

Elbert School

Elbert, CO

The Elbert School (Pre-K-12) is a replacement of the town's former 1930s school facility. The site is located on a hillside at the edge of town. Some materials from an original, flooded school were re-used in the 1930 facility, and are reused again in the new project. The project was made possible by a Colorado Department of Education grant ("Building Excellent Schools Today"), with an accompanying bond election by Elbert's community.

Design firm Hord Coplan Macht (formerly SLATERPAULL) provided direct access to the public spaces, and provided views between them. To promote the design's shared-use nature, visual connections between the various levels are maintained. One can see the school activated as a basketball game takes place on the lower level, concessions are served in the main level and the public visits the library upstairs.

The views between levels reinforce a sense of community, safety and security. Owners and architects collaborated to select furniture, size

classrooms and develop breakout spaces that all support flexibility, 21st-century learning, future expansion and ease of maintenance. The project has attained a LEED Gold level certification through extensive daylighting, occupant thermal comfort and an energy-efficient HVAC system.



New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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DESIGN TEAM

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OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-12
 Capacity: 300
 Size of Site: 1.8 acres
 Building Area: 70,870 sq. ft.
 Space per Student: 354 sq. ft.
 Cost per Student: \$49,987
 Square Foot Cost: \$211
 Construction Cost: \$14,996,264
 Project Cost: \$20,675,000
 Completion Date: August 2014
 Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level:
 LEED Gold

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