



# Blakely Elementary School

## Bainbridge Island School District

**LOCATION**  
Bainbridge Island, Washington

**OWNER**  
Bainbridge Island School District

**PROJECT TEAM**  
 Mithun — Educational Planner, Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture  
 LPD Engineering — Civil Engineer  
 PCS Structural Solutions — Structural Engineering  
 ARUP — Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Engineer, Lighting and Security  
 JLR Design Group — Food Service Consultant  
 Robinson Company — Cost Estimating  
 JRS — Envelope Consulting & Commissioning  
 Applied Building Information LLC — Specifications  
 DA Hogan — Sports field Design  
 WBLA — Irrigation Design  
 McKinstry — Commissioning Agent  
 Forma Construction — General Contractor / Construction Manager (GC/CM)  
 WholeTrees — Tree Columns  
 Saxton Bradley — FF&E

**PROJECT DATA**  
 Site Size: 12 acres  
 Building Area: 68,000 sf  
 Building Area/Student: 151 sf  
 Occupancy: September 2019  
 Grades Housed: PreK-4  
 Student Capacity: 450

For this \$33 million replacement of a 1960's inwardly-focused single-story courtyard building, the Bainbridge Island community envisioned a seamlessly integrated landscape of shared, collaborative learning experiences that amplify strong student achievement and empower their ever-innovating teaching culture by transforming the school's relationship with its rural and richly wooded site.

The educational program at Blakely empowers 450 children in Pre-K through 4th grade to become lifelong learners in a global society. Alongside extraordinary academics, Blakely embodies a culture of kindness, respect and creativity that is nurtured by a strong community of faculty, staff, volunteers, parents and kids—all aspects stakeholders agree are embodied in Blakely's new, L-shaped learning communities.

Clusters of core learning spaces are both centered on and folded around a series of shared collaboration spaces, providing equitable access to diverse educational environments that flexibly support individual, small- and large-group activities. The collaboration spaces are themselves clustered, surrounding and seamlessly connected to an outdoor 'learning launch pad'. All of these spaces are linked by a spine that moves from the first community contact with the site to the forest to the east.

