Fowler Elementary School

Fowler, Colorado

Architect: DLR Group

The new Fowler Elementary School replaces and consolidates two 100-year-old existing school buildings. During the planning phases of the project, it was determined the cost for renovating the existing schools far exceeded the cost of a new replacement elementary.

Funding for the project was split between a local bond issue and a grant from the state. This facility is the first entirely new school building in Colorado to be partially funded via the grant process.

The design of the school is very traditional in nature. The district challenged the design team to create a school that was very small town community oriented. The brick colors and patterning are modeled after a historic depot building in downtown Fowler, as well as borrowing detailing ideas from the two existing schools. The classroom wings and multi-purpose room forms are gabled to help enhance the traditional concept. Mechanical mezzanines occupy the volume above the classroom hallways to allow ease of maintenance and keep the roof lines clean.

The layout of the building makes it very easy for student, staff, and parent movement. The classroom wings allow for two classrooms each for K-3 and 4-6. The building is located across the street from the existing HS/JHS campus. An important design consideration was to create a safe, direct access for students to communicate between the buildings of the overall campus.

The building features a community Media Center and two adjacent computer labs. A large multi-purpose room anchors the building and is situated to allow for after hour use by the community. This room features a stage with access to an outdoor amphitheater.

MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS

DIV 04: *Brick:* Summitt.

DIV 07: *Built-Up:* GAF; *Metal Coping & Flashing:* Copper Sales; *Shingles:* Elk.

DIV 08: *Windows:* Kawneer.

DIV 09: *VCT:* **AZROCK**; *Carpet:* Mohawk; *Resinous Flooring*: **Stonhard**; *Acoustical Treatment*: BPB Celotex.

EXTENDED PRODUCT INFORMATION

VCT: **Azrock**
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Resinous Flooring: **Stonhard**
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