

# BERKSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## NORTHWEST ISD

**PROJECT SIZE**

100,910 sf

**CAPACITY**

850 students

**COST**

\$26,377,000

**COMPLETION DATE**

Fall 2021

*Northwest ISD developed a prototype that has been constructed three times with a fourth iteration in progress. Berkshire Elementary School is the third campus and it opened in fall of 2021.*

Berkshire Elementary School is a 2-story facility that centers around a high-volume dining / learning commons which is designed to feel like a tree-house. The active learning space offers a variety of

furniture and settings, including “nests” that serve as a favorite reading nook for students. The commons is connected to a maker space and outdoor patio.

Grade-level learning communities are located adjacent to the commons. Each community has classrooms that surround flex space and focus rooms. Walls are movable, creating greater adaptability for learning of all types. Outdoor courtyards and patios are accessible by communities. One of the most unique features is a choral terrace that overlooks the cafetorium. The tiered seating serves a purpose for learning and performance while providing students and community members an exciting viewpoint of the stage.

Berkshire also features biophilic design, using light, material, biomorphic elements, views and more to enhance the learning experience.



