water hose is present.	
N/A	Does not apply								
2.4 Are the rai	in gardens and/or cisterns appropriately configured per the	1						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,							Monitoring answer, does not affect score for Outdoor Learning and Activity. None present	
	educational signage provided								
N/A	Does not apply	1				1	1		0.00
2.5 Does the s	chool have animal husbandry? (optional) No							Comments 0.00	0.00
5	Yes								
2.6 Does the s	chool have nature loop trails? (optional)	1						Comments 0.00	0.00
1	No								
5	Yes								
	chool have a learning pond? (optional)	1						Comments 0.00	0.00
1 5	No Yes								
	chool have a grass play field and walking trail?					5	l	Comments 1.00	5.00
1	No							1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
5	Yes								

	3 - General Bui	ilding	1	2	3	4	5	N/A		11.25	42%
	3.1 Are interior	circulation routes wide enough to safely and effectively				Δ			Comments		
	accommod	ate student movement?				4			Comments	0.50	2.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Primary circulation is 5'-0" to 6'-0"							Hallways vary from 8'-9' wide. Flooring is not in good	condition.	
		wide									
	2	Unsatisfactory - Primary circulation is 6'-0" to 7'-0" wide									
	3	Average - Primary circulation is 7'-0" to 8'-0" wide									
	4	Satisfactory - Primary circulation is 8'-0"-10'-0" wide									
	5	Very satisfactory - Primary circulation is 10'-0"+ wide									
	N/A	Does not apply									
	. Are commu	nity use areas arranged so that the school can allow night				1			_		
	37	ithout full school access?		2					Comments	0.75	1.50
-	1	Very unsatisfactory - Cafeteria, gym, and library cannot				1			Only cafeteria can be secured off from rest of school		
		be accessed after hours							exterior. Library and gym have exterior doors, but bo		
	2	Unsatisfactory - Only one of the public spaces (Cafeteria,							of secure fencing.		
		Gym and Library) can be accessed from parking and							or occurs fortening.		
		secured after hours									
	3	Average - Only two of the public spaces can be accessed									
	_	from parking and secured after hours									
	4	Satisfactory - All of the public spaces can be accessed									
		from parking and secured from the rest of the building									
	F	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									
	-	ommunity room that is a dedicated meeting space outside				1					
	3.3 of school fu		1						Comments	0.75	0.75
Į.	1	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated community room								0.75	0.75
	2	Unsatisfactory - Community room but within school									
	-	function, no access after school hours									
	3	Average - Community room, moderate size, but need									
		some renovations or updates to function wel									
	4	Satisfactory - Community room, good size /layout, meets									
		needs /functions well									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Community room, generous size, nice									
		condition, functions appropriately outside of school									
	N1/A	function									
	N/A	Does not apply				1					
	: Χ Δ	eneral appearance of the school convey pride for the		2					Comments	0.05	0.50
		d community? Very unsatisfactory - General appearance is poor							Duilding autorior is in gangually as a security	0.25	0.50
	1 2	Unsatisfactory - General appearance is poor Unsatisfactory - General appearance is aged but ok							Building exterior is in generally poor condition.		
	3	Average - General appearance is good									
	4	Satisfactory - General appearance shows pride in campus									
	7	and student works									
	5	Very Unsatisfactory - General appearance shows pride in									
	Ţ.	campus and student works and is welcoming to the									
		community									
	N/A	Does not apply							•		

4 - Security		1	2	3	4	5	N/A		16.25	
4.1 Does the fo	acility have key card access at all major entries?							Comments	0.25	
1	Very unsatisfactory - No entries					<u> </u>)	0.20	
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 adequ	uate is site lighting and security for the campus overall?							Comments	1.00	
1	Very unsatisfactory - No exterior lighting, no secure 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 are well lit, visible and easy to use, perimeter is very secure									
N/A	Does not apply									
ls the main	office located at the school entry and configured with a							Comments		
4.3 secure vest	ibule to the main corridor?							Comments	1.00	
1	Very unsatisfactory - No secure vestibule, office located									
	far from main entry, allows visitors access to school)		
2	unsupervised Unsatisfactory - No secure vestibule, office located									
2	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									
N1/A	vestibule and all appropriate security feature:									
N/A	Does not apply								_	
	ough interior transparency for faculty to passively supervise ad their activities who are not in studios?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No transparency of walls							Very limited transparency.		
2	Unsatisfactory - Limited transparency in certain locations									
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 school									
N/A	school Does not apply									
11/7	Docs not apply									

5 - Environmer	ntal Quality	1	2	3	4	5	N/A		25.00	56%
5.1 How are ac	coustics in studios in general?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
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							Can hear everything in corridor.		
	o artificial lighting adequate quality?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
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							Light meter read between 25 and 30.		
5.3 Is there acc	ess to natural light in studios?					5		Comments	1.00	5.00
1 2 3 4 5 N/A	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 Does not apply							All studios have natural light.		
5.4 Is there acc	ess to outside views from learning spaces?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1 2 3 4 5 N/A	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 Does not apply	ı				ı		Windows are good height. Views only to portables a wings.		

