

# National Charter School Resource Center

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# Great School Spaces

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# About the Resource Center

The **U.S. Department of Education** is committed to promoting effective practices, providing technical assistance, and disseminating the resources critical to ensuring the success of charter schools across the country. To that end, the Education Department, under a contract with American Institutes for Research, has developed the **National Charter School Resource Center**.

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# Facilities Matter

Research studies indicate that:

- Teachers are more likely to stay in schools with high-quality facilities.
- Better facilities correlate to improved student attendance, reduced suspension and drop-out rates, and fewer behavioral incidents.
- Students in high-quality facilities outperform their peers in low-quality facilities by 3 percent to 7 percent on standardized tests.

# Webinar Objectives

- Participants will view and discuss a wide range of innovative and mission-driven educational spaces to inform and inspire their own future planning.
- Participants will leave the session inspired and empowered to take on facilities projects that support the improvement of educational outcomes at their own schools.

# Big Ideas

- **MISSION DRIVEN:** How can we create facilities that support school culture and advance the mission of a school?
- **ATMOSPHERE:** How can we design facilities that create an atmosphere conducive to learning and support the values and culture of a school?
- **FLEXIBILITY:** How can we incorporate flexibility into school design to ensure that spaces and structures can be adapted to support future preferences and priorities?
- **FINISHES:** How can we use elements such as color, light, texture, and materials to advance our goals for school spaces?
- **AFFORDABILITY AND EFFICIENCY:** How can we achieve all of this while still ensuring that school facilities are cost-effective and energy efficient?

# What Makes a School Space “Great”?

Today we will see a range of “great spaces”: large, small, newly constructed, renovated, touched-up, urban, and rural. The common thread? Each space is designed to directly support and advance the mission and values of the school.

# Lobbies and Entrances



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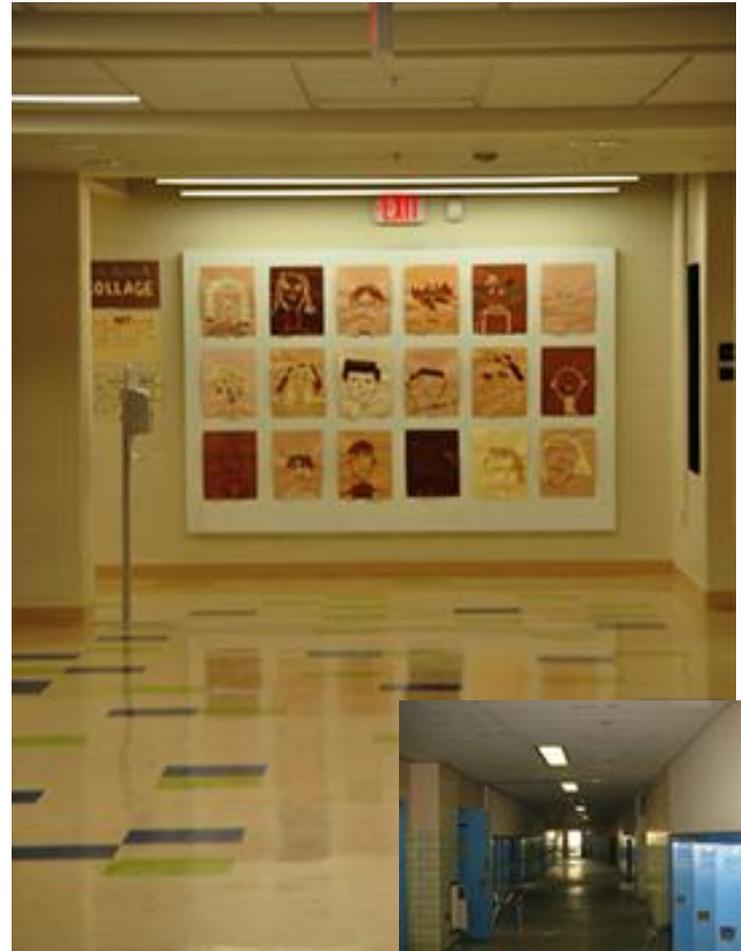
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Before  
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# Classrooms



