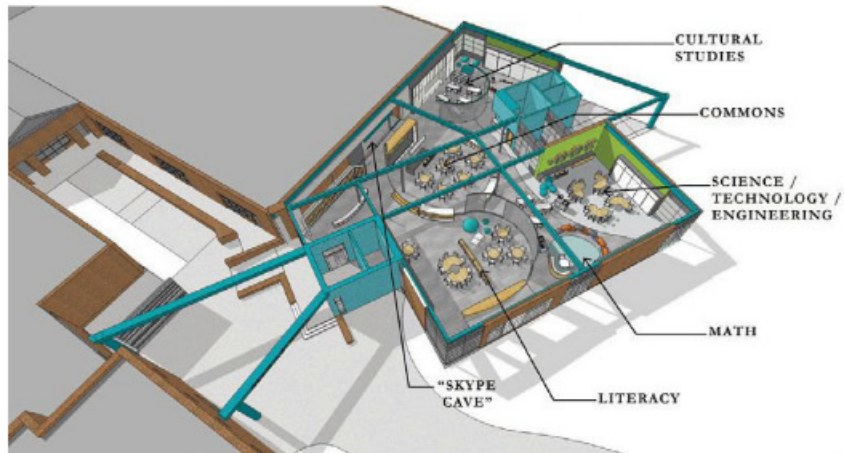


Agnor-Hurt Elementary School

Charlottesville, VA

When given the opportunity to expand their school, administrators, teachers and parents at Agnor-Hurt Elementary School sought a spatial response that embodies the making of community and promotes individualized learning. Surprisingly, the first barrier to come down in the planning of the addition was not the idea of walls that divide, but the notion of separating learners by age group. Instead, combining children of multiple ages ensures that learning happens along a natural developmental continuum and fosters a set of behaviors—such as empathy, helping, sharing, role-modelling and emulation—that are not part of normal day-to-day schooling, but create shared experiences.

After the age barrier was removed, a spatial experience was devised that promotes 21st-century learning. While the exterior of the building is a straightforward extension of the existing school architecture, the interior is an unexpectedly vibrant learning environment. Gentle changes in floor levels, highly adjustable and adaptable furniture, built-in storage with charging stations and varying acoustic ceiling components ensure flexible functionality and distinct senses of place within an essentially open multi-age learning house.



New Construction/Addition

Multi-use/joint-use building/space

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Pre-K-5
 Capacity: 572
 Size of Site: 19.54 acres
 Building Area: 79,825 sq. ft.
 Space per Student: 140 sq. ft.
 Cost per Student: \$8,686
 Square Foot Cost: \$62
 Construction Cost: \$4,968,882
 Project Cost: \$5,565,907
 Completion Date: November 2015

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