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Campus Library Designs

In designing two new elementary campuses, we have the opportunity to do more than just create traditional spaces for teaching and learning. With Pleasant Run and West Main, we have the opportunity to design learning environments that truly support our students' 21st Century learning needs.

We looked at the current structures of our common areas such as the library, cafeteria, gymnasium and access pathways and asked one simple question: How can we enhance learning in these environments?

So, we started with our libraries.

After collecting feedback from staff members and members of the community, we prioritized ensuring that natural lighting was prominent in the libraries. Therefore, we have large windows to allow natural light to flow into the libraries.

In addition, we want to create learning spaces that are flexible and can adapt to meet the needs of our teachers and students. So incorporating moveable furniture that sit on casters (wheels) as well as furniture pieces that can be reconfigured to accommodate different layouts and learning communities was important as well.

Through our designs, we were able to create special reading spaces that allow students to engage in independent reading in a unique, comfortable setting.

We challenged our designers to explore the possibility of extending the learning environment beyond the walls of the library. As a result, both libraries feature walls that raise up so that staff and students can enjoy outdoor teaching and learning in addition to the traditional learning space inside.

Below are sample renderings of both campus libraries.

Pleasant Run Elementary



West Main Elementary



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