



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Butler Elementary School Cottonwood Heights, UT



Butler Elementary, a new school built on the occupied site of the old school, is designed as a set of small learning communities. Large airy classrooms surround intimate central collaboration spaces that provide students and teachers with a place for varied educational opportunities. Outside each classroom is a tutoring nook—a “kitchen table” element—where project-based learning takes place. Inside the classroom, a window seat and large windows provide outstanding day lighting.

The building is themed around the name of its location, Cottonwood Heights, “The City between the Canyons.” Inside, fun facts and tactile panels reinforce the canyon themed learning opportunities. Outside, distinct horizontals and verticals evoke the sense of canyons being created. The two exterior courtyards also serve as educational elements, the North titled Big Cottonwood Canyon and the South titled Little Cottonwood Canyon, highlighting the different ways the canyons were formed.



New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: PreK – 5
Capacity: 700 students
Size of Site: 9.14 acres
Building Area: 89,000 gsf
Space per Student: 127 sq./ft.
Cost per Student: \$27,114
Square Foot Cost: \$213
Project Cost: \$17,045,146
Completion Date: August 2016

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