



## COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

# Charles R. Drew Charter School Junior and Senior Academy

Atlanta, GA

### New Construction/ Addition

Entire school/campus building

#### Perkins+Will

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#### DESIGN TEAM

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

Charles R. Drew Charter School Junior  
and Senior Academy  
Atlanta, GA  
Don Doran, Head of School  
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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6–12  
Capacity: 1,000 students  
Size of Site: 39 acres  
Building Area: 205,374 sq. ft.  
Space per Student: 205 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$45,000  
Square Foot Cost: \$219  
Construction Cost: \$45,000,000  
Project Cost: \$48,750,000  
Completion Date: July 2014  
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/  
Status/Level: Tracking LEED Gold  
Certification

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Located in the historic East Lake neighborhood of Atlanta, Charles R. Drew Charter School offers a unique project-based curriculum that emphasizes critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, innovation and problem solving. The new Junior and Senior







Academy is comprised of three buildings that each serve different roles for the educational program. The spaces within and between the buildings support and enrich the teaching and learning experiences.

The academy building houses both the Junior Academy (grades 6–8) and Senior Academy (grades 9–12). The building is arranged around a centrally located atrium that connects the academies and is a common space for the entire school community to meet, work, study and collaborate. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 525 and will support all school performing arts programs as well as serve as a community theater for the families of the school.

Tracking a LEED Gold certification level, the school features state-of-the-art building materials and systems to create an environment that provides maximum

daylighting for learning spaces and maintains energy efficiency ahead of standards. Drew Charter School is an example of a high-performance school that intelligently responds to its environment while supporting educational programs.

