



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Novi Community Schools—Early Childhood Education Center Novi, MI



Meeting the needs of children aged 3 to 5 in an invigorating environment, the new ECEC is the result of interactive visioning with the community and district. Designers provided an intimate, smaller school setting that fosters collaboration. The team attended a national early childhood conference to learn more about how facilities can positively impact social and academic development.

The 39,070 SF school includes 18 classrooms, a cafeteria, a multipurpose room, and offices for Community Education and Enrollment Services. Also included is a dedicated space for children with special needs, a secure welcome center, and an adventure playground. The innovative design includes porch entries that offer homelike first impressions as children arrive, allowing parents to walk children directly into school and interact with teachers.

Learning studios offer open and stimulating environments that are accented with color and natural light. Keeping young learners in mind, designers

utilized all available surfaces.

The floors are used as often as the tables. Three collaboration areas within the main circulation spine denote class neighborhoods, a gross motor development center, and the dining commons. Display walls in these areas feature student work and announcements. The students and their work take center stage in the center.

New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Preschool, ages 3-5
Capacity: 375 students
Size of Site: 6.25 acres
Building Area: 39,070 gsf
Space per Student: 111 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$34,000
Square Foot Cost: \$305
Project Cost: \$11,900,000
Completion Date: August 2016

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