



MIDDLE SCHOOL/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Schrum Memorial Middle School

Calumet City, IL



The community overwhelmingly supported the passing of a referendum for a replacement middle school by a 74% to 26% favorable vote. A

New Construction/Addition

Entire school/campus building

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OWNER/CLIENT

Hoover-Schrum Memorial School District 157
Calumet City, IL
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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8
Capacity: 600 students
Size of Site: 13.4 acres
Building Area: 86,000 gsf
Space per Student: 143 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$35,237
Square Foot Cost: \$246
Project Cost: \$21,141,972
Completion Date: August 2016

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series of ARCON-facilitated community consensus-building workshops helped identify the vision for the new school, in turn creating a space that supports and represents the entire community.

The district challenged ARCON to design a replacement middle school supporting a focus on flexible learning and collaboration; the individual learner; whole student before, during, and after school needs; outdoor connections, STEM, fine arts, student safety; and the availability of public areas for after-hours community support. The design team was pushed to consider every space as a learning opportunity.

A two-story lobby greets visitors with a wide learning stair and direct views through a two-story STEM Lab to the outdoors. The lobby doubles as a student presentation space and flexible collaboration area. Public/private, and quiet/noisy zones are organized along an east-west "student street," allowing grades to travel without disrupting other students. The lobby supports after-hours



use of gym, cafeteria, and music spaces.

With a focus on transparency and active learning, grade-level centers wrap flexible classrooms, science, and small group and teacher professional development spaces around a project teaming commons, with direct access to outdoor learning opportunities.