



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Penn Brook School Georgetown, MA



New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-6
Capacity: 770 students
Size of Site: 64 acres
Building Area: 98,000 gsf
Space per Student: 127 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$335
Square Foot Cost: \$335
Project Cost: \$44,436,407
Completion Date: September 2015
Sustainability Rating Status: LEED Silver

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Nicknamed 'The School in the Woods,' Penn Brook is designed with maximum views to the surrounding site, providing natural light. The entrances feature playful gabled roofs reminiscent of mountain lodges. The interior design features flexible classrooms and technology that supports energy efficiency and 21st-century learning.

This project not only replaced the existing elementary school, but it also allowed for a much-needed grade redistribution for the Town of Georgetown. The final design is a result of 18 options that were considered during the feasibility study, and the new school welcomed in kindergarten, first-, and sixth-grade classes in addition to the original grades 2-5.

This redistribution alleviated overcrowding in other schools, and better served the educational teaching methodology for the district. Each grade has five classrooms organized in classroom 'pods' with breakout spaces in the hallways.

Special learning spaces include art rooms, computer rooms, music and band. Interactive learning spaces outside, such as the student gardens, are served by rainwater collected from the cafeteria



roof. The Cafeteria, Media Center, and Tree House are flooded with natural light and have benches and flexible seating for students to enjoy nature while they learn. The Penn Brook School achieved LEED Silver certification.