

As many of you know, San Diego Unified School District partners with the City to provide public access to joint-use school fields outside of school hours. Many of these sites have experienced an increase in dog waste being left on school grounds, leading to complaints from parents, students, and school staff about sanitation and safety. To help preserve public access while addressing these concerns, the City is implementing a new Progressive Dog Signage Program that promotes responsible park use and establishes a clear, consistent process for addressing repeated non-compliance.

The program will use a simple color-coded sign system to inform the public of each park's status and encourage compliance with leash and waste-removal regulations.

- Green – Open: The park is operating normally.
- Yellow – At Risk: The park remains open but has experienced a recent fecal incident and is at risk of closure if additional incidents occur.
- Red – Closed: The park is temporarily closed due to repeated non-compliance with regulations.

Under the new progressive closure system:

- All parks begin in Green status.
- One fecal incident within a 30-day period moves the park to Yellow.
- Two fecal incidents within a 30-day period result in a 15-day closure.
- Subsequent repeated incidents after reopening result in 30-day and then 60-day closures. Following each closure, the park reopens in Yellow status and can return to Green after 30 consecutive days without an incident.

Implementation will begin with a pilot at three joint-use locations:

- Birney Elementary (Council District 3)
- Franklin Elementary (Council District 9)
- **Pacific Beach Middle School (Council District 1)**

Additional sites will be added in phases, with the first installations planned for the new San Diego Unified School District school year on August 10, 2026.

The goal of this program is to keep these facilities open and safe by increasing public awareness and encouraging responsible use. We appreciate your support in helping share this information with your communities.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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