



MIDDLE SCHOOL/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## Shikellamy Middle School Northumberland, PA

Shikellamy Middle School opened in 2016 on the site of a former 1930s high school. Though the location was ideally integrated within the adjacent residential community and walkable for a large number of students, the original school's poor condition and site configuration made reuse of the former structure impractical and cost prohibitive.

The new 3-story school houses 911 students in grades 6-8. Six self-contained teaching teams are divided by floor and arranged along the main street core. Anchoring the main street, the media center and competition gymnasium are also available for community activities.

Creative massing and use of a variety of contextual exterior materials visually reduce the building's size to compliment the neighborhood's residential scale. Positioned on the upper portion of the site and bermed into the hillside, each floor of this operationally efficient, ICF (insulated concrete form) structure has direct access to grade. Its compact footprint allows the remaining site to accommodate two natural turf sports fields, as well as split internal site circulation separating bus and parent traffic.



The resulting configuration has alleviated vehicular congestion for the surrounding neighbors, afforded a significant reduction in impervious pavement, and increased the community's green space.

### New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8  
Capacity: 911 students  
Size of Site: 8.81 acres  
Building Area: 97,497 gsf  
Space per Student: 107 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$24,378  
Square Foot Cost: \$209  
Project Cost: \$22,208,281  
Completion Date: August 2016

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