



Educational Suitability Summary Report

Metz-Sanchez Elementary School @ Sanchez Campus

Date: 2/1/2021

Score 93% Very Satisfactory

Sanchez Elementary School in east Austin is undergoing a full campus modernization project as part of the 2017 bond program. The school is under construction at the time of this assessment, and this assessment is based on construction documents and renderings of the space. Students and staff from Sanchez are co-located at Metz Elementary School. When this project opens in August 2021, the co-located campus will move entirely into Sanchez Elementary.

The elementary school modernization will have a capacity of 580 students. The school building is approximately 81,000 square feet on 9.5 acres. The renovation is keeping the existing footprint of the school intact (1976 and 1989 construction) but is demolishing and replacing all portions of the interior space. It is adding windows to the exterior walls to allow in additional daylight. The gym and cafeteria are staying in the same location, but the library is moving upstairs. The studios in the learning neighborhoods are being reconfigured to allow for open collaboration and small group rooms. The new plan incorporates professional learning centers in the learning neighborhoods.

The dining commons will have a retractable partition that opens to a large learning staircase connecting the ground floor to the second level. At the top of the learning stairs is the library, which will include a reading room and small group breakout rooms.

The square footage for individual program elements such as studios and gym are slightly undersized

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PE and Wellness

Score is satisfactory.

Gym is slightly undersized at 2,800 square feet. The support spaces (office, storage and bathroom) are adequate in size.

Very Satisfactory Categories (81-100%):

Exterior

Score is very satisfactory.

The site circulation is being upgraded with new parking lots and pickup and drop-off lanes. All three dumpsters for compost, recycling and trash are shown on the plans.

Outdoor Learning and Activity

Score is very satisfactory.

The landscape drawings show outdoor studios, cisterns and rain gardens. There are two shaded playgrounds. There are community gardens on the south of campus and learning gardens located in the outdoor studio area directly adjacent to some studios. The campus also has a shaded reading circle on the north side adjacent to studio spaces.


General Building

Score is very satisfactory.

General appearance will be satisfactory with new windows, interior finishes and furnishings.

Security

Score is very satisfactory.



Environmental Quality

Score is very satisfactory.

All studios have access to natural daylight, and the new windows will provide ample daylight into the space.

Controllability of Systems

Score is very satisfactory.

Light switches in studios are noted to be dimmable. Thermostats are shown in all studios on the mechanical plans.

Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment

Score is very satisfactory.

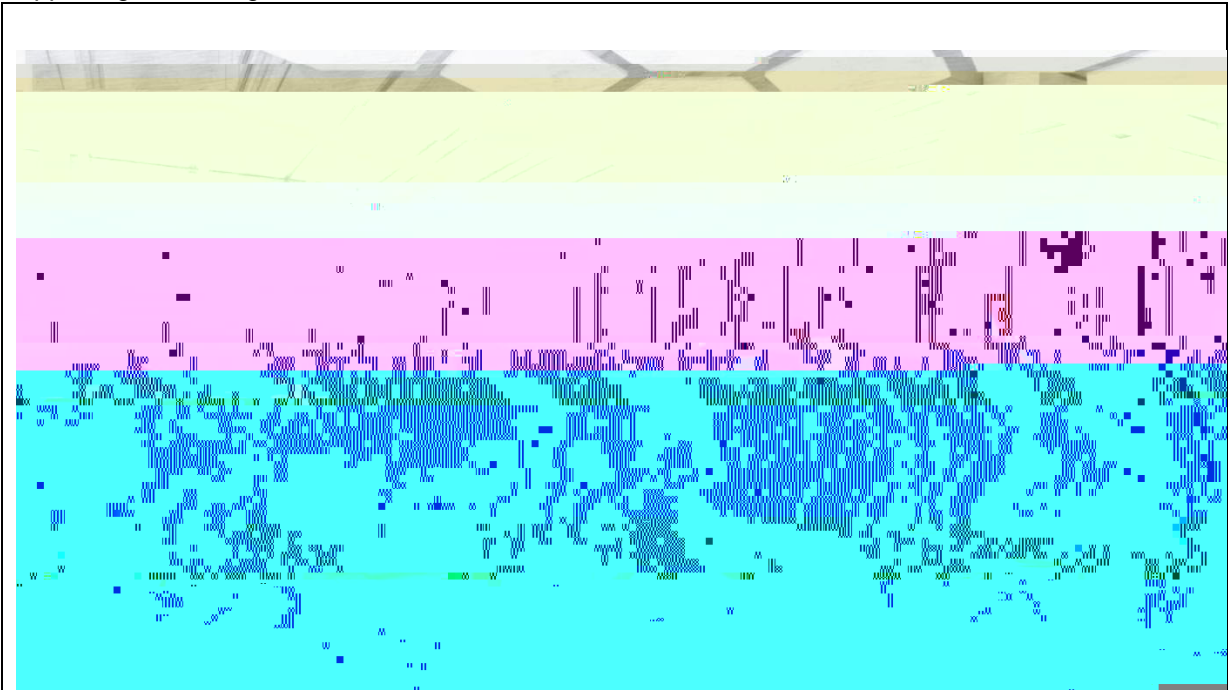
Furniture is not apparent on plans, but from the renderings there is variety and flexibility provided.

