



## COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

# Ridgeview Middle School + High School Clintwood, VA

Ridgeview High School and Middle School complex is the result of the consolidation of the county's three existing small high schools and their middle school population into one facility. Located on 106 acres of cleared mountaintop in western Virginia, the facility has become the flagship building for this rural community. Expanded career tech, music, art, and athletic programs are now available to all students countywide.

Serving 800 high school students and 600 middle school students, the new Ridgeview complex is a three-story facility organized along a double-height central spine with the high school at its west end and the middle school at its east end. Shared facilities, including the media center, gymnasiums, theater, art, and music spaces, are all located along the spine between the high school and middle school.

### 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: 6-12  
Capacity: 1,400 students  
Size of Site: 106 acres  
Building Area: 250,000 gsf  
Space per Student: 178 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$41,428  
Square Foot Cost: \$232  
Project Cost: \$58,000,000  
Completion Date: August 2015

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One of the design challenges of the project was planning for a middle school and high school that coexists in the same building but maintained separate secure entrances, administration spaces, and provided unique identities for each student group. Two floors of high school programs including classrooms, career tech labs, administration offices, and a 9th grade academy are located above the cafeteria and are accessed from an entry at the west end of the building. Middle-schoolers have a separate entrance next to the auditorium at the east end.

Sited along a ridge on one of the highest points in the county, hence the name Ridgeview, the building is oriented north-south to optimize energy efficiency and to capture large expanses of natural light. The media center is expressed above the school entry as a large two-story volume, which marks the juncture of the middle school and high school. The cafeteria and shared music and art room wing open to the landscape on the north side of the building offering wonderful views across the athletic fields to neighboring mountains.