5 - E	nvironmer	ntal Quality (cont.)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	1		
5.5	Does the b	uilding have odor or pest problems?	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Evidence of both pests and odors							Evidence of multiple pests (rats, ants, cockroaches, w	orms). This has	been
	2	Unsatisfactory - Evidence of pests or odors							an ongoing issue at the campus.		
	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 - C	Controllabi	ility of Systems	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4	12.50	52%
6.1	Does the st	rudio thermostat allow for individual control?	1						Comments	0.50	0.50
	1	No									
	5	Yes									
6.2	Are shades	provided to control natural light in learning spaces?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No, windows are covered with							Shades are present but not in great condition.		
		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?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Single switch only per room							Can turn on up and down lights separately or togeth	er. 200 wing ho	as
	2	Unsatisfactory - Alternating rows switch off							alternating lights.		
	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, F	ixtures & Equipment	1	2	3	4	5	N/A		18.75	69%
7.1 What is the	e current condition of the furniture?				4			Comments	0.75	3.00
1 2 3 4 5	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									
N/A	Does not apply									
72 Are a varie	ety of furniture types being accommodated throughout the arning commons, dining commons, other multi-use spaces?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1	Very Unsatisfactory - Same furniture used in all spaces							Library and the learning neighborhoods have a variet	ty of furniture.	
2	Unsatisfactory - Furniture variety in one multi-use space									
3	Average - Furniture variety in more than one multi-use space									
4 5	Satisfactory - All multi-use spaces have greater than one type of furniture Very satisfactory - All multi-use spaces have greater than									
N/A	two types of furniture Does not apply									
	loes 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							Furniture is movable but may be too heavy for studer	its to move.	
7.4 Is the furni	ture 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 leve 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									
N/A	Does not apply									

ero Waste		1	2	3	4	5	N/A		5.00	40%
	and corridors have blue recycle bins with bilingual s and/or image sorting instructions?			3				Comments	0.50	1.50
1 2 3 4 5	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. Unsatisfactory - Bins and signage are sparse or infrequent and/or lack clear signage. Average - 50% of corridors and studios have both a landfill bin and a recycle bin in an accessible location. The containers have clear signage. Satisfactory - 75% of studios and corridors have a visible landfill and recycle collection containers in an accessible location. The containers have clear signage. 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.							A score for this category is being recorded, but this category and the calculated in the overall ESA average. Bins present but no signage.	itegory is not	
N/A	Does not apply									
each: greer	afeteria (or wherever meals are served) have at least one of n compost bin, blue recycle bin, and landfill bin? Are the bins early with bilingual and/or image sorting?	1						Comments	0.50	0.50
1 2 3 4 5	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 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							A score for this category is being recorded, but this co-calculated in the overall ESA average. None seen at time of assessment.	itegory is not	
N/A	that encourages recycling/composting. Does not apply									



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Academics - Elementary School

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- Ac	ademics 8	& Learning	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	A	70.00	49%
8.1	Are studios	appropriately configured per the ed spec?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, no flexibility, disconnected							Slightly undersized at 800 s.f. Limited flexibility.		
	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									
		nd Kinder have appropriate support spaces such as and storage per the ed spec?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided							No restrooms in kindergarten studios. Good storage in	studios.	
	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 - 8		k Learning (cont.)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A			
8.3	Do studios h spec?	nave appropriate support spaces such as storage per the ed				4			Comments	1.00	4.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided							Built-in cabinets along wall.		
	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									
8.4	Do typical le collaboration	earning neighborhoods have small group rooms and open on space?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No breakout rooms or open collaboration spaces are provided							3 learning commons in new wing of school. Divided by but mostly bare floor.	partial height	walls,
	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		studios large enough to support project-based learning and ching modalities?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, no flexibility, does not support project-based learning							Slightly undersized.		
	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									

