



MIDDLE SCHOOL/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Ashland Middle School

Ashland, OH



By replacing an antiquated 1919 building, the new 6-8 Ashland Middle School offered the opportunity to reimagine middle school education. A narrow 8.8 acre site adjacent to the existing high school was chosen so that advanced middle school students could easily walk to high school classes, and bus transportation and athletic fields could be shared between schools.

A challenging 30' drop in the site elevation was resolved through a three-story academic wing that steps down the slope. The main entry and public spaces are on the middle floor so that students only have to travel one stair flight up or down. An open cafeteria/commons serves as a hub for shared spaces including the media center, gym, music rooms and art studios.

The school is designed with after-hour community use areas separated from the academic classroom wing. Each floor of the three-story academic wing houses two grade-level teams grouped around an Extended Learning Area (ELA). Operable walls between classrooms and between the science labs and ELA provide flexibility for varied learning options. The Ashland "Arrows" logo is expressed by colorful, acute triangle patterns throughout the floors, walls and ceilings, creating a dynamic, energetic environment.

New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8
Capacity: 700 students
Size of Site: 8.8 acres
Building Area: 99,884 gsf
Space per Student: 142.7 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$25,194
Square Foot Cost: \$177
Project Cost: \$17,635,485
Completion Date: August 2015
Sustainability Rating Status: LEED SILVER

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