



COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

British International School of Houston Houston, TX



Stand in the center of the new British International School of Houston (BISH) and you can watch 1,600 students engaged in personalized learning. Behind the storefront glass walls, students flow seamlessly from space to space. Classrooms change by the hour, and all learners are highly engaged. This view defines the design of BISH, a futuristic campus focused on the personal needs of learners in grades PreK-12.

The building is organized around a second-floor Agora, where anyone can come to share ideas, research and collaborate. The surrounding learning environments include makerspaces, science labs, a design technology center and an International Baccalaureate Center. A Performing Arts Center supports curriculum designed in collaboration with The Julliard School.

key aspect of BISH's design. Classrooms have glazing on 50 percent of all surfaces, providing exceptional connectivity throughout campus. The combination of tilt-up concrete panels and glass storefront achieves a high level of connectivity on a reasonable budget.

In the learning neighborhoods, no teacher owns a specific space. There are no teachers' desks, no whiteboards and no front of the room. Instead, students have access to mobile displays connected to Apple TVs, collaborative writing walls and flexible furniture. Transparency is a



New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: PreK-12
Capacity: 1,600 students
Size of Site: 33 acres
Building Area: 280,000 gsf
Space per Student: 175 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$36,500
Square Foot Cost: \$207
Project Cost: \$58,000,000
Completion Date: August 2016

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