



## Jonas Salk Elementary School San Diego, CA

Fairy shrimp, a microscopic organism and endangered species, was nearly the cause for abandoning this project. A Congressional hearing, a collaborative property swap between the city and school district, and after ten years of haggling, the project was given the green light. Seven buildings were designed including 24 standard classrooms, six kindergarten classrooms, two classrooms for special needs, and a Learning Resource Center. The buildings are steel frame, pitched roofs, with stucco finish.

As the proposed site is situated in the middle of an existing neighborhood, the consensus from interactive community outreach presentations was integrated into the design. Named for Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the first polio vaccine, his son Dr. Peter Salk provided memorabilia for the school and participated in the design of the wall art dedicated to his father.

Photovoltaic carports provide 15% of the energy for the campus. The project received a grant from the local gas/electric company, a rebate from the State for the installation of solar panels, and exceeded State of California Title 24 regulations by 35.9%.

### New Construction/Addition

#### Entire school/campus building

#### Sillman Wright Architects

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#### DESIGN TEAM

Sillman Wright Architects, Architect of Record  
Soltek Pacific, General Contractor  
BWE, Structural & Civil Engineering  
Neri Landscape Architecture, Landscape  
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#### OWNER/CLIENT

San Diego Unified School District  
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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-5  
Capacity: 600  
Size of Site: 13 acres  
Building Area: 54,862 sq. ft.  
Space per Student: 91.43 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$40,000  
Square Foot Cost: \$437  
Project Cost: \$24,000,000  
Completion Date: August 2015  
Sustainability Rating Status: CHPS

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