



BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL (7-12)

1201 South Marengo Avenue

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Year Built: 1964
 Site Acreage: 5.00
 Grade Levels: 7-12

 Enrollment: 1181
 Permanent Capacity: 1242
 Classrooms:
 Permanent: 31
 Portables: 24

Assessment Summary:

Upon arrival at Blair High, the most noticeable aspect of the school’s curb-side façade is the lack of a well defined main entry. The second noticeable feature is its porosity to any part of the campus without having to go through a controlled access point. These characteristics prompted the Planning Team to propose a redistribution of the administrative spaces into one cohesive and well defined location within the Main Building – this in concert with the creation of an entry quad marked as such through the implementation of architectural elements which would define its importance as a gateway.

Blair was minimally touched by the previous modernization effort so its immediate needs are numerous. Included under this priority are: Construction of a permanent cover to shield the amphitheater and stage area or the construction of a new auditorium; make the entire site ADA accessible through ramping, lift and/or elevator systems, including access to the pool area and fields beyond; modernization of the main, three story, Classroom Building, including upgrading of the Cafeteria and Kitchen; provision of natural lighting to classroom spaces and the corridors, utilizing mitigating measures on the latter to eliminate the “institutional” look. Also, special classrooms such as the Music/Band Room are in need of modernization as are the gym’s locker rooms..

In keeping with the district goal of eliminating the use of leased portable buildings, removal of all portables at the north end of campus and replacing these with a new two-story science building along with classes displaced by the elimination of the portables is recommended. This would restore the parking lot back to its intended use.