

Southside High School



Lafayette Parish School System had not had a new high school since 1969. Due to overcrowded schools and a steady influx of new residents moving in, the school board realized the facility needs were top priority. After much discussion and fact-finding, a decision was made to build and locate a new high school in Louisiana's fastest growing city of Youngsville.

GOALS

- Construct an up-to-date facility
- Create a LEED certified building
- Encourage collaboration
- Create interactive spaces
- Meet the needs of students, instructors, and administration



STRATEGIES

- Research what a 21st century school can offer
- Provide furniture that allows for new and different learning styles
- Create a healthy, highly efficient, and cost-saving green building

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Once approval had been made to move forward with the construction of the new school, the school aimed for the building to be LEED certified. LEED certification provides a framework to create healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving green buildings. Therefore, every aspect of the building, from the construction, to the lighting, to the furniture, had to meet certain requirements. Not only did the school need to meet the green building certification, but because of how learning methods have changed dramatically over the years, they wanted to insure their new facility was state of the art and provided the best opportunities to engage in new and different learning styles.

The new 21st century school, consists of three main areas, the center of which is a three-story classroom building. The classroom building contains laboratories, a library, dining facility and collaboration spaces. A single-story building to the east houses two gymnasiums and locker room areas. To the west, a single-story theatre, band and rehearsal building resides. Kimball helped LPSS select education furniture that was conducive to new learning styles, and also fostered collaboration and encouraged students to work together.

By listening to the goals that LPSS aimed to accomplish within their new facility, Kimball was able to provide furniture solutions that met their needs as well as the needs of the students, instructors and administration. “Kimball was very supportive and helpful throughout the design, procurement and installation process of the new facility,” concluded Catherine Cassidy, Principal of Southside High School.



“The furniture design in our classrooms allow for a mobile rather than static classroom environment; student tables and chairs lend themselves to a wide array of configurations with minimal transitional time. The collaborative space furniture is coming to life each and every day as the students find various ways to gather and manipulate the furniture that make the learning process more comfortable and easy.”

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