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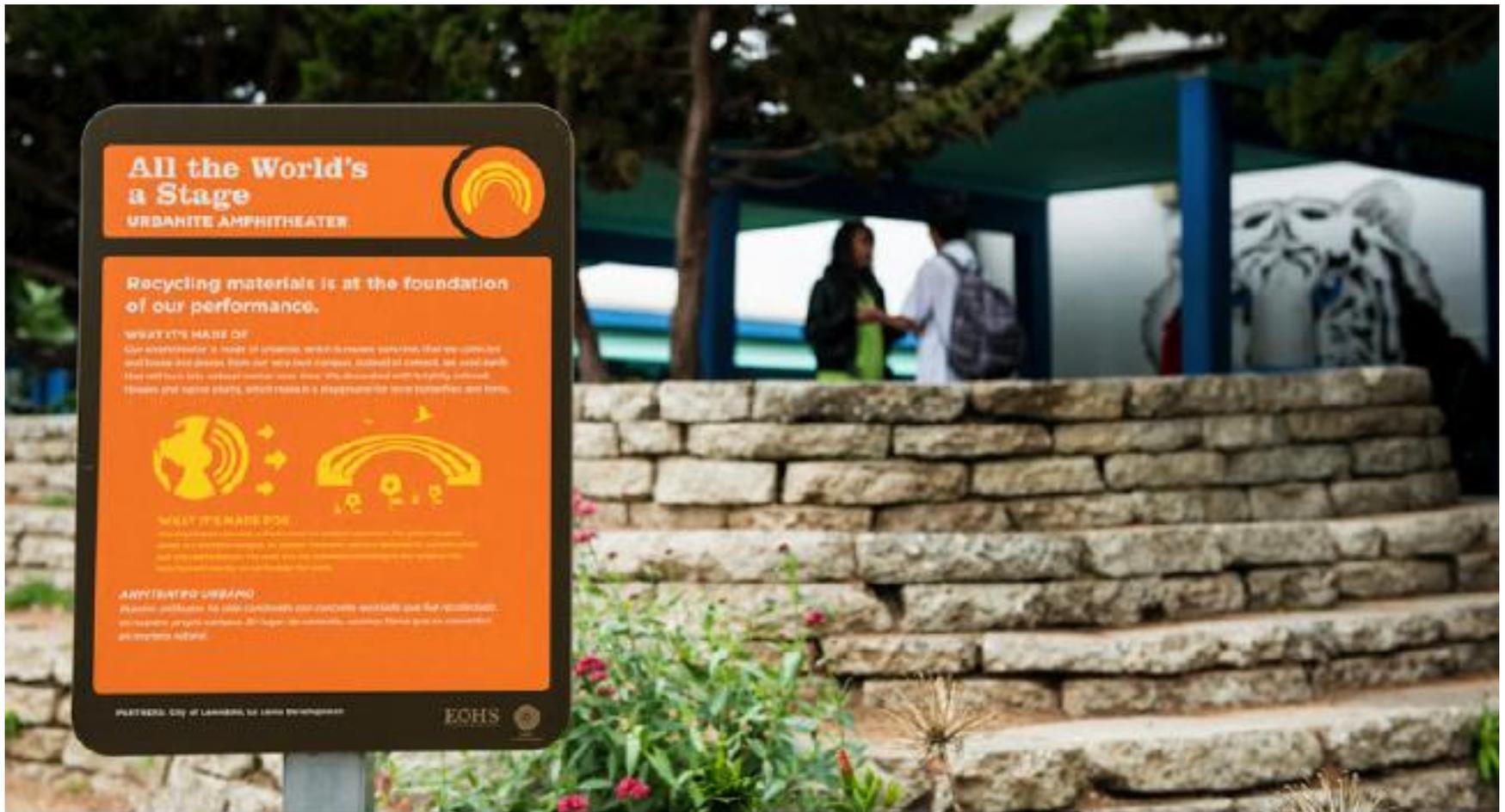


