

**Assessment Narrative**

## 2.23.0

2.23.1 **Northwest High School**

## 2.23.2 GENERAL INFORMATION

Original Construction: 1990  
Additions/Renovations: 1995, 2003  
Site Area: undetermined  
Floor Area (Permanent): 91,647  
Floor Area (Portable/Temporary):  
Design Capacity: 850  
Current Enrollment: 603  
Capacity/Enrollment: 71%  
Portables\Temporary: 0  
Permanent Classrooms: 30

## 2.23.3 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND ARRANGEMENT

The campus consists of a large single-story building and a few auxiliary buildings. The single-story building envelope consists of slab-on-grade, load bearing masonry walls, structural steel framing, metal decking, brick veneer, insulated metal windows. Aluminum walkway covers connect some of the auxiliary buildings to the main building.

## 2.23.4 INTERIOR FINISHES

**Administrative Offices:**

VCT flooring was observed to be in overall good condition. Painted CMU walls appeared to be in overall good condition. Acoustical ceilings with lay-in fluorescent light fixtures were observed in good condition. Lighting levels appeared good overall. Interior wood doors, hollow metal frames, and hardware were in good condition. Minimal seating available. Wood / plastic laminate reception counter, shelves, counters, and cabinets appeared to be in overall good condition.

**Corridors:**

Coated concrete floor was observed and appeared to be in good condition overall, but did exhibit some cracks. Painted CMU walls were observed and appeared to be in good condition. Acoustical ceilings with lay-in fluorescent light fixtures were observed to be in fair condition. Lighting levels appeared to be good. Wood doors, hollow metal frames, and related door hardware were observed to be in good condition. Metal lockers were observed to be in good condition. Display boards appeared to be in good condition.

**Assessment Narrative****Restrooms:**

Coated concrete floor was observed and appeared to be in overall fair condition. Painted CMU walls were observed to be in overall fair condition. Drywall ceilings with surface-mounted fluorescent light fixtures were observed, and appeared to be in fair condition. Lighting levels appeared to be adequate. Plumbing fixtures appeared to be in fair condition. Toilet partitions were CMU, with plastic laminate doors, and appeared to be in good condition overall. Ventilation was adequate. No toilet room doors observed; utilized a cased opening.

**Classrooms:**

VCT flooring was observed and appeared to be in good condition overall. Painted CMU walls were observed to be in overall good condition. Ceilings were 2 x 4 acoustical ceilings and appeared to be in overall good condition. Lay-in fluorescent light fixtures were observed and appeared to be in good condition overall. Lighting levels appeared good. Wood flush doors with hollow metal frames were observed to be in overall fair condition. Marker boards and tack boards appeared to be in overall good condition. Individual desks were observed to be in overall fair condition.

**Auditorium:**

VCT flooring was observed and appeared to be in fair condition. Painted CMU walls were observed and appeared to be in good condition overall. Acoustical ceilings with lay-in fluorescent light fixtures were observed in the seating area and appeared to be in good condition. Ceiling over the stage area was an acoustical ceiling with fluorescent lighting and track lighting which appeared to be in good condition. Wood doors, hollow metal frames, and hardware were observed and appeared to be in fair condition. No permanent seating was observed.

**Gymnasium:**

Wood flooring was observed and appeared to be in good condition. Painted CMU walls appeared to be in good condition. The ceiling was the exposed structure with high-bay light fixtures & fluorescent fixtures, and appeared to be in good condition. Lighting level appeared adequate. Interior wood doors & hollow metal frames, and associated door hardware, appeared to be in good condition overall. Gym Equipment consisted of basketball goals, volleyball equipment & wall pads, and appeared to be in good condition. Telescoping bleachers were observed, and appeared to be in overall fair condition.

**Assessment Narrative****Cafeteria and Kitchen:**

Coated concrete floor was observed and appeared to be in good condition. Painted CMU walls were observed, and appeared to be in good condition. Acoustical ceilings with lay-in fluorescent light fixtures were observed, and appeared to be in fair condition overall. Lighting levels appeared adequate. All food service equipment was observed to be in good condition. Plastic laminate tables and bench seating with steel frames appeared to be in overall good condition.

**Library:**

VCT flooring was observed and appeared to be in good condition overall. Painted CMU walls were observed to be in overall good condition. Acoustical ceilings with lay-in fluorescent light fixtures were observed and appeared to be in overall fair condition. Lighting level appeared adequate. Wood flush doors with hollow metal frames were observed to be in overall good condition. Library wood shelving observed to be in overall fair condition. Wood cabinets and counters were observed and appeared to be in fair condition. Plastic chairs with steel frames and laminate table tops with steel frames were observed to be in good condition.

**Computer Lab:**

VCT flooring was observed and appeared to be in good condition overall. Painted CMU walls were observed to be in overall good condition. Acoustical ceilings with lay-in fluorescent light fixtures were observed, and appeared to be in good condition overall. Light level appeared adequate. Wood flush doors with hollow metal frame were observed to be in overall good condition. Display boards appeared to be in good condition. Work stations: upholstered rolling chairs and plastic laminate tables with steel frames were observed to be in overall good condition. \_\_\_\_ computers were observed.

**Assessment Narrative****Science Labs:**

VCT flooring was observed and appeared to be in good condition overall. Painted CMU walls were observed to be in overall good condition. Acoustical ceilings with lay-in fluorescent light fixtures were observed, and appeared to be in good condition overall. Light levels appeared adequate. Wood flush doors with hollow metal frame were observed to be in overall good condition. Display boards appeared to be in good condition. Work stations: wood storage cabinets and solid surface tops with gas and water services were observed to be in overall good condition. Eye wash and emergency shower were observed.

**Vocational Shop:**

Sealed concrete floor, painted CMU walls, exposed structure with fluorescent light fixtures, all observed to be in fair condition. Welding equipment, drill press, and table saws observed, and appeared to be functional.

**2.23.5 WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS**

The facility is serviced by a public water supply source and public sewage disposal.

**2.23.6 HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS**

Central plant with cooling towers.

**2.23.7 ELECTRICAL AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS**

Single electrical service entrance for main building. Pad mounted electrical transformer. Fluorescent lighting fixtures were observed throughout the facility.

**2.23.8 Fire Protection System**

The facility is sprinklered and monitored by a fire alarm system. Fire extinguishers and a kitchen hood extinguisher system were observed.

**2.23.9 EXTERIOR GROUNDS**

The exterior grounds have paved drives and parking in fair condition, without parking lot lighting, and with building-mounted security lighting. Concrete paved walkways and walkway covers are present. Overall, landscaping is minimal, but grass and trees are in good condition and plentiful.