

Construction Update Two - Ruhkala Elementary Expansion



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This is our second of several updates for Ruhkala Elementary staff and families regarding the Rocklin Academy expansion project at Ruhkala Elementary School.

Rocklin Unified construction partners are currently completing **Phase I** of the project. Here is what has happened so far and what can be expected in the near future:

- The site has been graded and the building pads have been approved and certified.
- The underground utilities have been installed.
- The electrical trench that runs from the field to the existing multipurpose room has been completed.
- The blacktop asphalt patch back will be completed by August 7.
- The temporary fencing on the blacktop will be removed after August 7 and the blacktop will be cleaned and ready for the opening of school.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How will construction equipment enter and leave campus once school starts?

There will be minimal disruption to the campus or safety concerns for students, staff and families. All construction equipment will be coming in and out of the fire lane road, away from campus, on the south side of the field.

Will areas be gated off sufficiently so the students will be able to play during recess time?

Yes. If the field isn't ready after the water is turned on during the week of August 5, then fencing will be put up to block the area off in anticipation of it being ready in a week or two after school starts.

Will the blacktop be resurfaced?

Yes. The entire site will have asphalt cracks filled in, slurry sealed and re-stripped. This scope of work will be done after all construction is completed on the site with an estimated completion before the start of the 2020 school year. At that point, the playground games, maps and all original features will be redone. This year students will be able to use the blacktop.

Does the current plan include landscaping areas that were affected by construction efforts?

In the next couple of weeks, the district's ground crew will proceed with the field maintenance program, which includes aerating, fertilizer and seed. After the completion of the project, the district will assess the turf and determine if other options (within budget) are required.

As progress is made and pertinent construction details occur, the Rocklin Unified School District will continue to update the staff and families of Ruhkala Elementary School.

As we enter the 2019-2020 school year, Ruhkala staff and community members will have the opportunity to revisit the current strategic plan and vision. Updated areas of priority will be identified and will refresh, support and continue to enhance the Ruhkala campus. More information on how you can be part of this process will be sent after the first few weeks of school.

If there are questions related to the construction process, please email Craig Rouse, Senior Director of Maintenance, Facilities and Operations at crouse@rocklinusd.org

