

Alcuin School | Dallas, TX Campus Development

108,500 SF
500 Students, Pre-K through 8th

Perkins+Will Architects

Profile

Alcuin School is a 50-year old independent school with a unique program combining traditional Montessori curriculum beginning at 18 months, International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme from 6th through 10th grades, and IB Diploma Programme through 12th grade. Its first graduating class for the 12th grade will be in 2018. Its mission in combining these strong and academically demanding programs is to develop innovative thinkers and passionate learners.

Project

The campus consists of 12 acres in an established residential neighborhood, zoned to allow for up to 700 students. In 2010, coinciding with new administrative leadership, a 35,000 square foot Middle School and 38,500 square foot Community Building were completed, which include a gymnasium, library and resource centers, and instructional spaces. Approximately 35,000 square feet of existing spaces in adjacent buildings are renovated to accommodate enlarged music, art, and extended day activities. Enhanced athletic facilities include a soccer field and improved parking and traffic circulation.

The current master plan will expand the facility and accommodate the upper school of 180 students with a dedicated classroom building, and improved spaces for all portions of the school population. The plan will also enhance the natural landscaping on the campus and add features that reinforce the fundamental principles of the Montessori education experience.

Services

As Construction Manager of the 2010 project, Building Solutions represented the owner in managing schedule and budget, and coordinated construction work with existing campus operations. We initiated design reviews and quality control measures, to ensure watertightness in potentially vulnerable areas, and conducted weekly project meetings to ensure proper communications. Maintaining positive relationships with residential neighbors was important. Coordination of construction with owner-furnished elements, such as technology and required building commissioning, were important value contributions. Vigilance in meeting LEED Certification requirements was part of the CM role as well.

On the current project, Building Solutions was engaged to organize and orchestrate the selection of the master planner and to manage the master planning process. In that capacity, we are also providing conceptual cost estimates and assisting in phasing methodology, which will influence building design and fundraising strategy.

