

WOODS CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

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PROJECT SIZE:

TOTAL BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE: **299,231 sq. ft.**

TOTAL REMODEL SQUARE FOOTAGE: **157,241 sq. ft.**

STUDENT CAPACITY: 1,500

PROJECT COMPLETION: AUGUST 2018



Woods Cross High School is undergoing an exciting transformation to update, expand, and improve many of its learning, working, and gathering spaces. The goal of the project is to transform the existing school into a relevant and resilient 21st century learning environment.

The initial phases of the project, Areas A and B, include a science lab addition at the northeast edge of the school and a major remodel to the east classroom pod for science, foods, and sewing labs, including a commercial teaching kitchen. It also includes a new east entrance to the school, which is on axis with the main school entrance along a new, daylit central circulation spine. This spine or “main street” running through the building enhances wayfinding throughout the school by providing both physical and visual connections.

The most transformative element of the remodel is the creation of a new student commons at the heart of the school in the location of the existing main office, courtyard and media center. Areas C and D include an all new kitchen and servery, dining space, and open gathering space for interaction, studying, events, and informal performance. The redesigned roof over the commons includes clerestories to bring in abundant natural light and reveal views of the sky. The commons is bordered by new classrooms and small group collaboration and study spaces, designed with great transparency to reveal the learning and activity happening within.

The main office and counseling center, Area E, is being relocated to an addition at the front of the school flanking the main school entrance. The offices have views to the exterior entry plaza and parking lot to improve school security and facilitate visitor check-in. The addition and redesigned entry plaza gives the front of the school and entry a fresh new look with seating areas, canopy, signage, new landscape and greater transparency. The addition wraps around the south expanding classroom space and providing a new fitness room with natural light and views of the track and football field.

The new media center, Area H, will live in the location previously occupied by the kitchen and cafeteria. It has been re-imagined to provide a variety of delightful and comfortable venues for student gathering, learning, group study, and use of various media. The media center includes a transparent but enclosed maker lab where students will explore ideas and engage in projects through “making”. Area H also includes an all-new child care suite where WXHS students will learn about child care through observation and interaction with children in a small child care center serving Davis School District staff. Exterior remodeling includes a new drop-off and parking area to serve the child care center and a new and expanded loading dock.

The final phase of work, Area J, includes new finishes in the little theatre and new seating and improvements to the auditorium.