Academics and Learning

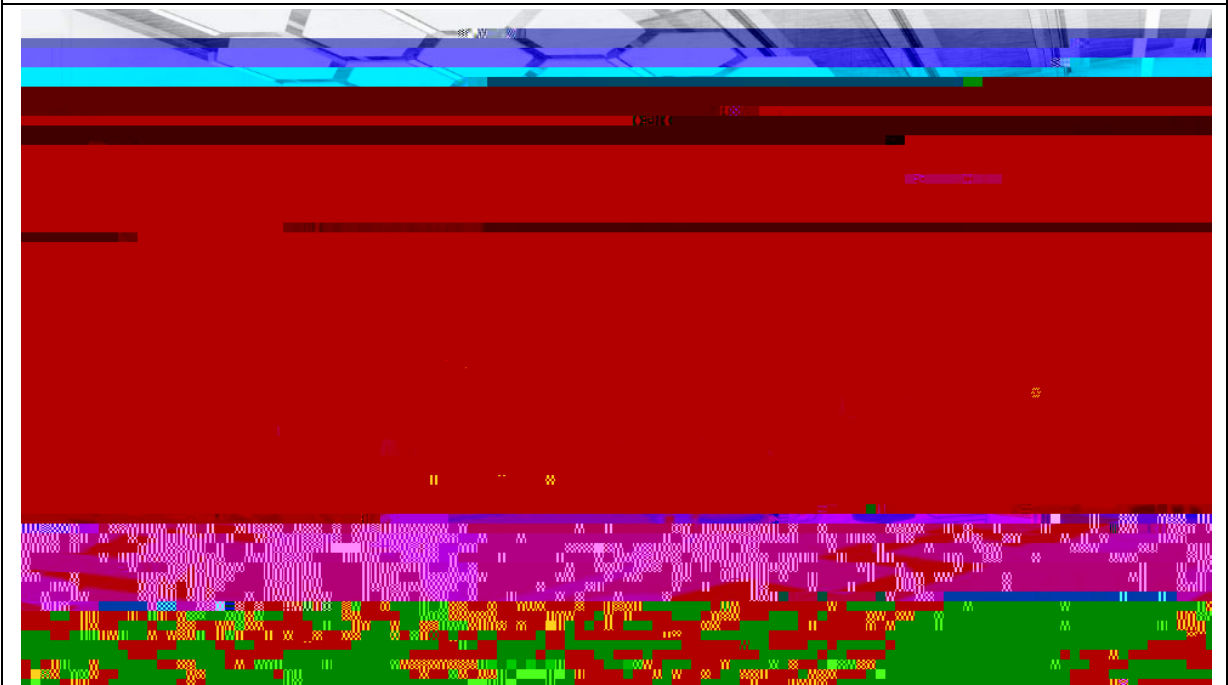
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The studios range in size from 800 to 850 square feet; however, collaboration areas, learning stairs and small group rooms meet many of the requirements within the Ed Spec. Life skills room is 800 square feet, and the washer and dryer is in a nearby storage closet to reduce distracting noise and allow access by the nurse and other staff without disturbing class activities.

