

ASPIRE LANGSTON HUGHES ACADEMY & ASPIRE PORT CITY ACADEMY PACIFIC CHARTER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT  
*Stockton, California*



**Design Features**

- Combination Fast-Track Modular & Conventional Construction
- K-12 Campus for 1017 Students
- 44 Classrooms, including specialty Science, Art, and Music Rooms
- Age-Appropriate Outdoor Activity Spaces

**Size: 74,000 sf**

**Construction Cost: \$14.86 million**

**Completion December 2011**

The latest Aspire Public Schools campus includes both the K-5 Aspire Port City Academy, and the Aspire Langston Hughes Academy 6-12 programs on a single campus. The new 10.9 acre, K-12 charter school campus repurposes a defunct lumber yard into a collegiate preparation center, serving 1000+ students. Project development includes approximately 74,000 SF in five permanent modular classroom buildings surrounding a central quad space. The combined program includes a multipurpose room, gymnasium, 40 classrooms and 9 specialty rooms that include science labs, computer labs, libraries, and a writing lab.

At the heart of the campus, the central quad is strategically located to separate upper and lower grade levels. This campus gathering hub operates both as a recreational area and an outdoor classroom; featuring an amphitheater that supports performances, creative interaction and teambuilding skills. A combination of lush landscaping and drought tolerant plantings create a sustainable landscaping solution to create distinctive space and fulfill various needs around the campus.

The campus takes advantage of Central Valley's warm weather, featuring exterior circulation. Classroom buildings opening up to a beautifully landscaped outdoor locker area, which doubles as mini social spaces for students between classes.

Specific age-appropriate outdoor spaces are provided adjacent to classrooms and within visual control of faculty rooms - special consideration is given to the K-1 age group. Primary circulation routes and supervised access points are segregated based on school program. Separate vehicular drop-off queues are an extension of this segregation and streamline morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up.



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**Community Multi-Purpose Facilities**

The school includes a dynamic gymnasium/multi-purpose building, servicing lunch and recreation for the entire school community. Large glass storefront wall systems allow the building to take in ample natural light, flowing into the building's gathering spaces.

The smaller multi-purpose facility holds lunch periods for grades K-6, and the larger high-bay space serves a dual function as a high school cafeteria and gymnasium space. A centrally located kitchen offers ease of access to both serving areas, while consolidating the construction requirements on the school facilities budget. Movable furnishings allow for easy reconfiguration in minimal time, and large tarps are laid out to protect the sprung wood flooring.

Each afternoon, the covers are easily pulled up and bleachers are pulled out, converting the space to function as a gymnasium for PE and athletics. The space is often used for assemblies and other student gatherings, providing a large, bright, communal area where children can come together and learn. In addition, the school is able to rent out the gym to community youth sports groups as a revenue source for the campus.

