



Elkins High School

Elkins, AR

New Construction/ Addition

Entire school/campus building

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OWNER/CLIENT

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Elkins, AR
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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9-12
Capacity: 410 students
Size of Site: 58 acres
Building Area: 68,000 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 166 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$23,660
Square Foot Cost: \$143
Construction Cost: \$9,700,000
Completion Date: August 2013

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Planning for the new Elkins High School began with a series of community design meetings in 2009. From the start, it was important, that the final design provides both a cost-effective and dignified facility that the students and community of Elkins could take pride in for years to come.

Working with the state-funded square footage allotments, the team had to be creative to stay within the parameters while still giving the school the functionality it needed.

In the auditorium, for example, the state funds 2,000 +/- square feet for a school this size. That square footage does not come close to holding the entire Elkins High School student body, let alone parents and staff. The design team realized that if it created a mobile, operable wall at



one end of the room, they could open the auditorium into the commons, more than doubling seating capacity.

Another creative use of the square footages allowed the music suite to be placed next to the

auditorium so it could be used for green room functions in its list of funded spaces. The school has 28 classrooms, with a layout designed for expansion to the west, an internet café and outdoor dining patio.

