The Tribe's previous school was a collection of portables and aging buildings. High school drop-out rates and the fact that many of the Tribe's students were choosing to attend other schools in the region, led to plans for a new K-12 campus endowed with a strong sense of cultural identity. The new school represents a significant investment from the Tribe, both financial and emotional, in the future of the their children.

Creating a strong sense of community and cultivating traditional teachings were key design goals for the school. Organized as a village, the buildings were inspired by the simple forms of the cedar longhouses characteristic to the Puget Sound region. Throughout the K-12 campus, students are consistently connected to the art and culture that define the identity of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.