

Berlin Middle School

Berlin, WI

A limited budget drove the decision to add a grades 6–8 middle school on to the 20-year-old Berlin High School so several spaces could be shared. A very compact footprint was required to fit between the existing high school and track/football field. Even so, most of the classrooms have daylight and views. Flexible learning spaces, furniture and technology support 21st-century learning.

Locating the core learning spaces, special needs and the LMC on the second floor of the addition and careful scheduling to minimize contact in the shared spaces alleviated parents' concerns about their middle schoolers mixing with high school students. Symbolically, the middle school is a transition from the caramel brick of the elementary school to the red brick high school, whose light gray base and accents, dark red soldier course banding, and tall windows with spandrel glass are woven into the caramel field brick, giving it a distinct identity.

The outcome is an environmentally sustainable, cost-effective, 21st-century middle school, which also provides the high school and Berlin residents with enhanced athletic facilities. Improved site circulation and remodeling and additions at the elementary and high schools have addressed the needs of the entire district.



New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6–8

Capacity: 375

Size of Site: 5.2 acres

Building Area: 94,224 sq. ft.

Space per Student: 251.3 sq. ft.

Cost per Student: \$34,407

Square Foot Cost: \$137

Construction Cost: \$12,902,763

Project Cost: \$13,357,763

Completion Date: August 2015

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