

Invest Collegiate Charter School: Transform Charlotte, NC

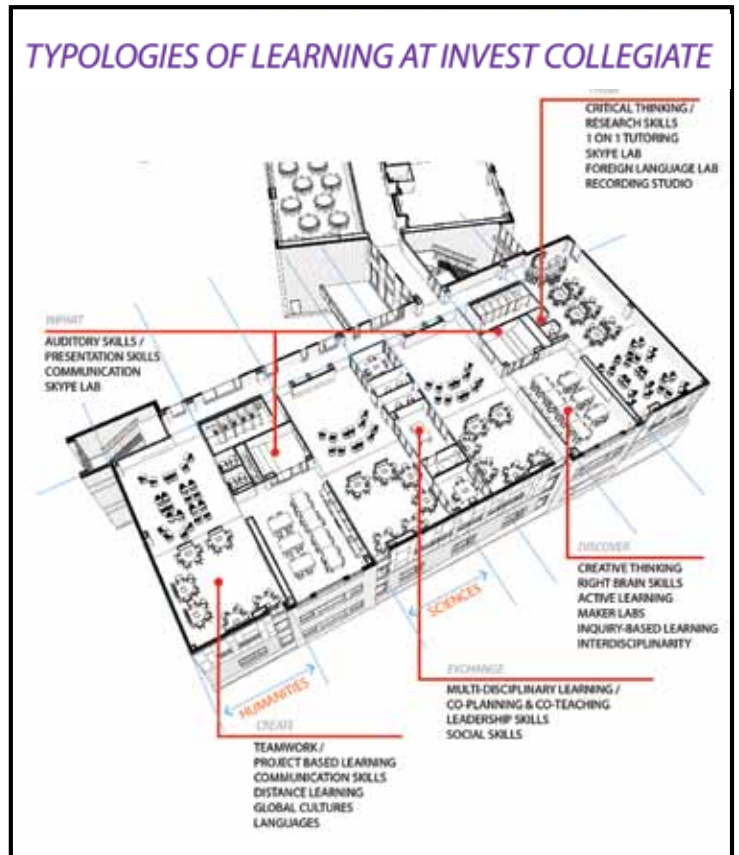
Invest Collegiate Charter School's mission is to provide an alternative education that addresses tomorrow's needs by emphasizing self-direction, leadership and transdisciplinary project-based learning. Focusing on the client's desire to create a truly transformative learning experience, the design team incorporated The Immersive Learningscape as a design driver.

The Immersive Learningscape is a concept that integrates four key challenges to today's education (multiple modalities of learning, new technologies, customization of education and the teaching and learning of 21st-century skills) into a flexible, adaptable, active and engaging learning environment. The concept incorporates a landscape of various learning environments that address five typologies of learning: Think, Create, Discover, Impart and Exchange.

The building is designed to foster a culture of knowledge sharing, transparency, collaboration and experimentation. The 'parti' of the building highlights a clear and centripetal circulation path at the heart of the building through a single-loaded corridor, with the educational programmed spaces (Immersive Learningscape typologies) occupying the perimeter. As



students circulate through the building, they are continuously engaging the inner courtyard as well as stunning views of the Charlotte skyline.



New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-8
 Capacity: 850 students
 Size of Site: 8.94 acres
 Building Area: 80,000 sq. ft.
 Space per Student: 94 sq. ft.
 Cost per Student: \$12,941
 Square Foot Cost: \$137
 Project Cost: \$11,300,000
 Completion Date: July 2014
 Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level:
 Pursuing LEED for Schools

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