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## **Sunnyvale School District All-Access Restroom Information**

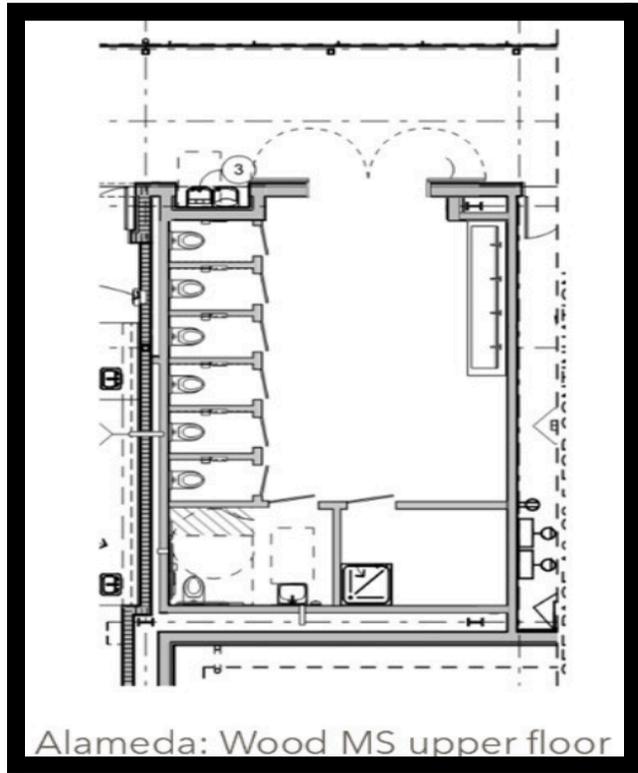
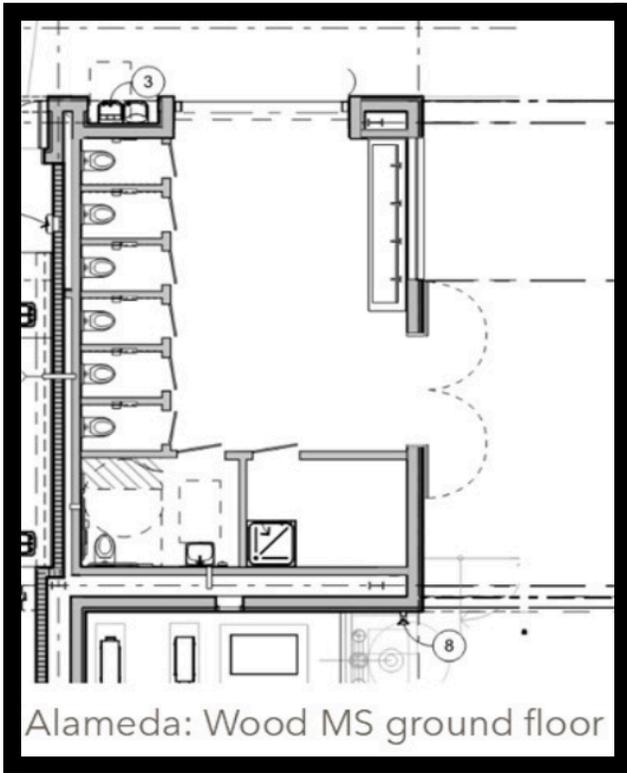
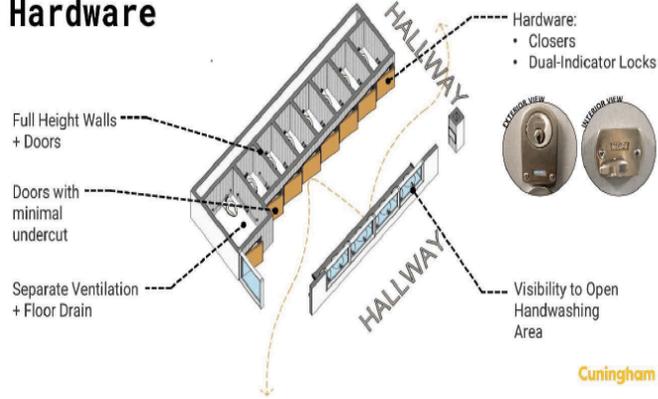
We are exploring the design and implementation of all-access restrooms at our middle school campuses to improve the overall restroom experience for all students. Feedback from surveys and Panorama data has shown that many students feel the current restroom experience could be better. This new design focuses on creating a more positive environment by enhancing supervision, promoting accountability, and ensuring improved cleanliness for all students. Our goal is to provide restrooms that are welcoming, safe, and meet the needs of every student.

There is also the implementation of Senate Bill 760 (SB 760) which is a state law requiring all public schools in California to provide students with access to restrooms that are inclusive of all genders. Sunnyvale School District is committed to being fully compliant with SB 760 by the deadline of July 1, 2026. The all-access restrooms are one of the ways that we can meet this requirement.

It is important to note that Sunnyvale SD will continue to maintain traditional gender-specific restrooms for students, ensuring a range of options to support the diverse needs of our school community.

The diagrams below show examples of all-access restroom designs. It is designed to provide added safety, privacy, and inclusivity for all students. Each stall functions as an individual private restroom with floor-to-ceiling walls and doors, ensuring complete privacy with no visibility into the individual rooms. The common area, shared by all students, is designated for handwashing and features open, well-lit spaces with increased visibility for enhanced safety and security. This design promotes a more inclusive environment while addressing safety concerns by allowing for unobstructed monitoring of the shared area without compromising the privacy of individual users.

# Full Height Walls, Doors, + Hardware



Below are some frequently asked questions and other information about the all-access restroom designs that Sunnyvale School District is considering.

### **What is the difference between gender-neutral restrooms and all-access restrooms?**

The terms "all-access" and "gender-neutral" restrooms are often used interchangeably, but they convey slightly different ideas. "Gender-neutral" focuses on ensuring restrooms are open to people of all gender identities, such as transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse individuals. This term highlights inclusivity for those who may not fit into traditional gender categories. "All-access," however, has a broader meaning. It emphasizes that the restroom is available to everyone, including people of any gender and individuals with disabilities. This term shifts the focus from gender to universal accessibility.

### **What do the inclusive restrooms look like?**

The restrooms would be brighter, safer, and more accessible than traditional restrooms. Each toilet stall is equipped with its own floor-to-ceiling door and walls with a light and fan that turn on automatically. From the outside, the lock clearly indicates if the stall is vacant or occupied. On the inside, a sign would read as 'secure' or 'unsecure.'

### **How are all-access restrooms different from traditional restrooms?**

More privacy: Each toilet stall is equipped with a floor-to-ceiling door and walls. Each door has a lock that clearly shows from the outside when a stall is vacant or occupied. On the inside, the sign reads as 'secure' or 'unsecure.'

All genders have equal access to the same restrooms. While each student uses a private, individual stall, students of all genders use the same restroom wash stations.

### **What makes inclusive restrooms safer?**

These restrooms are designed to be easier to monitor: the open design and wider entrances make it easy to see into the general restroom area. The restrooms would also be located in busy areas, so staff and students walking by can easily see into the handwashing area.

### **Where can I find more information or see updates?**

We have created a landing page on our district website that we will update with information from Board meetings and the design process. <https://www.sesd.org/Page/5835>

We will also be hosting a Zoom meeting on December 13 at 12:30 PM to share a presentation and information on all-access restrooms. [Middle School All-Access Informational Meeting](#)

**Where can I provide feedback on the all-access restrooms?**

The week of December 16th a survey will be sent out to all the middle school families. The goal of the survey will be to collect information and feedback from our families.