



Entire School/Campus
Building
New Construction

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Tarver Elementary School
Temple, TX
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Type of School
and Grades Served:
Elementary, Pre-K-5

Capacity: 800 students

Size of Site: 16 acres

Area of Building:
75,000 square feet

Space per Student:
94 square feet

Cost per Student: \$15,208

Square Foot Cost: \$162

Cost of Construction:
\$12.2 million

Total Project Cost:
\$12.6 million

Contract Date: Feb. 2006

Completion Date: Aug. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%

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MAIN ENTRY



ENTRY PLAZA



CATERERIA & GYMNASIUM

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The vision was to design a vibrant elementary school to stimulate students' educational development through an effective learning environment. Each grade level was designed around a communal hub to promote collaborative interaction between students and teachers and to facilitate joint learning. Students are able to interact with one another and have the opportunity to enhance what they have learned outside

of the classroom.

Passive learning was incorporated into the design through connections to the outdoors. The "learning courtyard" is the outdoor learning environment for the science labs. This space allows students to conduct and study outdoor experiments.

A multipurpose room was designed in the center of school for special projects in the arts and science curriculum. The room is transparent to the inside of the school

commons to showcase activities to other students and visitors.

A unique design notion was intertwining the cafeteria and play area to act as a single unified space for certain functions. A moveable wall separates the play area and the cafeteria, allowing two functions to take place at the same time when the wall is closed. When it is open, the spaces are unified to create a performance area or a large gathering place. ■