### School of the Month

Downtown High School San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco County

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

### Modernization

The school serves 300 students in grades 9–12, offering an alternative curriculum focused on project–based learning and affording a second chance to at–risk students.

Located in San Francisco's Potrero Hill neighborhood, the school was originally built in 1934 and expanded in 1951, serving as an elementary school through the 1980's. This art deco style building has undergone many transformations through its lifetime, including administrative use by the California Department of Transportation.



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The school's location, a steeply sloping site, and the building's original split–level design made access difficult. Alterations to the exterior and interior surfaces would need to bridge the old with the new.

Ultimately, this modernization project provided a fully–accessible campus of nineteen classrooms while bringing new life to the school and community.

### ARCHITECT:

K2A Architecture + Interiors





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