



COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

## Rio School District, Riverpark West K-8 STEAM School Oxnard, CA

The new 900-student K-8 campus addresses Rio School District's progressive vision that true learning occurs with spontaneity and cannot be prescribed or dictated. Rio School District is embarking on their first K-8 school and the first STEAM facility in Ventura county.

The program consists of five buildings; Administration, Library, Multipurpose Space/ Gym, Food Service, Culinary Classroom, and (32) K-8 Classrooms connected to specialized indoor and outdoor STEAM Center/ Makerspaces, for Reading, Building, Ceramics, Performing Arts, and Science. The school's schedule will be flexible with interconnected subject themes, allowing students to navigate between STEAM Centers as they work on a focused-study project.

Reflective of student growth and inspired by the adjacent Santa Clara River, the design concept of the *Educational Meander* serves as both an organizational and learning tool for the project. Similar to the evolution of a river's path, the *Meander* shapes the buildings and creates varied types of learning spaces based on students'

developmental ages. These indoor and outdoor makerspaces connect visually and physically to the quad and classrooms. The learning environments flow naturally from one to another, encouraging students to move easily from lecture, to lab, to special project centers.



### Project in Progress

Entire school/campus building

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#### OWNER/CLIENT

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-8  
Capacity: 900 students  
Size of Site: 12 acres  
Building Area: 85,711 gsf  
Space per Student: 98 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$42,000  
Square Foot Cost: \$443  
Project Cost: \$38,000,000  
Completion Date: March 2018  
Sustainability Rating Status: CHPS

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