

Reggio Magnet School for the Arts, Avon, CT

The design of the Reggio Magnet School building is guided by the Reggio Emilia philosophy of education. The principal design theme within the building is the centrally located piazza, which connects the classrooms, gymnasium and cafeteria. The indoor piazza acts much like the outdoor, old world piazzas in Italy and serves as a gathering space for presentations and group functions. The focus on collaboration also extends into the design of the classrooms, which are arranged to provide a shared studio space for each grade level. Throughout the school, student work is the primary focus and the building design encourages exhibition of projects and art through the use of display cases, tack boards, and interior windows. In addition to regular classrooms, the school design includes spaces for music, art, science, and a media center. Once completed, the school will accommodate 450 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The school plans on opening its doors for students in 2013. As the Program Manager, we developed the educational specifications, working collaboratively with the educators, assuring that the curricular needs of the school program were properly addressed. In addition, we developed all aspects for the grant application. As part of our role, we oversaw the pre-construction process, and are currently overseeing the construction phase.



Size:	63,032 square feet
Project Budget at Start:	31.5 million
Project Budget at Completion	31.5 million/in progress
Schedule:	2010-2014
Project completed:	August 2013
Type of Owner Agreement:	Program Manager
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