



COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

West High School/Middle School West, TX



In 2013, West, TX, discovered what it meant to "rise from the ashes" following a fatal explosion that laid a path of destruction within a quarter-mile radius of its epicenter. Three of West ISD's four campuses were destroyed, including the high school and the middle school. While students settled in to a temporary facility, the district and design team initiated a planning process to restore the community, embracing an opportunity to reinvigorate and rethink education in West. They moved beyond a traditional learning environment and focused on adaptability, cooperative learning, and project-based instruction.

The dual-campus solution allowed the team to find ways for spaces to be shared, delivering a facility with incredible amenities and long-term adaptability. The schools have separate entrances and are functionally independent. They share the STEM Lab, Learning Resource Center (LRC), athletics, fine arts, 400-seat auditorium, and dining hall. The exterior blends traditional architectural character with modern materials, bridging the past and the future. Large windows in the gymnasium, STEM Lab, and LRC promote visual connectivity. Classrooms utilize writable surfaces, flexible furniture, and movable walls that open to collaborative "living rooms."



New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-12
Capacity: 1,000 students
Size of Site: 56 acres
Building Area: 226,000 gsf
Space per Student: 226 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$48,473
Square Foot Cost: \$214
Project Cost: \$48,473,125
Completion Date: August 2016

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