



COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



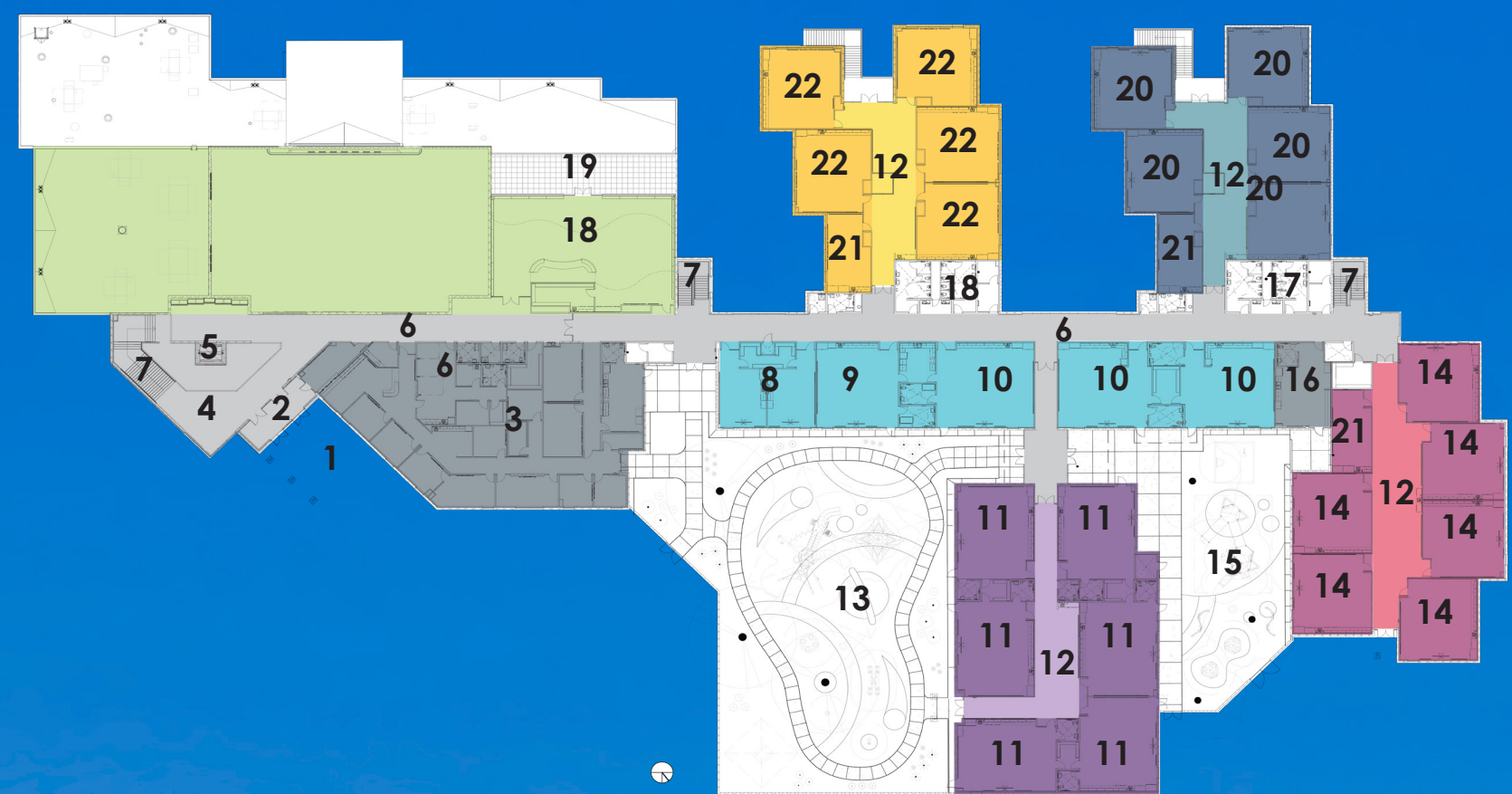
PROJECT NARRATIVE

Columbia Elementary School has been designed to create a campus that is safe, resilient, and highly-functional—while offering students an environment that sparks imagination, honors history, and supports modern education. Teachers, principals, and district staff participated in a variety of programming activities, including virtual and limited in-person workshops, questionnaires, and community meetings. These activities focused on identifying both district-wide and campus-specific program needs and on developing facility goals for a 21st-century, student-centered learning environment. Columbia Elementary School was thoughtfully designed to harmonize with its natural surroundings while celebrating the school's unique identity and history. The two-level building is integrated into the site's existing topography, minimizing its visual impact while enhancing accessibility, safety and day-to-day functionality. In honor of the school's namesake: the Columbia Space Shuttle, a major design theme was cosmic space exploration and continuing its tribute to the STS-107 crew. Inspiring students to reach for the stars in their studies and extracurricular activities, carrying on the legacy of the crew and their families.



