



School, Community
Center/Joint Use
Facility

New Construction

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Type of School and
Grades Served:

Early Childhood/Elementary
School, Preschool-2

Capacity: 556 students (Total)

Size of Site: 2.2 acres

Area of Building:
33,942 square feet

Volume of Building:
475,188 cubic feet

Space per Student:
61.1 square feet

Cost per Student: \$37,770

Square Foot Cost: \$619

Cost of Construction:
\$21 million

Total Project Cost: \$37 million

Contract Date: March 2003

Completion Date: Oct. 2009

Percent of Completion: 0%

Gratts Primary Center & Early Education Center

Los Angeles, California

Jubany-NAC|Architecture

Gratts Primary Center and Early Education Center seeks to replenish education in one of downtown Los Angeles' dense urban neighborhoods, strengthening bonds between school and community through a joint use approach. LAUSD, Jubany-NAC|Architecture, New Schools/Better Neighborhoods, and A Community of Friends teamed throughout the process to maximize the bonds between the school, nearby affordable housing, a Boys & Girls Club, and local residents.

Joint use was embedded in the design process, reflecting LAUSD's dedication to academic excellence, community services, and a safe, secure learning environment. Functional spaces were strategically placed for maximum usage by the surrounding community, with nearly complete public access after hours for community meetings, sports activities, and public gatherings. The result is a softening of the urban edge, a diverse array of outdoor



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MAIN ENTRY

spaces, and a refreshing openness beneath the impressive downtown skyline.

By stacking the levels, we fully used the small site that slopes 30 feet. With integrated building systems and environmentally conscious solutions (orientation, a screen of recyclable fiber composite

material, and construction materials manufactured locally), the school exceeds the requirements for California High Performance Schools certification.

Joint use spaces spark social optimism of students and local residents, creating pride of place. ■



MULTILEVEL PLAYGROUND