

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency) San Mateo-Foster  
City School District, 1170 Chess Drive  
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(Address)

Project Title: Sunnybrae Elementary School Multi-Purpose Structure

### Project Location - Specific:

Sunnybrae Elementary School, 1031 S. Delaware Street, San Mateo, CA 94402

Project Location – City: San Mateo Project Location – County: San Mateo

### Description of Project:

Construction of an 11,266 square foot Multi-Purpose Room, including a kitchen and serving area, special education classrooms, restrooms, and storage, as well as other ancillary rooms, on the campus at Sunnybrae Elementary School.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Mateo-Foster City School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Mateo-Foster City School District

### Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));  
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15314, Class 14  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons why project is exempt:


The proposed project is exempt because it is characterized as a minor addition to an existing school within existing school grounds. Additionally, the proposed project does not fall within the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. See attached.

### Lead Agency

Contact Person: Robert Price Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-312-7499

### If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature:  Date: 04/14/2022 Title: Consultant to the District

- Signed by Lead Agency Consultant to the District  
Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed by Applicant

January 2004

## **CEQA Guidelines Section 15314, Minor Additions to Schools, Class 14**

The proposed project is exempt because it is characterized as a minor addition to an existing school within existing school grounds where the additional does not increase original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms, whichever is less.

The 11,266 square foot Multi-Purpose Room will include a kitchen and serving area, special education classrooms, restrooms, and storage, as well as other ancillary rooms. The project would not create any new standard classrooms that would provide for an increase in student capacity. Therefore, the proposed project would not increase original student capacity.

### **Exceptions to the Class 14 Exemption**

The following are exceptions to categorical exemptions, and a discussion as to why these exceptions do not apply to the proposed project.

1. Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

Discussion. The project qualifies for a Class 14 exemption and therefore, the location exception does not apply to the project.

2. Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

Discussion. The school district is not planning successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, there is no cumulative impact that would be significant.

3. Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Discussion. Neither the school district nor the school district's consultants are aware of any unusual circumstances associated with the project such that the project would result in a reasonable possibility of resulting in a significant effect on the environment.

4. Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

Discussion. According to the San Mateo County General Plan Scenic Corridors Map and the California Scenic Highway Program and the City of San Mateo General Plan, the City of San Mateo does not contain any officially designated State of California scenic highways. Therefore, no scenic highways, or scenic resources, would be affected as a result of the project.

5. Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Discussion. The proposed project is not located on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The site is not located on the California Environmental Protection Agency's Cortese List (Health and Safety Code Section 25187.5). The State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker (Health and Safety Code Section 25295 and Water Code Sections 13273 and 13301) does not indicate any hazardous sites within the project site. The project site is also not listed on the California Environmental Protection Agency's list of solid waste sites identified by the Water Board with waste constituents above hazardous waste levels outside the waste management unit (Health and Safety Code Section 116395).

6. Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Discussion. The school is not located within or near City-designated Historic Districts (i.e. Downtown Historic District and the Glazenwood Historic District). Additionally, the project does not include any changes to existing buildings. Therefore, the proposed project would not cause a change in the significance of a historical resource.