



# Mount Notre Dame High School

Cincinnati, OH

## New Construction/ Addition

Admin areas/business offices

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### DESIGN TEAM

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### OWNER/CLIENT

**Mount Notre Dame**  
Cincinnati, OH  
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### KEY STATS

**Grades Served:** 8–12  
**Capacity:** 693 students  
**Size of Site:** 2.5 acres  
**Building Area:** 107,000 sq. ft.  
**Space per Student:** 154 sq. ft.  
**Cost per Student:** \$7,128  
**Square Foot Cost:** \$110  
**Construction Cost:** \$4,940,000  
**Project Cost:** \$6,210,000  
**Completion Date:** August 2012

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To promote lifelong learning, the goal of Mount Notre Dame High School's transformation was to convert the traditional "corridor and classroom" layout of the building into an open, community-focused center of learning. The existing 1960s facility was outdated, lacked adequate classrooms, student services and administrative spaces and had a noticeable absence of designated areas for social interaction and group collaboration.

The new design integrates spacious,



flexible classrooms and state-of-the-art science labs. It also expands the administrative spaces and reorganizes student services into related areas surrounding a new Career Resources Center.

The enlarged entry lobby incorporates a Student Commons and serves as a multipurpose space for social interaction, group gatherings and community events. Glass walls provide views into previously hidden learning spaces and aid in organizing movement throughout the building, unifying the spatial experience and creating a renewed sense of place.

The glass and masonry addition greatly enhances the "front face" of the facility with a modern, clean look that compliments the traditional aesthetic of the existing building. The refreshed branded identity and overall aesthetic of the renovation supports Mount Notre Dame's vision of empowering students to achieve higher levels of success by transforming it from a "1960s Traditional High School" to a "21st Century Center of Learning and Exploration."