

Elementary School San Francisco Bay Area, CA

School Characteristics

Students

- 225 students in grades K-5
- 9 classes, across all grade levels

School Grounds

- Urban location
- 4.9 acres on school grounds + 4.7 acre city park (adjacent)
- Campus has 3 buildings, connected by interior hallways
- This school is adjacent to a city park.

Climate

- Warm, sunny, temperate climate with pleasant temperatures most of the year
- Strong winds sometimes blow across the school grounds
- Occasional rain November - March

Image Source: Google Earth Pro



School Grounds

City Park



100'

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Site Photographs



Google Maps



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Photographs, from top to bottom

1. View of the school building and the park in the distance
2. Views of existing garden seating areas on the school grounds
3. Areas of the park with shade trees



Google Maps



Potential Outdoor Seating Areas Seating for 50% of Classes on School Grounds

Image Source: Google Earth Pro



School Grounds

City Park

● 9 potential outdoor seating areas for 12-16 students each

■ 1 shade tent

■ 2 tool sheds (shipping containers)



100'

Elementary School San Francisco Bay Area, CA Scenario #1: Low Cost, Onsite

Climate Considerations

- Mild climate is comfortable most of the year and requires minimal protection from sun and rain

Shade Strategies

- Place seating in areas with existing tree canopies, where possible
- Add shade tents for spaces in full sun
- Consider additional tents for days with light rain in the winter

Seating Strategies

- Use existing picnic tables, seat walls, log rounds, and benches where available; add more seating where needed
- Assume students will not stay seated all day. Use the two existing gardens and other areas for hands-on learning.
- Add tool sheds for teaching materials
- Preserve space for PE and recess

Scenario #1: Outdoor Capacity

- Max: 144 students in 9 seating areas
- If only 50% of students are on campus each day, every class could be held outside onsite, if desired
- If 100% of students return, 50% could be inside and 50% outside onsite

Potential Outdoor Seating Areas

Seating for 100% of Classes on School Grounds and in the Park

Image Source: Google Earth Pro



School Grounds

City Park

● 18 potential outdoor seating areas for 12-16 students each

■ 1 shade tent

■ 2 tool sheds (shipping containers)



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Scenario #2: Expand from School Grounds to the Park

Special Considerations for Park Classes

- Create a joint use agreement to allow park space to be used for classes
- Collaborate with local organizations to expand teaching staff; provide one educator for each half class
- Request parent permission to go offsite

Seating and Supplies

- Equip each child with a backpack containing: clipboard, sun hat, water bottle, and portable seat cushion
- Establish specific locations for each class to meet at the park in the shade
- Decide if classes will return to school for lunch, or if lunch will be at the park

Safety and Stewardship

- Plan for daily park stewardship with students to avoid litter
- Check park for safety and sanitation each morning before school begins; monitor public use of bathrooms

Scenario #2: Outdoor Capacity

- Max: 288 students in 18 seating areas
- If 100% of students return, all students could have class outside, all day: 50% at school and 50% at the park