



School Community Center/Joint Use Facilities

New Construction

NTD ARCHITECTURE

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Type of School and
Grades Served:

Specialized Educational Facility,
K-12 and Post-secondary

Capacity: 525 students

Size of Site: 3.4 acres

Area of Building:
75,000 square feet

Space per Student:
142.9 square feet

Cost per Student: \$38,286

Square Foot Cost: \$268

Cost of Construction:
\$20.1 million

Contract Date: Oct. 2001

Completion Date: Nov. 2004

Percent of Completion: 100%

SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Southwestern College Education Village

National City, California

NTD Architecture



INFORMATION COMMONS

The Education Village is the flagship project for shared-use facilities supporting the needs of underserved students of South San Diego County and includes a community college satellite campus and a County Office of Education. The project was designed as a catalyst to spark significant downtown redevelopment through the collaboration of six stakeholder groups: San Diego County Office of Education, Southwestern College, National City Redevelopment Agency, San Diego Court and Community Schools, Sweetwater Union High School District, and the State of California School Facility Program.

The vision was to develop a new design vocabulary invigorating the heavily blighted neighborhood, while providing spaces designed to promote educational outreach to the community of largely immigrant neighborhoods through social interaction, life-long learning, and community connections.

The design consists of a 25,000-square-foot regional



BUILDING FAÇADE



EXTERIOR VIEW

technology center, teleconferencing facilities, training centers, and a 48,000-square-foot satellite college campus. The family resource and childcare center and the expansion of the dental hygiene program provide essential services to the community.

Multistory buildings surround the 3.4-acre urban site creating a walkable urban village. The street frontage was given two zones. The retail zone pushed the façade to the sidewalk, while the school zone stepped away creating the plaza. ■

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