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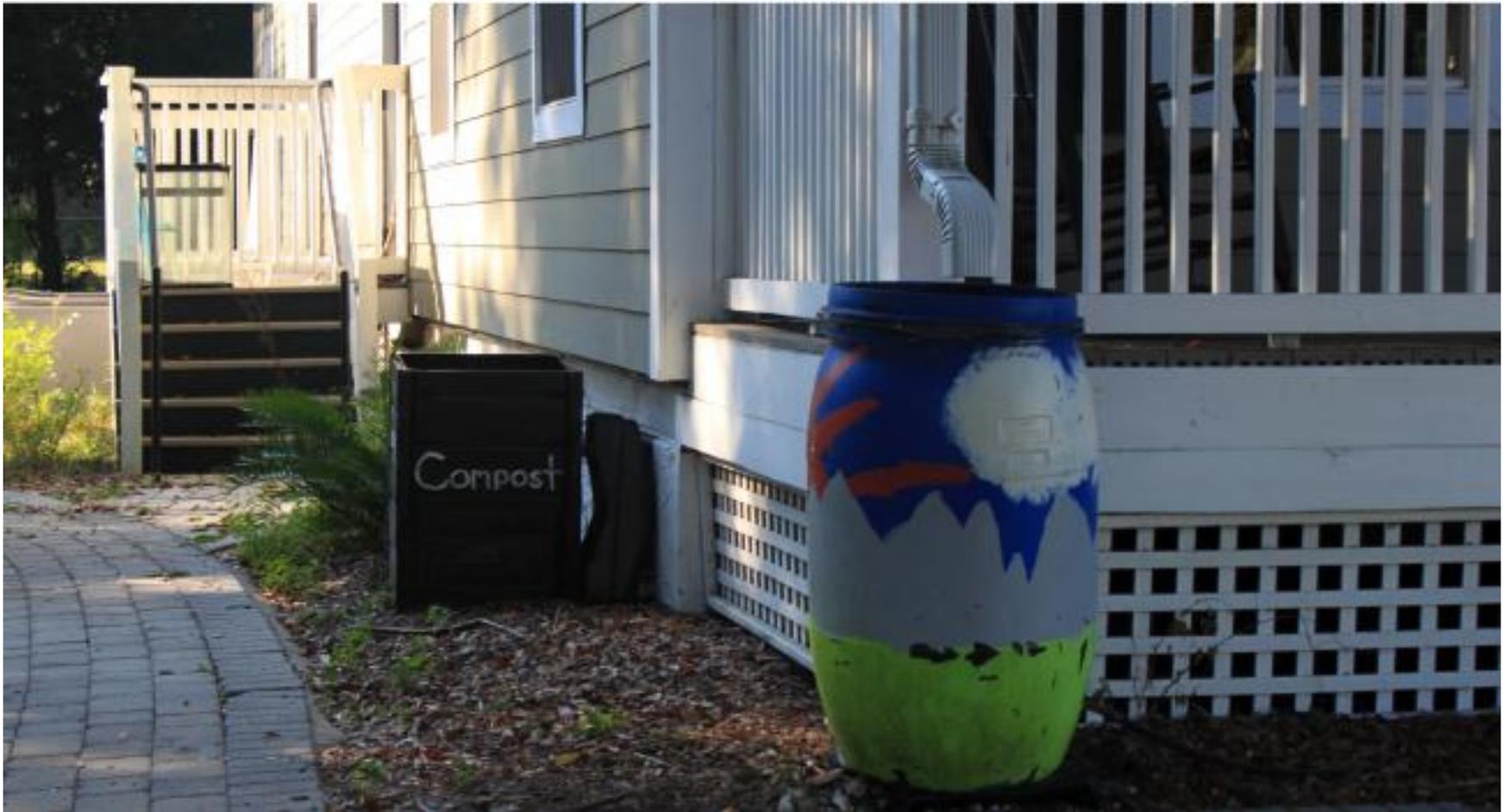


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