Matapeake Middle School

Stevensville (Kent Island), Maryland

Gilbert Architects Inc.

Entire School/Campus Building

New Construction

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Type of School
and Grades Served:
Middle School, 6-8 & 9th
Grade Academy

Capacity: 800 students

Size of Site: 23.7 acres

Area of Building:
115,609 square feet

Volume of Building:
2.9 million cubic feet

Space per Student:
145 square feet

Cost per Student: $28,168

Square Foot Cost:
$197 (building only)

Cost of Construction:
$22.5 million

Total Project Cost:
$24.8 million

Contract Date: July 2004

Completion Date: Aug. 2007

Percent of Completion: 100%

This new middle school is located at the gateway to Maryland's scenic Eastern Shore on Kent Island. Designed around a nautical theme, the main lobby promenade forms a ship's hull that extends between the two main entrances to the school and separates public-use spaces (gymnasium with stage, cafeteria, and music suite) from the academic portions of the building. The administration area oversees access to the building by students, parents, and visitors. The media center is centrally located for access by all grades.

Up to 500 middle school students are enrolled in grades six through eight, with 300 ninth-grade students located on the second floor in a ninth-grade academy.

The floor plan is organized around a grade-level "village" arrangement for the middle school and two small learning communities for the ninth-grade academy. These smaller schools within a school serve to support and encourage the fundamental curriculum practices of the school system and create a smaller environment and friendlier educational atmosphere for the students.

The building uses energy-efficient geothermal heat-pump technology for the heating and cooling systems. A non-tidal wetlands and stormwater management area behind the school also serve as a wildlife sanctuary and outdoor teaching area. ■

OVERALL FRONT ENTRANCE

PROMENADE

CAFETERIA

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