

North Atlanta High School Renovation

Atlanta Public Schools

LOCATION:

Atlanta, GA

CLIENT:

Atlanta Public Schools

PROJECT DATA:

media center
theater
lecture halls
administration space
bus canopies

300,000 sf total

SERVICES:

Programming
Interior Design
Architectural Design
Construction Administration

COST:

\$27,000,000

DATE OF COMPLETION:

2010

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AWARDS:

2012 Urban Design Award
City of Atlanta

SUSTAINABILITY:

Low e-glass
Low VOC Paints
Carpeting with recycled content



North Atlanta High School, part of the Atlanta Public Schools system, wanted to renovate its existing building with the purpose of creating an environment that would physically support and visually express its mission to provide students with a high-level academic experience. This project was designed and constructed in two phases to accommodate the necessity of the school remaining open during renovations.

North Atlanta High School is an important community touchstone located on a busy, prominent Atlanta street. It required a design that would transform the building's lackluster street façade and inconspicuous main entry into welcoming beacons of learning worthy of the school's distinction and location. The new, 3-story, light-filled, glass and brick-clad main entry lobby accomplishes this goal. It also signals the substantial changes that have occurred in other parts of the building.

Design enhancements in other areas include the following: reorganization of the classroom wing to accommodate the school's four distinct learning academies; renovation of the media center, theater and lecture halls; the addition of exterior windows in classrooms that previously had no access to natural light; redesign of under used and unwelcoming exterior spaces into pleasantly landscaped, welcoming spaces; replacement of old and inefficient building support systems and technology; and the improvement of traffic flow through the site. Better lighting and modern finishes top off the transformation of North Atlanta High School into an up-to-date academic institution.

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