

Whitefish Middle School

Whitefish, Montana

Architects West, Inc.

Entire School/
Campus Building
Renovation/Addition/
Restoration

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OWNER/CLIENT

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Type of School and
Grades Served:
Middle School, 5-8

Capacity: 800 students

Size of Site: 5 acres

Area of Building:
113,126 square feet

Volume of Building:
998,000 cubic feet

Space per Student:
141 square feet

Cost per Student: \$17,746

Square Foot Cost: \$126

Cost of Construction:
\$14.2 million

Total Project Cost:
\$15.7 million

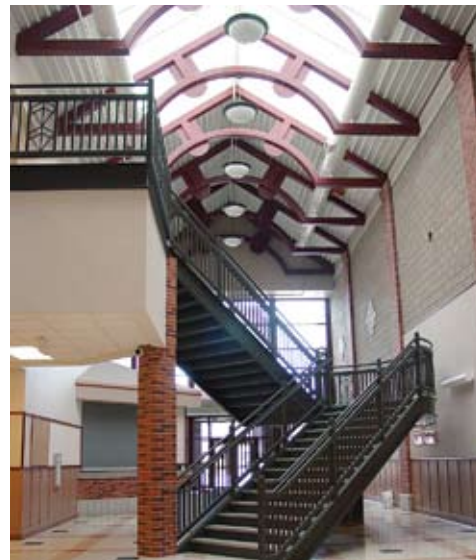
Contract Date: Feb. 2004

Completion Date: Sept. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%



MAIN ENTRANCE



STAIRWAY

Whitefish Middle School is an historic building in the heart of downtown Whitefish, Montana. In the spring of 2003 voters successfully passed a bond to provide a combination of renovations and new additions to the existing school. The emphasis of the design was to maintain the historic features and façade of the existing facility. The work consisted of 81,127 square feet of new construction and 19,235 square feet of modernization for this two-story building composed mainly of wood and steel framing, post and beam, slab-on-grade, with brick veneer construction.

The auditorium portion of the facility will be used for community, as well as school, events and received the full support of the community, gaining public funding. The result was an elegant 12,764-square-foot auditorium with



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full stage lighting, rigging, sound system, and curtains that comfortably seats 470.

The site was limited in size, and creative solutions for bus loop, parent drop-off, parking, and play areas were used to satisfy these needs.

The main facility was com-

pleted in December 2006 at a final construction cost of \$9.6 million, with the auditorium portion being completed in September of 2007 and \$4.6 million. This project was completed using the general contractor/construction manager method. ■

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