



HIGH SCHOOL

North Mason High School Belfair, WA



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The North Mason School District is situated in Belfair, WA, on beautiful Hood Canal. There are seven public school districts in Mason County. North Mason is the second largest with just over 2,200 students. The district is considered progressive in its rural setting, which covers 129 square miles of forested countryside bordered by saltwater shorelines.

This was the first bond-funded construction project in the area since 1980, driving the need for grassroots meetings with the district and community to educate them on current standards of school design. The new North Mason High School provides the space and resources the former school could no longer provide to accommodate projected growth. The new facility includes leading-edge science and technology labs; a larger, updated CTE shop; more space to accommodate special education needs as well as enhanced general classrooms and a performing arts wing. The common areas were designed oversized—an important feature for accommodating future growth in the district.



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New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9–12
Capacity: 750 students
Size of Site: 53 acres
Building Area: 117,600 gsf
Space per Student: 157 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$36,133
Square Foot Cost: \$230
Project Cost: \$42,500,000
Completion Date: September 2015
Sustainability Rating Status: WSSP

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As a quintessential small town, designing a school that had dual purpose as a community focal point and multipurpose event space was very important. In addition to the school, a new athletic complex and stadium are being constructed to enable hosting larger regional events. The anticipated 2017 graduation ceremony held at the new high school will be the first in over 30 years. Previous space constraints required students be transported to Bremerton for the ceremonies, as it was the closest city that could accommodate larger gatherings.

The former North Mason High School is currently being converted and upgraded to the new Hawkins Middle School. This represents Phase II of the project and was completed in

December 2016. When modernization is complete, a new football stadium athletic complex will be constructed. The stadium will accommodate large regional events and include a concessions stand, restrooms, team locker

rooms, and a team laundry/drying room. This project has put a fresh face on Belfair, instilling a renewed sense of pride for the whole community.



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