Russellville High School Cyclone Arena

Russellville, AR





The Russellville School District completed a Performing Arts Center addition to its high school campus and needed a competition gymnasium. The architect was tasked to investigate where and how to place this facility on

New Construction/Addition Sports facility/fitness center

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9–12 Capacity: 2,350 Size of Site: 1.47 acres Building Area: 63,855 sq. ft. Space per Student: 27 sq. ft. Cost per Student: \$5,897 Square Foot Cost: \$217 Project Cost: \$13,837,890 Completion Date: September 2015

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campus. Many options were considered, even an expansion and remodel of the existing gymnasium. With a need to provide seating capacity of 2,350, a free-standing new facility was chosen by the district. The Athletic Director and District Superintendent had a desire for a "big-feel" facility that complemented the architecture of the new Performing Arts Center.

Once the site was decided, the architect took the opportunity to introduce large amounts of glass in the north façade to bring daylighting into the facility without direct sunlight issues. Glass was also incorporated into enclosed stairwells to provide good daylight as well.

The finished product is a focal point of the athletic side of the campus, overlooking the football stadium while providing a new facility on the north side of campus that complements the Performing Arts Center creating a welcoming community approach to the facility.

