



Entire School/Campus
Building
New Construction

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

Capacity: 2,500 students

Size of Site: 76 acres

Area of Building:
326,090 square feet

Volume of Building:
4.9 million cubic feet

Space per Student:
130 square feet

Cost per Student: \$16,880

Square Foot Cost: \$129

Cost of Construction:
\$42.2 million

Total Project Cost: \$52.2 million

Contract Date: Dec. 2005

Completion Date: Aug. 2008

Percent of Completion: 100%

HIGH SCHOOLS

Westlake High School

Atlanta, Georgia

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VIEW FROM ROTUNDA



MEDIA CENTER



MAIN STREET CORRIDOR

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A month-long charrette with the community led to the design and development of Westlake High School. The school's appearance, which complements the residential scale and look of the surrounding neighborhood, was achieved by using a combination of jumbo brick and cast stone. Programmatically, the spaces of the building are arranged in a gracious curve to embrace students, teachers, and visitors with open

arms. One site requirement was a 50-foot buffer of trees on either side of an existing creek, which creates a delightful surprise viewed through a beautiful entry vista. Natural light reaches into 90 percent of the instructional spaces. The more light-sensitive spaces, such as science and computer labs, are nestled in the core of the building.

A valuable asset to Westlake High School's design is the security and partitioning capabilities of

the facility. The large venue spaces—such as the gymnasium, media center, cafeteria, and performing arts hall—can function independently and simultaneously while allowing no access to other portions of the school.

Designed with LEED principles in mind, the energy management systems' central control allows for temperature setting, scheduling of heat pump systems, night setback, and individual unit override. ■