



Claiborne Pell Elementary School

Newport, RI



Newport's Claiborne Pell Elementary School was designed in response to the city's need to consolidate resources and move children out of aging, inadequate school buildings. This new two-story elementary school

complex is divided into a Pre-K-1 lower school and grades 2-4 upper school to house all 880 of Newport's Pre-K-4 students.

Supported by a shared central core (featuring a cafeteria, gymnasium and media center), each wing has its own dedicated specialty and support spaces including art and music,

as well as innovative group instruction rooms, carved out of tight space guidelines to give educators flexibility and options for collaboration. These cozy spaces are provided for every pair of classrooms to enhance 21st-century learning.

Each wing also opens out to its own, age-appropriate play space. A high-performance school, the design incorporates light shelves, sloped ceilings that maximize natural light, and daylight dimming and low-wattage light fixtures that significantly lower the building's energy consumption, earning it the distinction of being Northeast-CHPS certified and just one of 39 schools in the country to be named a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-4
Capacity: 880
Size of Site: 2.8 acres
Building Area: 105,565 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 120 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$28,929
Square Foot Cost: \$241
Construction Cost: \$25,458,098
Project Cost: \$1,000,000
Completion Date: June 2013
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level:
NE CHPS Certified

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