



James & Barbara Adams Elementary School

Arlington, TX

New Construction/ Addition

Entire school/campus building

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OWNER/CLIENT

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Arlington, TX
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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-6
Capacity: 900 students
Size of Site: 11 acres
Building Area: 111,000 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 123.33 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$18,199
Square Foot Cost: \$148
Construction Cost: \$16,379,223
Project Cost: \$21,654,835
Completion Date: May 2013
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level: CHPS-designed

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Adams Elementary School is a student-centric design with a focus on next generation learning. The client requested a flexible building to accommodate multiple forms of education. The key educational philosophy of the school's design was collaboration. Areas for student collaboration in small and large groups are incorporated throughout the building and courtyards. Each wing holds an

entire grade level and includes dedicated collaboration spaces for small group learning, which include writable walls, mobile furniture and wireless device support.

Windows in every classroom enhance the learning experience with natural light. Between the four classroom wings, three active leaning courtyards were created around a geographic theme. Three courtyards feature maps of Texas, the United States and the world. The courtyards

also include student gardens and seating areas for class instruction. Adjacent to the library is a large multipurpose space for group projects.

A controlled building entrance requires visitors to check in at the reception area. Academic wings are easily secured in a lockdown situation. Public spaces, such as the cafeteria and gym, are placed closest to the parking lot for events. Parent and bus traffic occur in separate drives for maximum safety.



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