8 - A	cademics 8	& Learning (cont.)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	4		
8.6	Are Maker S ed spec?	Spaces and support spaces appropriately configured per the	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated maker spaces									
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, disconnected 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									
8.7	Is there a Pr	rofessional Learning Center in the learning neighborhood?	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated space for Professional Learning Center		•		•	•				
	2	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 de	edicated science room and support space?	1						Comments	0.00	0.00
	1	No		•			_	•	Monitoring answer, but doesn't affect overall score.	•	
	5	Yes									
8.9		dequate places to display the evidence and artifacts of oth 2D and 3D)?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No dedicated space							Tackable surfaces throughout learning corridors, but n	o 3D display co	ises
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, non-dedicated, poor condition							present.		
	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									
	N/A	Does not apply									

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8 - A	cademics 8	1	2	3	4	5	N/A				
8.10		ilding provide adequate opportunities for students/teachers		2					Comments		
0.10	to collabore	ate in varying group sizes?		_					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No space to support collaboration in various sizes.							In newer wing yes, but in most of the school there is no abil	ility for this.	
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, inflexible, only one option, does not support a variety of group sizes									
	3	Average - Adequate space for collaboration, needs updates or renovations to function well.									
	4	Satisfactory - Good size, good condition, multiple options to support a variety of group sizes									
	5	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition, multiple options to support a variety of group sizes									
	N/A	Does not apply									
8.11	Does the bu	illding provide opportunities for informal interaction?	1						Comments	1.00	1.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - No space		•							
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, layout and furnishings do not support informal interaction well									
	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		•							
	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									

8 - A	cademics 8	k Learning (cont.)							
8.13	Are Special	Education spaces appropriately configured per the ed spec?	2				Comments	1.00	2.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, no flexibility, disconnected			•	•	Room is undersized. No ability to break space into mul	tiple areas.	
	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		Education support spaces, such as storage, space for er, appropriately configured per the ed spec?		3			Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided					Fully accessible restroom and changing area. No wash	er/dryer.	
	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		ole restrooms and changing rooms readily available to the cation spaces?			5		Comments	1.00	5.00
	1	No							
	5	Yes							

9 -	Visual and F	Performing Arts	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	·	15.00	60%
9.1	Are music spec	paces and the cafeteria stage appropriately configured per ?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, missing program spaces							Adequate size. Curtains but not true support for theate	er sets. Music ro	om is in
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition							portable.		
	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									
9.2	Are music a per the ed s	nd performance storage spaces appropriately configured pec?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided							Good sized storage connected to stage. Music studio is	in a portable.	
	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									
9.3	Are Visual A spec?	rts spaces and storage appropriately configured per the ed				4			Comments	1.00	4.00
	1	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, missing program spaces							Kiln room and storage room attached. Good natural li	ght.	
	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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	O - PE and Wellness			2	3	4	5	N/A	4	10.00	60%
	10.1 Does the ca	mpus meet the ed spec standard for physical education aces?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, missing program spaces Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition Average - Adequate size, adequate condition, needs some renovations or updates to function well Satisfactory - Good size, good condition Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition Does not apply sical education storage spaces appropriately configured per? 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			3				Small with no natural light. Flooring new and large clim Comments Small storage inside, with additional storage outside.		3.00
	N/A	condition Does not apply									
	11 - Food Servic		1	2	3	4	5	N/A		10.00	60%
Г			<u>'</u>					1 1 7		10.00	00%
	II.I Is the Dining	g Commons appropriately configured per the ed spec?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
	1 2 3 4 5 N/A	Very unsatisfactory - Too small, missing program spaces Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, only one option for eating space provided, inadequate circulation Average - Adequate size and condition, needs updates or renovations to function well Satisfactory - Good size and condition, good circulation, multiple options for eating space (ex: connection to outdoor eating space) Very Satisfactory - Generous size, excellent condition and circulation, multiple options for eating space (ex: connection to outdoor eating space) Does not apply							Undersized. Only one area to eat in. Limited natural light prevent insulation from falling in food.	nt. Plastic on ce	eiling to
Г	Aro the Eco	d Services support spaces appropriately configured per the		Γ		П	Τ	T			
	11.2 ed spec?	=garda por trio				4			Comments	1.00	4.00
ľ	1	Very unsatisfactory - None provided						•	Connected and adequate size. Has restroom and office		
	2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, disconnected, poor condition									
	3 4 5	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									
	N/A	Does not apply									

