



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Fall 2025**

A Malibu Schools Update from Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

# AN UPDATE FROM SMMUSD SUPERINTENDENT **DR. ANTONIO SHELTON**

## Dear Parents and Neighbors,

We're excited to welcome Malibu students back to school, with teachers and staff committed to providing a truly great education. Our commitment goes beyond academics—we are focused on educating the whole student, constantly seeking new and creative ways to engage every learner.

Students are the experts of their experience. By listening to our students and placing their voices at the center, we are advancing student-driven learning that prepares them to become future-ready leaders.

**100%**

**Malibu High  
School  
Graduation Rate  
2024-25**

Students in Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) are receiving a great education. From our four-year-old learners in Transitional Kindergarten with programs designed to spark creativity and curiosity to our middle and high school students—whose learning experiences are being aligned with their unique interests—we are crafting an educational journey that is dynamic, personalized and transformative.

Over this summer, we advanced critical construction projects through our Facility Improvement Program detailed in this brochure. These new learning spaces, including a new Malibu High School (MHS) campus, reflect SMMUSD's commitment to tailoring education to the needs of today's students.

We are inspired by the resilience our students have shown while navigating the significant challenges of wildfires and school disruptions caused by power outages. We are installing alternative power generators and quick-connect systems that will allow our Malibu schools to seamlessly switch from Southern California Edison's power grid to backup generators when shutoffs occur.

Our teachers and principals continue to provide students with mental health resources, social-emotional support, and strong academic instruction. Small student-to-teacher ratios ensure that each student receives the attention and guidance they deserve.

SMMUSD is proud to be shaping the future of public education through our future-ready framework. By focusing on meaningful learning, evidence-based initiatives, and transformative spaces, we are preparing students not only for academic success but also for lives of purpose, resilience, and achievement.

**Together, we are building a community where every student can thrive.**

Warmly,



Antonio Shelton, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District



## Welcome Back to School



Malibu Middle School



Malibu High School



Webster Elementary School

## New Malibu High School Opens On-Budget and Ahead of Schedule

At the start of this school year, students and staff at Malibu High School (MHS) stepped into a newly completed campus designed to inspire learning, collaboration and creativity. The new MHS will serve as a vibrant hub for innovation and future-ready learning, with collaborative spaces that foster project-based learning and critical thinking, built to support high-quality instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and the arts. The facility is designed to blend seamlessly into the surrounding coastal environment, while being resilient and fire resistant.

## You're Invited: Malibu High School Ribbon-Cutting

**WHEN** | Thursday, September 25, 2025 – 4 p.m.

**WHERE** | 30237 Morning View Dr., Malibu, CA 90265

## Thank You for Passing Measure MM!

We are grateful to our community for supporting the passage of Measure MM on the November 2024 ballot. Funding from Measure MM is already at work to repair and upgrade older Malibu campuses:



Construction of the Malibu Middle School "Hub" building with new STEM labs, special education and life skills classrooms



Malibu and Webster Elementary School campus plans for improvement are underway



Improvements to safety and security systems



New middle school gymnasium and aquatics center for both student and after-school community use



Installation of emergency power systems



## Join Our Neighborhood News Mailing List

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## SMMUSD Goals for All Students

### Goal 1: College and Career Readiness

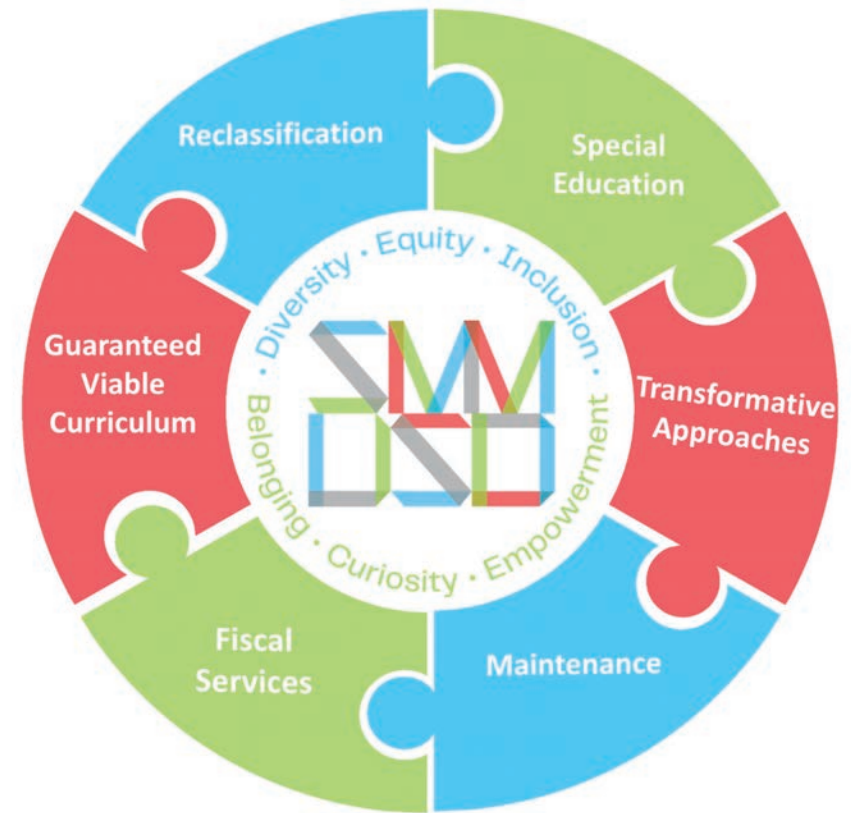
All students will be college and career ready through socially just pathways rooted in curiosity, belonging, and empowerment.

### Goal 2: Multilingual Learners

Multilingual learners will become proficient in English while engaging in a rigorous, culturally and linguistically responsive, standards-aligned core curriculum.

### Goal 3: Connection and Belonging

All students and families will feel connected and informed while engaging in safe, well-maintained and culturally responsive schools that support future-ready learning.



First day  
of school  
at Malibu  
Elementary

### Community Engagement

We are fortunate to have an engaged and supportive parent network at every school, along with our Santa Monica-Malibu Council of Parent-Teacher Associations. Visit your school's website or [smmpta.org](http://smmpta.org) to learn more.

All parents, guardians, staff, and community members are also welcome to join our PTAs and support our schools.