



Chapel Hill 7th and 8th Grade Center

Indianapolis, Indiana

Schmidt Associates

Entire School/
Campus Building
Renovation/Addition/
Restoration

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Type of School
and Grades Served:
Middle School, 7-8

Capacity: 1,400 students

Size of Site: 10 acres

Area of Building:
321,973 square feet

Volume of Building:
10 million cubic feet

Space per Student:
230 square feet

Cost per Student: \$22,857

Square Foot Cost: \$115

Cost of Construction: \$32 million

Total Project Cost: \$38.4 million

Contract Date: Oct. 2004

Completion Date: Sept. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%



MEDIA CENTER AT DUSK



CLASSROOM WING



MEDIA CENTER

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The additions/renovations to Fulton Junior High School were part of a district-wide makeover to develop schools that were based on smaller learning groups. Through interactive charrettes, the stakeholders developed the following project goals: develop new image/identity for school (including new name and grade structure); reorganize building to support team teaching; develop media center as exterior focal element/academic statement; keep only main, non-

academic spaces from existing building (gymnasium, auxiliary gymnasium, auditorium); be good stewards of tax dollars.

The new identity is enhanced by the school's visibility and the new building's parti. This organization uses new classrooms to surround the existing portions of the building, providing an entirely new image. The classroom zone is configured in loops around open-air courtyards. The loop configuration allows teams to be organized in smaller learning groups with

an emphasis on developing relationships/community within the teams.

The exterior construction of brick masonry, limestone, and low-E window/curtain wall systems enhances the interior educational space by allowing natural light into classrooms and providing an acoustical barrier to exterior noise.

The new Chapel Hill 7th and 8th Grade Center has been successfully reinvented to become an educational anchor for the diverse community it serves. ■