

South Conejos PreK–12 School

Antonito, CO

The South Conejos School District replaced its aging and educationally inadequate primary and secondary facilities with a new combined-level PreK–12 school. Located in the rural town of Antonito, Colorado, the school serves a close-knit community with strong, historic Hispanic roots. Antonito experiences cold, dry winters, mild summers, and almost 300 days of sunshine per year, influencing many design strategies.

As a result of the community planning process, the building has three distinct areas: a central zone where the Cafeteria/Auxiliary Gym serves as the “Town Plaza” for large community gatherings and two separate academic wings to meet the specialized needs of primary and secondary students. A range of flexible-use and technology-enabled learning environments, along with age-oriented outdoor courtyards incorporates physical activity and a connection to the outdoors.

The Media Center, with its cylindrical “Kiva” is the heart of the school, serving as a much-loved hub for meeting and study. With local support and a grant from the State of Colorado, the LEED Gold-designed school opened in 2015.



New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: PreK–12
 Capacity: 280
 Size of Site: 23 acres
 Building Area: 63,583 sq. ft.
 Space per Student: 227 sq. ft.
 Cost per Student: \$60,989
 Square Foot Cost: \$269
 Project Cost: \$19,763,067
 Completion Date: August 2015
 Sustainability Rating Status: LEED Gold (pending)

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