



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kramer Elementary Oxford, OH



In response to the faculty's desire to facilitate learning in new ways that weren't possible in their previous facility, the design team transformed the typical four-square classrooms with a central hallway into a flexible learning environment composed of 8 distinctly different spaces. This "tool-box" of learning spaces allows the teaching teams to adjust the ways in which learning unfolds on the fly, easily accommodating the unique needs of each student.

In an effort to accommodate a steeply sloping site, the building entrance was located at the base of a combination site stair/ramp which forms a de-facto amphitheater/performance space. This outdoor plaza flows seamlessly through the entry lobby into a central indoor plaza at the heart of the school, in which the cafeteria, gym and stage combine all public functions into one community gathering space. At the opposite end of the school the media center connects all three academic wings through a double-height space and a grand open staircase, forming the academic complement to the social plaza. In the center of it all, an outdoor courtyard with a direct connection to the stage knits together all of these spaces and creates a controlled, safe outdoor learning environment for the entire school.

New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-5
Capacity: 600 students
Size of Site: 14 acres
Building Area: 69,964 gsf
Space per Student: 116.64 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$28,478
Square Foot Cost: \$247
Project Cost: \$17,087,347
Completion Date: January 2017

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