

Unity Christian High School

Hudsonville, MI



Unity Christian High School has a reputation for preparing students well for college and the workforce. This success is largely due to the deeply supportive community. As a result, the student enrollment numbers continued to rise. They were outgrowing their building and they desperately needed a

plan for future growth. As a private school totally dependent on the support of donors, school administrators took a leap of faith and began the design of the project before they had raised the funds. Therefore, one of the key drivers of this project was efficiency in terms of dollars and resources.

The design process revealed that Unity Christian was a school based on traditional classroom teaching styles. Based on this model,

a precast concrete wall system was chosen to form the skeleton of the building. This system allowed for a traditional layout, while adding flexibility to the internal layout for future changes. The system also had the added benefit of lowering the overall cost of the building. The designers chose wood tones and added ample natural light to give the space the warmth it needed to balance the look of the concrete.

New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9–12

Capacity: 700

Size of Site: 80 acres

Building Area: 147,536 sq. ft.

Space per Student: 211 sq. ft.

Cost per Student: \$24,571

Square Foot Cost: \$117

Project Cost: \$17,200,000

Completion Date: August 2015

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