

The Aurora Learning Center

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Overview

- Background
 - History
 - The Aurora Program
 - Waiver Process
- The Aurora Learning Center
- Concluding Thoughts



Background

History:

- Program operated in a leased facility under an exemption from Field Act.
- With the passage of AB 114, the County Mental Health Department withdrew from the current site and was not going to renew its master lease.
- KCSOS wanted and needed a Field Act compliant facility that was safe and educationally appropriate on a long-term basis.

Program:

- Provide services to students that have extreme challenges with their behavior and designed to prepare student to return to a less restrictive environment.
- Developed to avoid non-public school or residential placement.
- Team of Educators: Mental Health Professionals, Program specialists, School nurses and instructional aides.

Waiver Process:

- Detailed process to acquire approval

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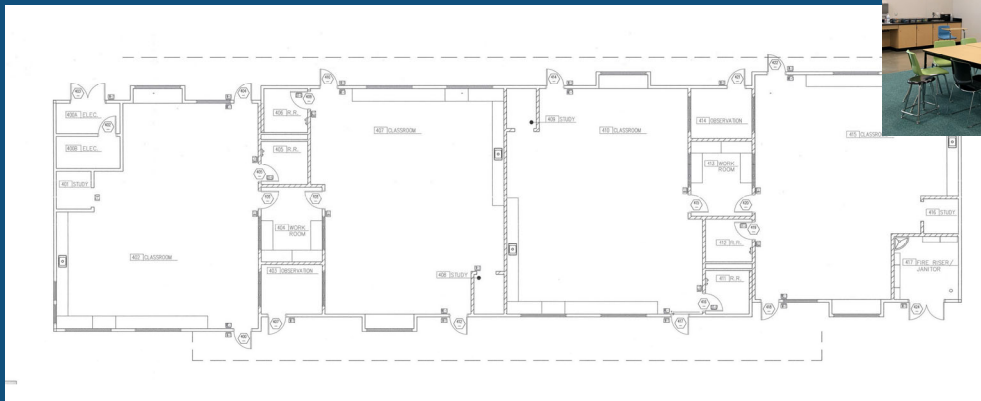


Site Plan



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Typical Classrooms



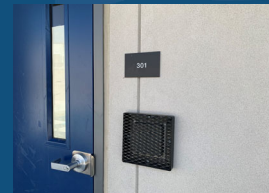
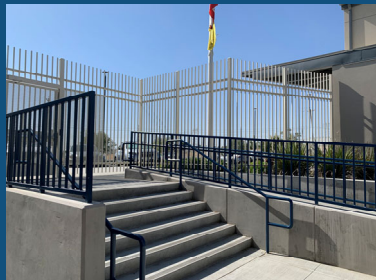
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Special Design Considerations- Site/Landscaping



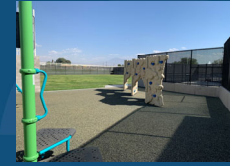
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Special Design Considerations- Fencing/Security



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Special Design Considerations- Outdoor Spaces



Specialized Play
Equipment

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Special Design Considerations- Color & Finish/Materials



- Calming and Inviting
- Easy to clean
- Limited furniture
- Durable finishes/materials
- Windows

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Special Design Considerations- Learning Spaces



Computer/Library



Vocational Education

- Computer/Library
- Flexible Sensory Lab
- Vocational Education

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Concluding Thoughts

- Lessons Learned
- Design created balance between safety and aesthetic
- Overall improved behavior - Students and parents have pride in campus
- Successful in maintaining students in their family homes and educating them locally.

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Questions?



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