



COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

Mandarin Immersion Magnet School Houston, TX

The Mandarin Immersion Magnet School (MIMS) is a unique prototype school where culture and language are the driving forces of a rigorous academic program that engages students in simulated problem-solving scenarios to promote learning and critical thinking. A student at the MIMS is immersed in a culture-rich environment that allows them to become well rounded global citizens prepare to be active participants of an ever-growing global economy.

Embedded in the heart of the most diverse city in the nation, the school is a direct reflection of its urban and community context. Cultural transparency and integration are in the DNA of the school. Elements of Chinese culture are utilized throughout the campus as



New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: PreK - 8
Capacity: 904 students
Size of Site: 7.92 acres
Building Area: 119,966 gsf
Space per Student: 132.7 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$30,738
Square Foot Cost: \$266
Project Cost: \$27,787,839
Completion Date: May 2016
Sustainability Rating Status: LEED Silver Candidate

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learning, wayfinding, and sustainability features.

The main architectural concept of the school, "Ming," is an exploration of entwined forces. These forces progressively drive architecture and education towards a new prototype of immersion school where flexibility and adaptability allow community participation to

reinforce the concept of the global village. The MIMS "Village" feeds off of the diversity of city while abstracting architectural elements to achieve a harmonies design that is reminiscent of Asian forms, but respectful of its context and environment.

