



Entire School/Campus
Building
New Construction

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Type of School
and Grades Served:
Elementary School, K-5
Capacity: 600 students
Size of Site: 8.9 acres
Area of Building:
74,980 square feet
Volume of Building:
2.4 million cubic feet

Space per Student:
125 square feet

Cost per Student: \$28,197

Square Foot Cost: \$226

Cost of Construction:
\$16.9 million

Total Project Cost:
\$20.5 million

Contract Date: Mar. 2005

Completion Date: Sept. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%

Bow Lake Elementary School

SeaTac, Washington

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MAIN CORRIDOR



STUDENT COMMONS/MULTIPURPOSE ROOM



MAIN EXTERIOR ENTRY

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Designed to consolidate two highly disparate schools into one, Bow Lake Elementary School blends a diverse student body into a melting pot of educational opportunity. Home of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, the Gifted Program, and the English Language Learning Center, which represents 66 languages, the school seamlessly intermixes students in four learning communities. Uniquely integrated, students are open to an opportunity for curiosity

and a world of perspective.

The two-story, 75,000-square-foot facility is organized to celebrate this diversity, allowing for interaction and shared experiences among all students. Each learning community is named after a different biome, accented by playful detailing and sensitivity to color and scale. The building invites students to learn from the surrounding outdoor environment with operable glazed systems in each community, literally removing

the line between indoors and outdoors. In addition, the City of SeaTac sponsored a community room in the building, which benefits the community and students. Building materials are nontoxic and low in volatile organic compounds (VOCs), with an emphasis on local manufacturers and recycled content. Through landscaping, daylighting, and the use of low-VOC materials and natural energies, Bow Lake reflects all principles of energy-conscious design. ■