

MCALISTER INTERMEDIATE



Grade Level	3-5
Building Area/Site	72,263 sf / 32.4 acres (shared)
Age/Construction	1939 (82), 1956 (65), 1987 (34), 1994 (27)

Site

- Site traffic, parking and perimeter security major concerns for site (pedestrian and vehicular safety), no defined receiving area.
- Play areas exposed, no definition of school boundary. Do not meet accessibility codes.
- Parking/pavement directly adjacent to building, pavement in fair to poor condition overall.

Architectural Exterior

- Roof replaced in sections, 1956 portion to be replaced to match. Masonry repointed and chimney repairs.
- Many non or poorly functioning windows and exterior doors, persistent concerns/repairs (2001) and flashing/water infiltration issues.

Architectural Interior

- Overall, well built, durable original construction and well maintained. Many important investments & preventative maintenance (roofs, A/C, isolated room renovations).
- Many components (finishes, millwork, lockers) of original construction are past useful life and/or non accessible (ADA @ toilet rooms, ramp, doorways).
- Inconsistent construction of various room modifications over the years. Ventilation concerns in portions of buildings related to construction of additions and encapsulation.
- Gym condition poor, bleachers to be removed currently a safety concern.
- Lockers original poor condition throughout.
- Inadequate separation of specials areas.

Code ~ Accessibility/Life Safety

- Many toilet facilities are non accessible, in very poor condition, and/or nonfunctioning.
- Inaccessible in-classroom millwork and sinks.
- No functioning accessibility to the stage.
- Various accessibility concerns related to door entryways and proper floor clearance.

Structural

- Original building and 1956 addition wall bearing, steel joist, wood plank flooring (original) concrete deck (1956).
- Floor to floor noise transfer and acoustical concerns in original portion of the building.

Building Systems

- Fresh air relies on window ventilation, limited to no mechanical ventilation.
- No automatic sprinkler system within building.
- No Building Management System in the school.
- Plumbing fixtures are old and are failing, many are non-compliant with code.
- Unit ventilation in majority of spaces do not meet current codes, difficult to control/maintain/repair, staffing/student comfort concerns.
- Issues with technology including paging and clocks. Need to be replaced.
- Electrical power distribution and lighting are at the end or past their useful life.

Programmatic Observations

- Classrooms are good size, meet educational needs, although limited flexibility for grade level "pods", considering mixed grade pods.
- Good location for Admin Suite, Specials Classrooms (Music, Art, STEM), need appropriately size space.
- Noise/Acoustical transmission from 2nd floor.
- Lack of general classroom space on 1st floor.
- Poor location and setup for Media Center, should be the "heart" center of school.
- One cafeteria proves to be difficult scheduling.
- Limited space for conference/small group, specialized education, teacher prep, large group.
- Site security, parking, & boundary ongoing concern, limited opportunity for outdoor classrooms.