Link to the past: The new Dinwiddie High School took clues from the county’s most identifiable building, the original Dinwiddie School and serves as the main entry. The overall high school is more contemporary and clearly reflects on the path of educational facilities in Dinwiddie.

Inviting character: The entry to the new high school reflects the character of the original elementary school and provides elements that are comfortably tied to the county culture and past. The scale of the building is broken down into three smaller parts linked together by a main circulation spine creates a series of buildings acting together as one learning community.

Project process: A series of design workshops with administrators, staff, parents and students were conducted to determine the appropriate direction for the high school design. Also, a series of tours of new high school facilities exposed the County to the most recent trends in school design with a consensus gained from exploring many options.

Building materials: A traditional red brick was selected to tie the new high school to the community’s favorite elementary school and a lighter beige brick breaks the scale of the upper levels of the academic and athletic wings. The sloped metal roofing also provides traditional forms.

Abundance of natural light: Introduction of natural light in the main circulation spine using clerestories, also in the octagon building entries, student dining and media center with view windows wherever possible as well as large classrooms windows.

Safety and security: Passive security methods were included in the school including simple linear circulation patterns, an entry vestibule that is locked down after school starts, four locker bays with waist-high lockers and glazed stairways for easy visual monitoring.
Descriptive Data

- Site size: 67.6 acres
- Student capacity: 1,600
- Area of building: 228,025 sf
- Total project cost: $40,150,000
- Cost per square feet: $176
- Cost per student: $25,094
- Space per student: 142.5 sf
Project Identification

- Project Name: Dinwiddie High School
- Project Location: Dinwiddie County, Virginia
- Owner: Dinwiddie County Public Schools
- Superintendent: Dr. Charles Maranzano Jr. W. David Clark
- Design Firm: Moseley Architects Inc.
- Principal In-Charge: Jim Copeland, AIA
- Project Designer: Billy Riggs
- Construction Administrator: Kirby Childers
- Engineers
  - Civil, Landscaping: Timmons Group
  - Structural, MEP: Moseley Architects
- Builder: Kenbridge Construction
- Photographer: Lee Brauer