

## Dorothy Adkins Middle School

### Corpus Christi, TX

Dorothy Adkins Middle School was designed to house 1,200 students in three learning communities to embrace the concept of personalized learning, which was modeled after the design of the new district high school, in order to soften the transition between middle and high school. Knowing that middle schoolers thrive on diversity, classrooms are designed as a variation of the Fat L, so that there can be defined activity areas in each room, which are supported with active furniture to support the design goals.

Located in a coastal Texas town, materials reflect the contemporary nature of the city. The new school includes large expanses of masonry intertwined with stucco and, throughout the exterior, walls fan out to reflect the wind and waves that have made the city well known. These also allow for small exciting spaces to occur inside. In the classrooms, they create small individual learning areas, while in the library, which is wide open to the main circulation spine, they create exhibition spaces that all can enjoy, making it a true learning center.



### New Construction/Addition

#### Entire school/campus building

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#### DESIGN TEAM

Fulton Construction, Contractor  
 Stenstrom Schneider, Inc. (SSI), Structural Engineer  
 PBK, MEP Engineer  
 Naismith Engineering, Inc., Civil Engineer  
 Gignac Landscape, Landscape Architect

#### OWNER/CLIENT

Corpus Christi Independent School District  
 Corpus Christi, TX  
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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8  
 Capacity: 1,000  
 Size of Site: 36.48 acres  
 Building Area: 148,000 sq. ft.  
 Space per Student: 150 sq. ft.  
 Cost per Student: \$36,872  
 Square Foot Cost: \$208  
 Project Cost: \$36,872,924  
 Completion Date: August 2015  
 Sustainability Rating Status: Leed Certified

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