



Louis D. Brandeis High School

San Antonio, Texas

Noonan Rittimann Architects, LLC

Entire School/Campus Building
New Construction

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Type of School and
Grades Served:
High School, 9-12

Capacity: 3,000 students

Size of Site: 75 acres

Area of Building:
428,384 square feet

Volume of Building:
8.8 million cubic feet

Space per Student:
143 square feet

Cost per Student: \$23,000

Square Foot Cost: \$161

Cost of Construction:
\$68 million

Total Project Cost: \$85 million

Contract Date: Mar. 2006

Completion Date: July 2008

Percent of Completion: 100%

The striking traditional-style architecture of Louis D. Brandeis High School harkens back to a simpler time while belying the state-of-the-art modernism of the interior. The ninth high school in one of the fastest-growing school districts in Texas, it was designed to facilitate learning naturally and with ease. Built to accommodate 3,000 students, the two-story brick-and-concrete structure uses cooling towers for efficiency. Inside, a “central avenue” leads to all areas of the school and affords ease of navigation. Public-use spaces such as the gym and auditorium have individual exterior entrances as well as entrances from the avenue, providing cost-effectiveness through minimum electricity use for community functions.

Exterior windows in every classroom create a learning environment filled with natural light. The clerestory designed



COMMONS VIEWED FROM CURVED STAIRS

into the commons area and the open courtyards contribute to the luminous milieu.

State-of-the-art technology is apparent throughout the school. Wireless technology provides both intranet and Internet as learning and communicating tools. Each student

is issued a personal laptop computer to be used both during school hours and at home. Besides sophisticated electronics, the various learning centers are also equipped with cutting-edge appliances and tools to facilitate a real-world education. ■



ENTRY LOBBY



ENTRY COLONNADE

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