



School Element

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SCHOOL ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE

SUPPORT EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS SERVICING LOCAL COMMUNITY NEEDS.

The guidelines to achieve this are:

- Quality educational opportunities through community interaction and participation with local educational districts.
- Coordinate public school planning with residential planning to assure facility availability for the school population in a timely manner.
- Proper location and size of public school sites by early planning for their acquisition and assessment of the cyclical aging pattern of neighborhoods (e.g., in older neighborhoods the age of homes often begins to slow the rise in prices and older adult neighborhoods attract young families again).
- Development of public school sites in conjunction with neighborhood parks and with neighborhood collector street accessibility.
- Coordination between the Poway Unified School District and Carmel Mountain Ranch (Master Developer) to monitor pupil generation and verify the need for school sites. Also to determine the extent of developer's financial responsibility prior to initiation of residential construction. (See **Plan Alternatives.**)
- Consideration and planning of safe pathways and roadways between internal community neighborhoods and internal/external neighborhoods to accommodate school boundaries that cross neighborhood lines. For example, pedestrian access has been provided between Unit 22 and the adjacent middle school in Poway.
- Harmony between school and neighborhood designs by the coordinated use of materials and colors.
- Linkage of bikeways to school access routes.
- Promotion of the use of school facilities by adults for education, cultural, civic and recreational activities to maximize usage of school facilities.
- Allow the provision of private or cooperatively operated daycare facilities.

PROPOSALS

Carmel Mountain Ranch is in the Poway Unified School District; however, the mixed residential base and the self-containment of the community may make pupil generation more like an average section from San Diego city than a suburban cross-section. These factors will possibly alter the number of students generated, as will the trend to childless couples and small families. The Poway Unified School District, Carmel Mountain Ranch (Master Developer) and others have established a community facilities district under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act to finance school facilities. Three school sites have been designated on the Carmel Mountain Ranch land use plan in response to current planning estimates.

1. Elementary Schools

Two elementary schools are required in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Highland Ranch Elementary School is on a 9.9-acre site (Unit 56) located in the center of the community near the library and neighborhood park (Units 54 and 55). Shoal Creek Elementary School (Unit 51) is on a ten-acre site, located to the south of Ted Williams Parkway, and became fully operational in 1998.

2. Middle and High Schools

Unit 57 has been designated a ten-acre school expansion site and is being used as a parking lot to serve Rancho Bernardo Middle School and Rancho Bernardo High School immediately to the north in Bernardo Heights. This site could be used for classrooms or other school-related facilities in the future as determined by Poway Unified School District.

The Meadowbrook Middle School in Poway may serve a portion of the Carmel Mountain Ranch community. Designs for Unit 22 development have incorporated access from Carmel Mountain Ranch to the middle school.