

HIGH SCHOOL

Bentonville West High School Centerton, AR



New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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DESIGN TEAM

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OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9-12
Capacity: 2,000 students
Size of Site: 90.71 acres
Building Area: 437,621 gsf
Space per Student: 218.81 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$40,284
Square Foot Cost: \$184
Project Cost: \$80,569,773
Completion Date: August 2016

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After years of overcrowding at the existing high school, strong community concerns about a second high school, and difficulty passing millage votes, it was determined that the District must move forward in planning a second high school to provide for future needs.

Through an extensive design process engaging faculty, students, administration, school board members, and community members, a program for the new school design was developed. The result was an environment which provides required equality to the established high school, and a framework for 21st-century learning.

Large collaborative areas flow into wide corridors, providing space for a variety of academic activity. Bleacher-style seating incorporated into the stair connecting the commons space to the second floor media center entrance provides additional seating, encouraging students to connect. Bright accent colors in strategic areas compliment the contemporary design.

Designed for 2,000 students, the 376,898 sf academic facility includes a performing arts auditorium, black box theater, culinary arts program, medical professions program, broadcast/journalism studio, CAD/Engineering program, 9th grade center, student store, and competition gymnasium.

A 56,992 sf field house with indoor practice field as well as 3,731 sf of support structures at the baseball/softball complex, 8-lane track, and football/soccer field combination complete the campus.

