



Colusa County Education Village

Williams, CA

New Construction/Addition
Entire School/Campus Building

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OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-12
Capacity: 200 students/county staff
Size of Site: 14 acres
Building Area: 31,249 sq. ft.
Building Volume: 468,735 cu. ft.
Space per Student: 156 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$54,100
Square Foot Cost: \$346
Construction Cost: \$10.8 million
Total Project Cost: \$16.9 million
Contract Date: Jan. 2012
Completed: Sept. 2013
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/
Status/Level: CHPS Certification

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The Colusa County Office of Education (CCOE) provides educational programs and services that nurture the development of both children and adults. The Education Village is now a cornerstone for development in the City of Williams, located in the heart of the County to best serve the surrounding communities. County administrative departments that assist area school districts, Children's Support Services focused on early childhood education, Special Education Programs/Administration, and the Community High School are located on the 14-acre campus.

The Village accommodates the CCOE's educational and administrative programs and provides recreational and meeting facilities to the adjacent Community College campus, the Williams community, and the greater Colusa County region.

Drawing inspiration from the County's extensive farming industry, the campus is organized to resemble a village or large farmstead. Each "house" is individually designed to serve the needs of its department, while maintaining a cohesive campus aesthetic through materials use and scale. Clusters of "houses" with similar programs are combined to bring a sense of unity throughout the site. The design incorporates several sustainability strategies - displacement ventilation, energy management, and day-lighting controls, combined with the use of rapidly renewable materials, construction recycling, and public transportation access - to achieve CHPS certification.