SITE PLAN

1. New Columbia Elem. School
2. North Vehicle Entry
3. Central Vehicle Entry
4. South Vehicle Entry
5. Parent Drop-off Area (One-way)
6. Pre-K/DD Bus Drop-off Area
7. Main Building Entry/Exit
8. Pre-K/Kinder Outdoor Play Area
9. 1st & 2nd Grade Outdoor Play Area
10. Visitor Parking Area
11. Staff Parking Area
12. Bus Drive (One-way)
13. Service Drive & Kitchen Staff Parking
14. Baseball Field
15. Soccer Field
16. Outdoor Hardcourts
17. Outdoor Learning Classroom
18. 3rd-5th Grade Outdoor Play Area
19. Nature Trail
20. West Playground Entry/Exit
21. Ponding Areas
22. Indicates New Storm Water System
23. Off-Site Sediment/Retention Pond
24. Underground Concrete Channel
25. North Drainage Channel
26. Drainage Channel (Gabion)
27. Off-Site Sediment/Retention Pond



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1. Main Entry/Exit
2. Secured Vestibule
3. Admin. Area
4. Main Commons
5. Elevator
6. Main Corridor
7. Interior Stairwell
8. OT/PT Rooms
9. D-Level Classroom
10. Pre-K Classroom
11. Kindergarten
12. Neighborhood Breakout Learning
13. Pre-K/Kinder Outdoor Play Area
14. 1st Grade Classroom
15. 1st / 2nd Grade Outdoor Play Area
16. Teacher Breakout
17. Restrooms
18. Media Center
19. Media Center Outdoor Deck
20. 2nd Grade Classroom
21. Neighborhood Resource Room
22. 3rd Grade Classroom



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

23. 4th Grade Classroom
24. 5th Grade Classroom
25. Art Classroom
26. STEAM Classroom
27. Music w/ Piano Lab
28. Music / Computer Lab
29. Outdoor Learning Classroom
30. Gym / Multi-Purpose Room
31. Platform / Music Room
32. Support Spaces
33. Cafeteria
34. Commercial Kitchen
35. West Playground Entry/Exit

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Size: 103,120 SF

Completed: August 2025

Project Construction Cost: \$54,814,894.62

General Contractor: HB Construction

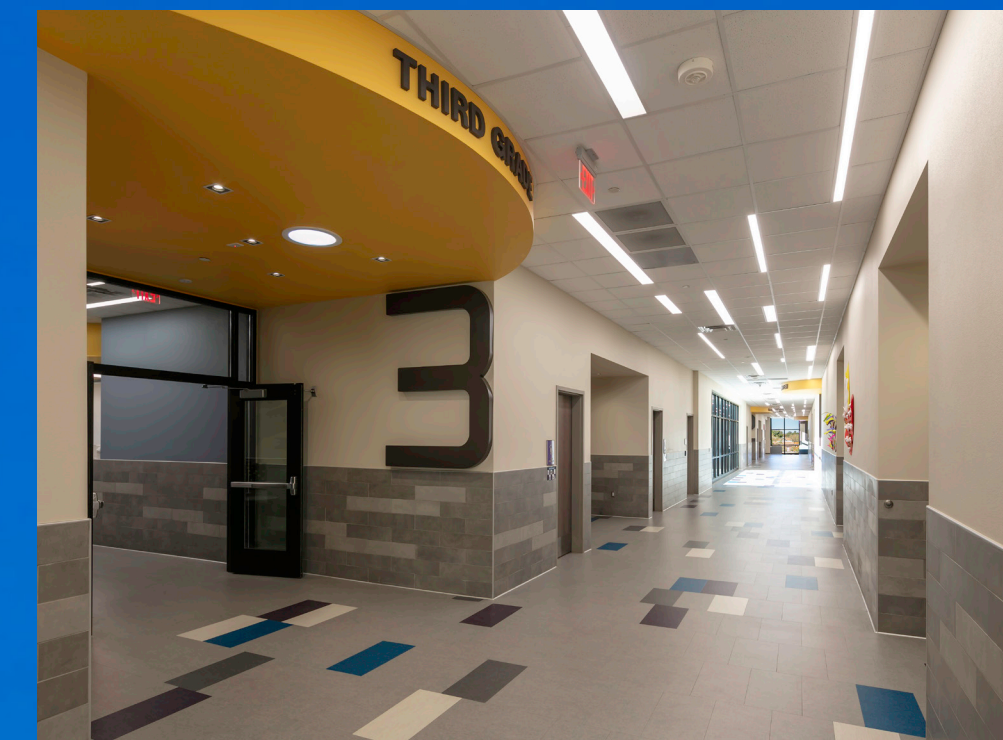
Location: 4555 Elks Dr, Las Cruces, NM



Entry Stairway



Pre-K Playground



Second Floor Corridor



Gymnasium



Student Pick-up/Drop-off



Aerial View



Cafeteria