Supporting Renderings

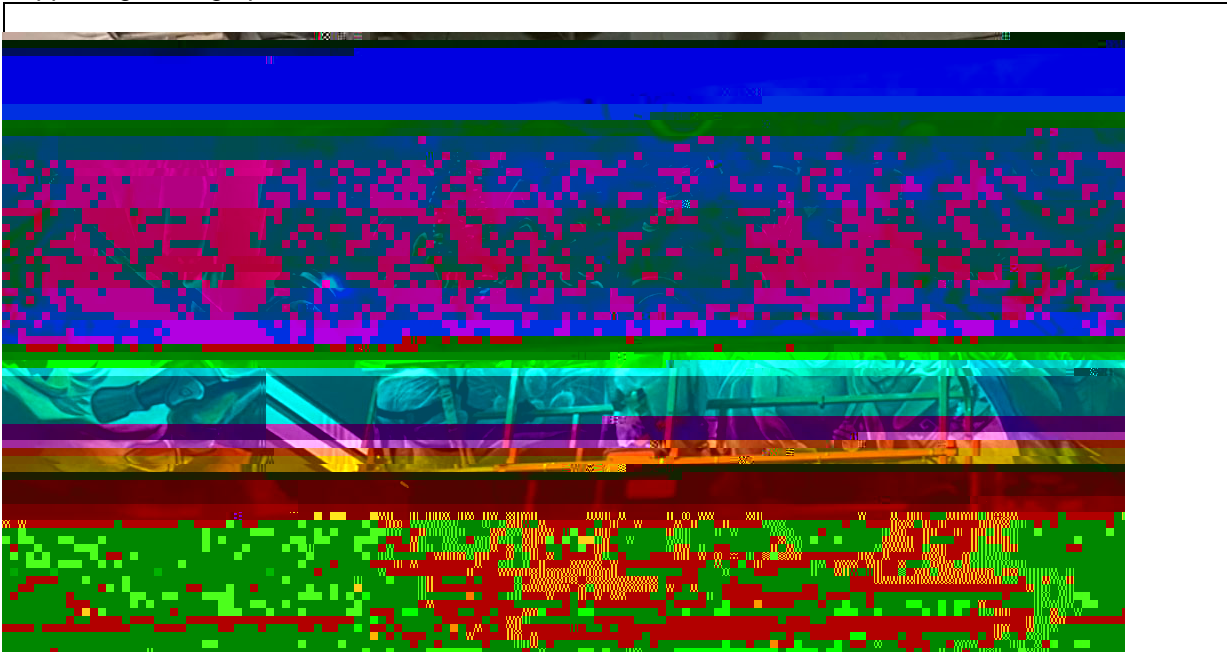


Media Center will have a variety of seating options.