12 - Media Res	2 - Media Resources			3	4	5	N/A	1	30.00	50%
	ary/Media Center easily accessible for the occupants and the school?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - Not accessible							Far from front entry. No transparency or signage indicate	ting library loc	ation.
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									
12.2 How well o	does the Library/Media Center support quiet study?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No quiet study spaces				•			No separate spaces.		
2	Unsatisfactory - One area in poor condition, poor 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 adjacent to media center, excellent condition, excellent acoustic privacy									
N/A	Does not apply									
12.3 How well o	does the Library/Media Center support social interaction?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No space							Only a handful of informal furniture pieces.		
2	Unsatisfactory - Too small, poor condition, layout and furnishings do not support informal interaction well									
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									
12.4 How well o	does the Library/Media Center support collaborative work in ps (4-8 students)?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No breakout rooms, no flexible furniture, no support		•			•	•	Multiple areas divided by furniture, no acoustic privacy.		
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									
NI/A	Does not apply									

12 - Media Res	12 - Media Resources - Continued			3	4	5	N/A	(
17.5	loes the Library/Media Center support collaborative work in ups (10-25)?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1 2	Very unsatisfactory - No gathering areas Unsatisfactory - Too small, one common space, limited seating, poor condition							Multiple areas divided by furniture, no acoustic privacy		
3	Average - Adequate size, one common space, needs updates or renovations to function well									
4	Satisfactory - Good size, multiple common spaces with seating, good condition									
5 N/A	Very Satisfactory - Generous size, multiple commons spaces with seating, excellent condition Does not apply									
		П	Τ	3	l	П	T	Comments		
	loes the Library/Media Center support technology?	L		3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No vis comm tools							Mobile TV on cart. Multiple charging carts and 10 deskt	op computers.	No
2	Unsatisfactory - Outdated, poorly functioning, or insufficient							projector screen.		
3	Good - Mix of old and new whiteboards/projectors/etc.									
4	Satisfactory - Projectors, marker boards, smart boards in most spaces - good condition									
5	Very Satisfactory - Projectors, marker boards, smart boards in most spaces - new condition									
N/A	Does not apply									
13 - Technolog	у	1	2	3	4	5	N/A		20.00	50%
13.1 How well e	quipped are the facilities with instructional technology?			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - Limited to no technology present in instructional spaces							TV on carts and projector		
2	Unsatisfactory - One type of technology present									
3	Average - Multiple types of technology, smart boards, poor condition, limited to only certain areas of school									
4	Satisfactory - Multiple types of technology, smart boards, good condition.									
5	Very Satisfactory - Multiple types of technology, smart boards, excellent condition									
N/A	Does not apply	_	Т	T	T .	1	T	T		
13.2 spaces?	adequate number of power and data outlets in learning			3				Comments	1.00	3.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - Outlet configuration does not support digital devices throughout school (1 per wall)							Most walls have 2 outlets, but corridor wall has 6.		
2	Unsatisfactory - Outlet configuration support digital devices only in certain areas of school (2 per wall)									
3	Average - Outlet configuration support digital devices but not enough capacity throughout school (3 per wall)									
4	Satisfactory - Outlet configuration support digital devices with adequate coverage and capacity throughout school (>3 per wall)									
5	Very Satisfactory - Excellent outlet configuration to support digital devices throughout school (>3 per wall)									
N/A	Does not apply							L		

3 - Technolog	y (cont.)	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	A		
13.3 Are there o	dequate charging locations for devices?	1						Comments	1.00	1.0
1	Very unsatisfactory - No centralized charging location				,	•		No centralized charging location or carts		
2	Unsatisfactory - Centralized charging location, but inadequate in size for number of devices									
3	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 ad	.4 Is there adequate AV for presentations spaces – cafeteria and gym?			3				Comments	1.00	3.0
1	Very unsatisfactory - AV not present in one or more space						•	Cafeteria and gym have audio and projector. Neither	in very good co	nditio
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									
13.5 Is there dig	ital media signage at the reception area?		2					Comments	0.00	0.0
1	Very unsatisfactory - No digital media present in reception area									
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 - Administro	- Administration Spaces			3	4	5	N/A		20.00	35%
14.1 Is there a r	eception area that functions as a security checkpoint for all							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									
N/A	Does not apply	ı	T	T	1	1	ſ	I		
14.2 Does the a	dministration area feel welcoming?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No welcome space							Block walls ,muted paint colors. Room is dark and no n	atural light.	
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									
	paces that require it, does the administration area have acoustic privacy?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - No acoustic separations							Can hear the adjacent hallways, restrooms and rest of	office.	
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 confer	ence rooms easily accessed for public / parent use?		2					Comments	1.00	2.00
1	Very unsatisfactory - Not accessible for public/parent use							No conference rooms in admin. Principal takes meeting office outside the corridor.	gs in her office o	or in an
2	Unsatisfactory - Limited access, no transparency, poor condition, difficult to find							office outside the comdon.		
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									