



Canyons School District New Butler Middle School

Cottonwood Heights, UT

New Construction

Entire school/campus building

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8
Capacity: 1,200 students
Size of Site: 32 acres (includes county park)
Building Area: 177,000 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 148 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$12,475
Square Foot Cost: \$155
Construction Cost: \$27,444,495
Project Cost: \$28,700,914
Completion Date: August 2013
Percentage Complete: 100%

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The New Butler Middle School replaced an existing school that was built in the early 1950's. It is designed around the concept of integrated curriculum. The building is divided into smaller populations by utilizing Small Learning Communities (SLCs) comprised of science classrooms/labs, project classrooms, collaboration areas and teacher offices. Students remained in the existing school during the two-year construction period. The classrooms and labs in each house surround a lively central collaboration and circulation space. The collaboration spaces in each area are designed to accommodate a variety of group settings. The academic houses provide highly flexible, open, and extremely visible environments for group collaboration. A large, open and



inviting commons/dining space is located at the center of the facility. This space is illuminated by full height exterior glazed curtain walls, which open the space to spectacular views, and an exterior plaza for socializing, dining, or outdoor instruction. Other key programmed spaces include the media center, computer labs (distributed throughout), and specialized music rooms, which are adjacent to the 700-seat auditorium. A double gymnasium with adjacent, locker and fitness rooms and elevated indoor track are also included.