



Entire School/Campus Building

NEW CONSTRUCTION

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 6-8
Capacity: 1,100 students
Size of Site: 42 acres
Building Area: 170,000 sq. ft.
Building Volume: 3.1 million cu. ft.
Space per Student: 155 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$26,655
Square Foot Cost: \$172
Construction Cost: \$29.3 million
Total Project Cost: \$30.6 million
Contract Date: Mar. 2007
Completed: Aug. 2009
**Sustainability Rating System/
Applied/Status/Level:**
Austin Energy Green Building
Program—3 Star

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MIDDLE SCHOOL/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Diane Gorzycki Middle School

Austin, TX



The Diane Gorzycki Middle School achieved success for the Austin Independent School District, the community, and the environment.

The building orientation takes advantage of the steep sloping site. GSC designed the school with three floors to capture views of Austin's skyline. The school is an achievement of sustainable design on many levels, obtaining a Three-Star Rating from the Austin Energy Green Building

Program. Thoughtful details were designed to conserve energy, ranging from occupancy sensor lighting controls to high-reflective roofing material.

GSC implemented a creative wayfinding system to create a sense of community for each grade level. Each grade resides in one of the four color-coded wings of the building, which converge to a central library and commons area at the building's heart. A directional compass was

designed in the floor pattern of the common area for additional teaching opportunities. The library, gym, and dining room offer separate access for community use after hours.

The campus incorporates several outdoor gathering areas for the students, parents, and community. They include tree and bench areas close to the gym and dining area, as well as an outdoor classroom that was created with onsite boulders in an existing grove of trees. ■