



Fine Arts Facility
Renovation/Addition/
Restoration

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OWNER/CLIENT

Maine School
Administrative District 34
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Type of School and
Grades Served:
High School, 9-12
Capacity: 180 students
Size of Site: 0.5 acres
Area of Building:
14,174 square feet
Space per Student:
79 square feet

Cost per Student: \$9,508

Square Foot Cost: \$121

Cost of Construction:
\$1.7 million

Contract Date: May 2004

Completion Date: Jan. 2005

Percent of Completion: 100%

HIGH SCHOOLS

Belfast Area High School Fine Arts Wing

Belfast, Maine

WBRC Architects/Engineers



VIEW FROM ENTRANCE

The Belfast Area High School Fine Arts Department wanted a building addition that identified itself as the arts and music wing of the high school. The addition is a two-story 14,174-square-foot project replacing a temporary wood framed structure that served as the band room and relocating the art classes into one wing of the high school with specifically designed spaces.

The new band room is the highlight of the first floor. Acoustical treatments, including chevron acoustical panels at the walls and ceiling, draperies for fine-tuning the space, and a one-story volume provided the necessary auditory detail. The other first-floor spaces are dedicated for drama and music classrooms.

The second floor consists of dedicated art studios for work in all media. The spaces have exposed structural, mechanical, and lighting details to tie into the artist's loft design of the facility. Specialty support spaces include a kiln room and darkroom. The art spaces have



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proven so successful that they have expanded beyond the high school's original needs and are now serving evening community arts programs.

The classrooms are all linked by large south-facing corridors that offer gallery space for the display of student work. ■

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BAND ROOM



EAST STAIRS



SOUTH ELEVATION



ART STUDIO