

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District



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Malibu High School

Building Tomorrow's Future: New Malibu High School Building Complete and Phases 2 and 3a are in Design

As the 2025–26 school year begins, students and staff at Malibu High School are stepping into a newly completed campus designed to inspire learning, collaboration and creativity. The state-of-the-art spaces are already buzzing with activity, providing modern classrooms, outdoor learning areas and innovative facilities that support the whole student experience.

Project Progress

The state-of-the-art facility is designed to blend seamlessly into the surrounding coastal environment, while serving as a hub for innovation and future-ready learning. The selection of materials and colors were selected to blend into the natural scenery while being resilient and fire resistant. The eco-friendly solar array panels on the roof or trellis areas will provide renewable energy. Completed site work includes concrete walkways, retaining (seat) walls and three bridges including two pedestrian bridges, and one bridge for cars, spanning a functional bio-swale drainage system with a California low water landscape.



The campus features flexible, collaborative spaces that support project-based learning, creativity and critical thinking. This building shifts the educational process from teacher-driven to student-driven learning. Learning may occur anywhere in the building, not just the classrooms. There are a wide variety of learning spaces to engage the students, including science and engineering labs, photographer and ceramics studios and classrooms of various sizes. Classrooms open out into

large common areas that allow students to learn in differing modalities, including small group collaborations, independent focus and large group presentations.

Completion of Malibu Middle School and Aquatics Center

With the support of Bond Measure MM , approved by voters in November 2024, phase 2 and 3a of the Malibu campus plan is in design and will begin construction in spring 2026.



Phase 2 will include the middle school hub building and a new gymnasium. The hub building will provide an innovation and filming lab, food service and outdoor eating area, a special education/life skills suite and a new wellness center.

The new middle school gymnasium and multipurpose room will be constructed with locker rooms and a dance/yoga studio. Outside there will be fitness opportunities including a rock-climbing slope, bouldering and a slide.

Phase 3a, will provide a new aquatics center featuring a 40-meter pool with bleachers, separate locker rooms for students and the community, team room and sports spaces. Construction on this project will involve demolition of the old high school building, art building and removal of portable classrooms.

The transformation of Malibu High School will continue, building upon the progress already made to create innovative, student-centered spaces that inspire learning and growth. These enhancements will not only modernize classrooms and facilities, but also foster collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. With state-of-the-art technology, flexible learning environments, and spaces designed to support both academic and social-emotional development, Malibu High School will empower students to thrive today while preparing them for the opportunities of tomorrow. This renewed investment ensures that the school remains at the forefront of educational excellence and innovation for years to come.

The SMMUSD Facility Improvement Projects (FIP) team is committed to minimizing disruptions during construction while ensuring these enhancements benefit generations of students to come.

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Read more about Malibu Middle and High School's campus plan here.



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"A school building tells students who they are and how they should think about the world. It can help to manufacture rote obedience or independent activity; it can create high self-confidence or low self-esteem." Alison Lurie



Malibu High School
Students in breakout spaces.



Malibu High School
Students collaborating for the first day of school.



Malibu High School
Completed landscaping.



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