



HIGH SCHOOL

Southwest High School Additions & Alterations Minneapolis, MN



The existing campus of Southwest High School was made up of two buildings connected by a small pedestrian link which created congestion and circulation problems. The central addition bridged the east and west and became the heart of the school. It greatly improved the flow and connections while providing a secure entry, and a central commons that supports dining, social engagement, informal learning, and helps create a sense of community. It improved functional relationships by moving the media center, career center, and food service to more centralized locations.

The design incorporates varied learning settings beyond the classroom. "Garage" spaces expand exploratory options and give students a place where they have permission to experiment and "get messy." "Instructional hubs" are accessible and visible from classrooms providing a flexible space to engage different group sizes, social patterns and learning modalities.

Special attention was made to preserve brick, woodwork and celebrate the history of the existing building. The use of school colors and nautical imagery helps to reinforce the school's identity. The spirit of Southwest High School extends throughout the building.



New Construction/Addition

Student center/union

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9-12
Capacity: 2,000 students
Size of Site: 7.05 acres
Building Area: 315,946 gsf
Space per Student: 157.97 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$17,379
Square Foot Cost: \$112
Project Cost: \$35,478,550
Completion Date: August 2016

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