

Odyssey Elementary School

Woods Cross, UT



New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-6
 Capacity: 900
 Size of Site: 12 acres
 Building Area: 84,758 sq. ft.
 Space per Student: 94 sq. ft.
 Cost per Student: \$16,343
 Square Foot Cost: \$173
 Construction Cost: \$14,709,080
 Project Cost: \$17,528,400
 Completion Date: August 2014
 Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level:
 LEED with Level Gold

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Odyssey Elementary is an educationally innovative school built around the theme Bodies in Motion: The Animal Kingdom. The school champions the importance of healthy, active lifestyles and helps students understand their place in nature. It is a Zero Energy facility that has successfully become the greenest, most energy-efficient public school in the state of Utah. Odyssey is on track to earn a LEED Gold Certification.

There are four learning wings at Odyssey—

color-coded groups of classrooms called "Habitats." Each Habitat corresponds to one of the thematic motions of the school (Run, Jump, Swim and Fly), and includes eight classrooms, a central Collaboration area, teacher prep and storage areas, and toilet room facilities.

The organization of students into Habitats reduces anonymity and encourages collaboration. Classrooms are designed with a 16-foot-wide roll-up glass door, allowing them to





combine with the Collaboration space or other classrooms. Critical to the success of the project is the totally unique furnishing package of mobile chairs, tables, stools and ottomans that students move at a moment's notice to accommodate different learning scenarios. Utterly unique in its design, it accommodates any learning modality the teachers wish to implement.

