JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

New Classroom Building (L) and New Gymnasium (R)

Movement / Measurement
Demonstration rain garden
Amphitheater-style seating faces stage
New lunch shelter
Demonstration water retention area collects water draining from lunch shelter canopy
New planting and screens act as a buffer between service space and student activity
New Classroom Building Staircase
Even when considering the context of existing campus architecture, a key identifier of “Streamline Moderne” design is the sense of movement and flow of the building paired with an organized and rhythmic facade.
The design of the new classroom and athletics buildings represent the idea of “Movement and Measurement” in a series of simple yet powerful horizontal, layered planes acting upon and responding to the site and building functions. These layers serve as shading devices, covering stairs and gathering spaces, and help protect and identify significant entries.
The values of excelling in your craft, exceeding expectations, affecting change, and breaking down barriers instilled a true sense of responsibility and excitement to make this project a celebration of the rich heritage and a valuable contribution to Thomas Jefferson High School.
Amid these horizontal banding elements, the building mass is an anchor to the flow of movement around it. The material and finish choices along with the regular rhythm of ribbon windows, create a sense of stability and measurement, grounding the active forms.
New Main Quad and Lunch Shelter