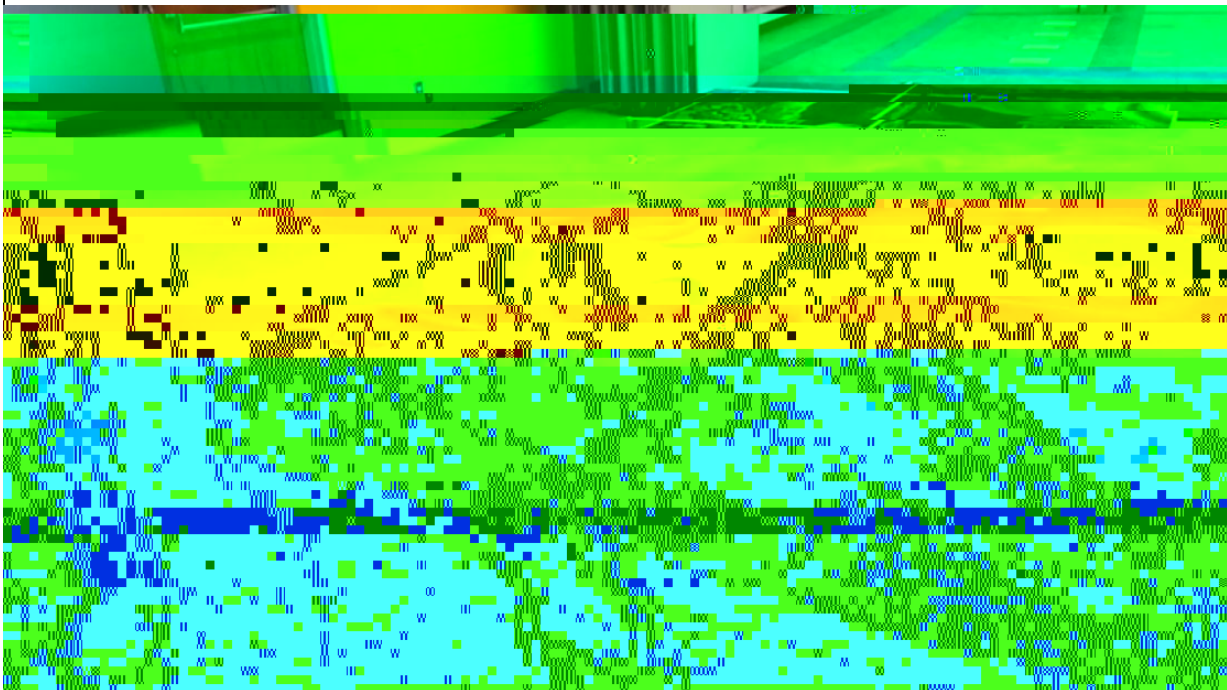


Dining Commons: Flexible furniture and transparency to learning stairs beyond.

Supporting Photographs



Existing murals by Raul Valdez depicting the school's Hispanic history and heritage being removed for installation at the new Sanchez campus.



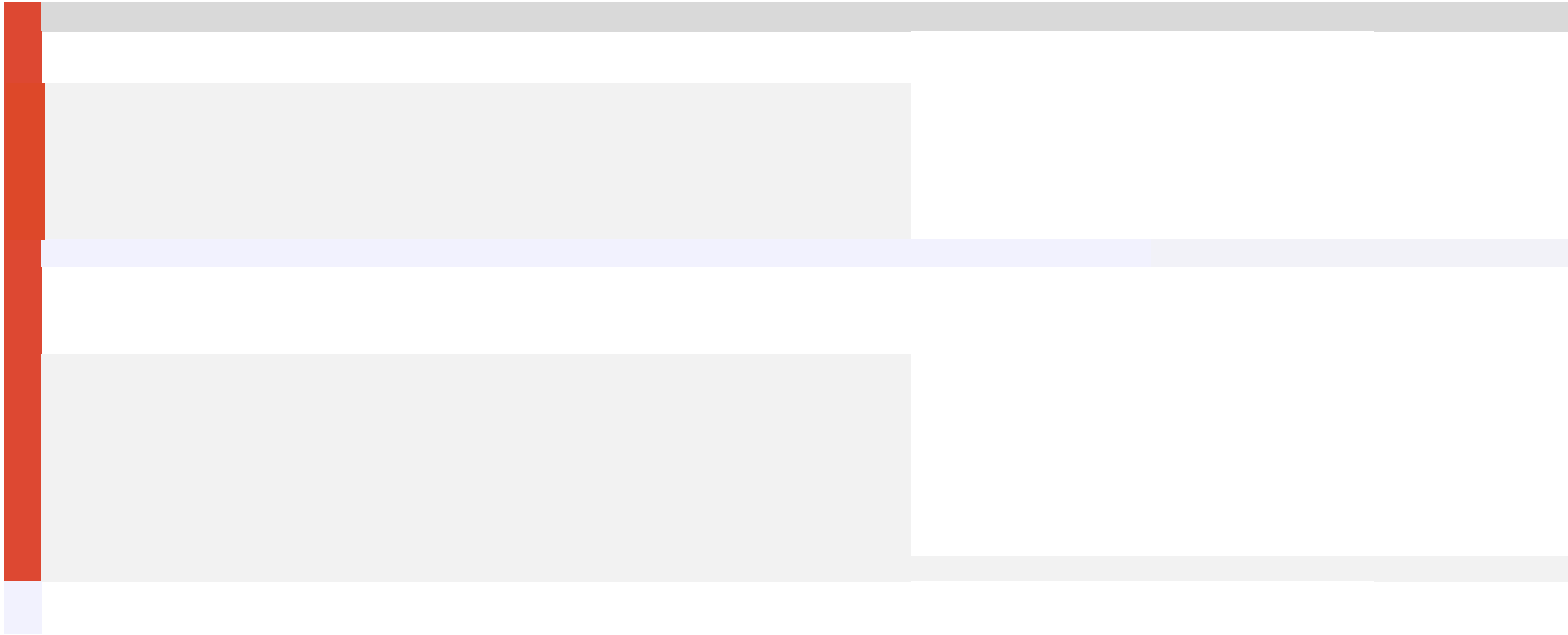
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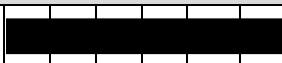
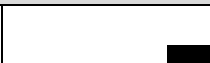
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