

WILLIE L. BROWN JR. MIDDLE SCHOOL SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



DESIGN FEATURES

- Active Community Process
- Wellness Center offers Healthcare Dental and Counseling Services
- Designed to CHPS Specifications
- Design-Build Delivery Method

SIZE: 88,000 SF

BUDGET: \$44.6 MILLION

COMPLETION: FALL 2015

The Willie L. Brown Jr. Middle School's vibrant new design stems from its comprehensive community process; collaborating with parents, administrators, educators and community leaders. Sited on the corner of Silver and Revere, the new state-of-the-art, 88,000 square foot middle school terraces the steeply sloping site. Its two buildings wrap around a central "community hub," creating an inclusive campus environment, based upon the principals of restorative practices.

Located in the historically underserved Bayview neighborhood, the new Willie L. Brown Jr. Middle School seeks to serve its community in several ways; including public access to the school gymnasium, library and multi-purpose. The school's Wellness Center will offer dental, healthcare, fitness and counseling services to any SFUSD students in need.

K2A incorporates the principals of sustainable design, using the California High Performance School (CHPS) metrics. Natural lighting is incorporated throughout; solar panels seek to produce 60% of the school's energy needs, and rainwater is harvested for the outdoor community and teaching gardens. SFUSD's first ever Design-Build project, the new \$44.6 Million Willie L. Brown Jr. Middle School is on schedule to open for classes in Fall 2015.



COMMUNITY HUB & AMENITIES

Joining together the indoors with the outside, the community hub is the central focus upon which the campus design at the Willie L. Brown Jr. Middle School is built. Through the community meeting process, the need for a central school gathering place was a key element from early on.

The main building turns inward, opening classrooms and the multipurpose facility into the central courtyard/amphitheater/gathering space. Stepping down the hillside, green terraces open to raised garden beds, for use in the school curriculum as well as the neighboring residents. The school gymnasium is opened for community use. Also incorporated into the site design is an area for weekend a farmer's market, bringing a viable resource that fits wonderfully into the District's vision for a neighborhood school.

