



Elizabeth Academy

Salt Lake City, UT

New Construction/Addition
Entire School/Campus Building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-6
Capacity: 261 students
Size of Site: 3.9 acres
Building Area: 50,516 sq. ft.
Building Volume: 942,367 cu. ft.
Space per Student: 194 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$39,502
Square Foot Cost: \$204
Construction Cost: \$10.3 million
Total Project Cost: \$12.9 million
Contract Date: Oct. 2012
Completed: Sept. 2013

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Elizabeth Academy, an inclusive Montessori school nestled in the foothills below Mount Olympus in Salt Lake City, was designed to help diverse learners reach their highest potential. The school includes approximately 15% of children with special needs alongside the typical and gifted children comprising the bulk of the enrollment. The building pays homage to an abandoned 1950's school that once stood on the site, while still being dynamic and modern.

The Montessori curriculum was the primary driver of the design. An asymmetrical "Z" shaped classroom affords an engaging experience for the students and fosters exploration and experimentation while providing space for Montessori areas of focus; practical life, sensory, and the sciences. A full kitchenette allows the students to lead the prep and clean up throughout the day. Use of color in the classroom is minimal to allow the educational materials to be featured.

A modern black box performance space allows students to influence all aspects of their performance, a unique feature not found in most elementary schools. The playgrounds were designed naturally to encourage exploration of nature with water features, rock scrambles, tunnels and slides.

Elizabeth Academy utilizes proper siting, IDEC mechanical system, in-slab radiant heating and LED lighting throughout.

