



West Valley New Middle School Kalispell, MT



West Valley, a rural K-8 school in Kalispell, Montana, has undergone a dramatic metamorphosis with new and renovated future-flexible spaces. The new West Valley School features a reimagined entry commons, a second practice gym, a library, a music room, a kitchen, 15 additional classrooms and a district kitchen. Because every new space is highly adaptable, this is a school of the future, to be sure.

With classroom-width hallways bisecting the learning spaces, the new rooms are highly convertible: sliding and rolling overhead doors made of laminated glass and seals to maintain acoustics, perform like walls when they're closed, but when open they allow for unprecedented utilization of rooms and tiered thoroughfares as co-teaching space, lunchroom or indoor amphitheater.

Moreover, selected furniture is light and on wheels and can be easily reassembled into individual, small group or large group configurations.

Distinctly bright and unique colors adorn classroom walls and help with wayfinding, especially on your first day school.

New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8
Capacity: 364
Size of Site: 20.08 acres
Building Area: 38,545 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 106 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$19,379
Square Foot Cost: \$183
Project Cost: \$7,054,000
Completion Date: September 2015

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