



## William F. Cooke, Jr. Elementary School

Hockessin, DE



The 600 student William F. Cooke, Jr. Elementary School is Red Clay Consolidated School District's first new school in over 10 years. The main entry provides for cross-thru access, allowing for bus and vehicular separation on site while creating a central



### New Construction/Addition

#### Entire school/campus building

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#### DESIGN TEAM

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

Red Clay Consolidated School District  
Hockessin, DE  
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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-5  
Capacity: 600  
Size of Site: 16.6 acres  
Building Area: 71,186 sq. ft.  
Space per Student: 119 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$34,152  
Square Foot Cost: \$288  
Project Cost: \$20,491,501  
Completion Date: June 2015

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entry feature highlighted with the "Bus Tank" aquarium and a "Lego Wall." The "Bus Tank" was created using a bus salvaged from Hurricane Sandy flood waters. Centrally located Administration, Media Center and Community Room areas are directly accessible from the main entry. The Main Stair, enclosed in a glazed shaft, acts as a beacon of activity during the day and glows at night.

The building is nestled into the sloping site with multiple floor elevations. The K-1 wing is separated from the two-story academic wing housing grades 2-3 on the lower level and grades 4-5 on the second floor. Each wing has centrally located breakout learning spaces and teacher support areas. Bright colors serve as a wayfinding device and enlivens the student experience both inside and outside the school.

