



MIDDLE SCHOOL/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Fort Morgan Middle School Fort Morgan, CO



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The new Fort Morgan Middle School replaced an aging 1925 building, providing a fresh layout and new approach to serve the needs of a growing student population, while supporting the school's academics and LEED Gold facility goals. An inclusive design process ensured strong community support, anchoring it in the values and culture of this northeastern Colorado community.

The U-shaped building consists of an academic wing to the west and a shared, community-use wing to the east, connected by the main entry and administrative offices along the south. Academic spaces are organized into three two-story pods, one per grade level, along with six shared, multilevel elective classrooms. Each level within a pod is the home of a team of 130 students and 5 teachers, each with their own identity within the school. The team learning areas, elective classrooms and locker circulation areas all enjoy large view windows and clerestories for natural day-lighting.

The layout encloses an outdoor learning courtyard that encourages physical movement throughout the day, and all pods have an outdoor learning patio as well. Students can be found in the courtyard throughout the day playing impromptu games, socializing, and walking along the many landscaped paths.



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New Construction/Addition Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8
Capacity: 780 students
Size of Site: 32 acres
Building Area: 117,573 gsf
Space per Student: 157 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$47,994
Square Foot Cost: \$318.4
Project Cost: \$37,435,518
Completion Date: August 2016
Sustainability Rating Status: Applying for LEED Gold

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