



HIGH SCHOOL

Fauquier High School

Warrenton, VA

Remodel/Adaptive Reuse/ Restoration

Entire school/campus building

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OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9–12
Capacity: 1,200 students
Size of Site: 94 acres
Building Area: 98,175 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 82 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$19,166
Square Foot Cost: \$234
Construction Cost: \$22,998,842
Project Cost: \$24,479,888
Completion Date: May 2013
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level: Applied for LEED Gold

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The strategy for the renovation and addition to Fauquier High School unites disparate school wings into a coherent and harmonious campus. By removing an underperforming 1960s classroom wing, a new central campus lawn is created around which all school activities gracefully congregate. A new 90,000 sf four-story “headpiece” provides a range of flexible 21st-century learning spaces, showcasing Fauquier County’s commitment to educational excellence.

The addition faces the street and foregrounds a new civic presence for the school. Local stone seat walls, brick detailing and high-performance terracotta rain screen cladding draw inspiration from the surrounding context to skillfully balance heritage and innovation. Connecting all levels of the addition

is a monumental stairway that encourages physical activity and is central to the school’s educational mission.

Thoughtfully choreographed with places for group work, school displays, small presentations and other opportunities to extend learning beyond classroom walls, the central stairway acts as a continuous learning environment. Distributed teacher resource rooms, flexible conference rooms and classrooms on upper floors benefit from spectacular views of the surrounding landscape. These core learning spaces are designed to optimize energy performance for education and incorporate gracious daylighting and efficient thermal comfort from a ground source heat pump system.

