



Mark Keppel Elementary is a Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School that reflects the creative spirit of the Glendale community it serves. As part of its modernization plan, the Glendale Unified School District received a \$4.3 million Overcrowding Relief Grant from the State Allocations Board to remove 13 very old portable classrooms, some dating from the 1960's. The GUSD worked with PSWC Group Architects, Neff Construction, and American Modular Systems to design, build, and install a two-story classroom wing that integrates academics and the arts in an energy-efficient environment. The modular building, with an elevator, cultivates creativity with 14

classrooms that provide flex-space for dance, theatre, music and visual arts, as well as a teacher workroom, custodial room and handicap-accessible restrooms. A separate Gen7 building features a dedicated art lab including a kiln room with special ventilation to ensure superior IAQ.

These buildings combine smart design with affordable energy-efficient upgrades. Tubular skylights and oversized South and East-facing windows maximize daylighting, while louvered aluminum sunshades and programmable thermostats optimize climate control for comfortable learning. A PVC cool roof, high efficiency gas HVAC systems, R-19 insulation and exterior light timers

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reduce energy costs. Eco-friendly restrooms are equipped with low-flow toilets and Xlerator® hand-dryers that use 80% less electricity. Custom-tinted stucco, cantilevered balconies and a decorative metal fascia and railing system create a distinctive façade in harmony with the school's artistic roots.

"The State Allocations Board and the Office of Public School Construction are dedicated partners with the Glendale Unified School District and Glendale Community as we work together to improve the educational environment for all our students."

-Mr. Greg Krikorian

President, Board of Education, Glendale Unified School District

"The entire Keppel community is so grateful for our beautiful new facilities. The bright, high-tech learning environment allows our students to thrive as creative vibrant learners."

-Lise Sondergaard

Principal, Mark Keppel Elementary School, Glendale Unified School District



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