2018 Architectural Awards
North Stafford High School
Library Renovation

Stafford County Schools
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CREATING OPPORTUNITY:  
THE 21ST CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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Why Spaces Matters for Learning
• Variety of spaces – collaborative and individual learning spaces
• This library, unlike most, holds its own with the internet
• Visually stunning
• Inclusive opportunity for learners
Bluestone Elementary School

Harrisonburg City Schools
VMDO
Nielsen
Why Spaces Matters for Learning

Health and Learning Made Visible
Beyond the core learning spaces, opportunities for small group learning, collaboration, social connections, and physical activity are embedded throughout the school. In Grades 3-5, Exploration Rooms and makerspaces support STEM programs and hands-on learning. Strategic visual connections throughout the building, as well as to the landscape beyond, help to orient newcomers, promote school community, and celebrate the unique beauty of the Shenandoah Valley.
Creating a Welcoming Environment

The design embraces cultural diversity while highlighting the relationship between the school and its global context. These social and physical elements help students relate to the larger world while feeling part of a community designed just for them. Public spaces radiate outward from the lobby and create a welcoming arrival sequence, while wayfinding themed around local geography supports orientation. A representative international flag exhibit highlights the diversity of the student population. One level below, the Dining Commons features local wood and stone details to create a unique sense of place. Windows in entry-level shared spaces like the Music Room overlook the Commons and heighten feelings of connection within the school environment.
Jury Comments

- Open, flexible and adaptable to a variety of learning configurations
- Tailored to the community
- LEED certification is a bonus
Old Donation School
Edward E. Brickell Academy for Advanced Academics & Arts

Virginia Beach City Schools
RRMM Architects
McKenzie Construction
Why Spaces Matters for Learning

Curriculum Courtyard
Lessons in Physics, Math, Environmental Studies, Civics
Arts Core Outside Dining & Student Garden
Toilets are flushed with rainwater at ODS
Produce from the student garden will be prepared and served here
Connecting Music, Visual Arts, Dance and Theater
Lessons in light, heat, energy, color
Continuous Connections To Outside
2nd story corridor
Curriculum Courtyard
EduCATIONAL COMMUNITY
Jury Comments

• Flexible partitions – adaptable
• Attention to multiple intelligences
• Extensive natural light
• Outside garden provides opportunity for student ownership
Elon Rhodes Early Learning Center

Harrisonburg City Schools
VMDO Architects
Nielsen Construction
Learning in a Neighborhood Setting
Community entourage areas along with hubs for literacy and movement engage circulation outside the paired studios to foster community and diverse active spaces. Interior environments are designed to foster optimal growth and development opportunities for exploration and learning while offering healthy connections to the outdoors. Play areas and a roof terrace support creative play, active movement and focused inquiry, sand and water play, and opportunities to explore nature.

Why Spaces Matters for Learning
• Modular and flexibility seating
• Smart storage
• Abundant light - very powerful
• Anticipates growth
• Use of hallway as learning spaces