



## Draper Park Middle School

Draper, UT

### New Construction/Addition Entire School/Campus Building

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8  
Capacity: 1500 students  
Size of Site: 21.47 acres  
Building Area: 205,553 sq. ft.  
Building Volume: 3.1 million cu. Ft.  
Space per Student: 137 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$26,578  
Square Foot Cost: \$169  
Construction Cost: \$34.7 million  
Total Project Cost: \$41.3 million  
Contract Date: Jun. 2012  
Completed: Aug. 2013

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The new Draper Park Middle School is designed around the concept of integrated curriculum, collaborative learning and teaching. The 205,553 square foot building is divided into smaller populations by utilizing Small Learning Communities (SLCs) comprised of science classrooms/labs, project classrooms, collaboration areas and teacher offices.

The key to the design solution is the arrangement of these SLCs into three separate wings. The classrooms and labs surround a lively central collaboration space. A fourth house contains art rooms, computer science, shops and FCS classrooms. These academic houses provide a highly flexible, open, and extremely visible environments for group collaboration, which foster critical student/student and student/teacher relationships. Each house also contains planning offices, separate student and faculty toilet rooms, promoting a cohesive environment in which students may live and learn. An additional 2 story wing was designed for special needs students and to accommodate future growth.

Draper Park Middle School was constructed on a fast track schedule to accommodate the needs of the surrounding, fast-growing community. In order to meet the challenging time frame, a highly collaborative construction model was necessary. Constant communication among all disciplines as well as BIM modeling was effectively shared throughout the process.

