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.
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Before and after

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Common Spaces

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