Veterans Memorial High School
Corpus Christi, TX

LEARNING BY DESIGN
Outstanding Project
2016

The new Veterans Memorial High School was designed to house 2,400 students in four learning communities, embracing the concept of personalized learning by enhancing student-staff interaction. These communities have diverse spaces within them, allowing for a great variety of activities, such as collaboration, to take place.

The building is a two-story facility with the learning communities separated from the louder activities by a central education core, which is focused on the library that spills over adjacent spaces with the use of an open-concept large group instruction room and a link to the adjacent cafeteria through a central cafe area. The open core serves as the nerve center for the school, linking all program spaces, such as fine arts and music with athletics and career technology.

The design team highlighted the building's volume by creating an inviting public entrance to the auditorium that enhances the main entry. Designed with contemporary materials, including stucco and steel, the main entry is characterized by an enlarged cantilevered roof feature that leads students and visitors to the building.

New Construction/Addition
Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS
Grades Served: 9–12
Capacity: 2,400
Size of Site: 75.98 acres
Building Area: 426,135 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 32.2 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: $6,816
Square Foot Cost: $212
Project Cost: $90,204,495
Completion Date: August 2015
Sustainability Rating Status: Leed Certified

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