



Keller Independent School District

Intermediate-Middle

HyBRiD Campus

Keller ISD remains one of the fastest growing school districts in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. So it was no surprise when the need for an additional intermediate school and middle school campus was brought to voters in November of 2008.

Only expecting enough growth to fill half of a traditional intermediate school and half of a traditional middle school, KISD suggested a new concept: one campus housing fifth through eighth grade students rather than constructing two separate facilities. As a cost-effective solution for upcoming growing pains, Keller ISD taxpayers voiced their approval for the project with the passing of the 2008 Bond Package.

In the exploration of what this new facility might look like, Keller ISD is taking the opportunity to develop a brand new type of campus. The end solution of collaboration between students, parents, administrators, teachers and members of the community is a Hybrid Campus that not only combines two previously separated age groups, but also combines state-of-the-art technology and teaching concepts to provide a new type of educational experience for Keller ISD students.

A Visionary Campus

With the new intermediate-middle school hybrid campus, Keller ISD will transform the traditional teaching-learning process. An innovative non-traditional learning culture will be created that combines the district's core curriculum; the best of the most appropriate familiar and accessible technologies;



and research-based and innovative instructional strategies. The goal is to create a learning culture that provides students with an instructional program specifically focused on their individual learning styles. Teachers, parents and the community will remain integral partners in this learning community.

The new facility will address the structural issues necessary to support the new instructional process and new technologies. This will allow students to experience one-to-one technology integration, utilizing familiar and accessible technology tools to support the established curriculum. Keller ISD will also carefully hire a campus administration and staff that have the ability to implement the articulated vision of the hybrid campus.

The campus fulfills the district's need to keep pace with continued growth. Keller ISD has welcomed over 5,000 new students over the past five years, and in September 2008 topped the 30,000-student mark. Though unique to KISD, the campus still aligns with the district's goal that all students will achieve educational excellence, and furthers the commitment to be an exceptional district in which to work, learn and live.

Collaboration in design process

The new hybrid campus was collaboratively designed by the architecture firm with input from students, teachers, administrators and the community. The end design provides alternative instructional spaces for small group and large group





collaboration, along with individual and group technology use, and better work flow. The building components that the community has come to expect in Keller ISD will remain, including a gymnasium, cafeteria, fields, playgrounds, and safety/security features. However, the hybrid presents an opportunity to feature several unique features such as these collaboration spaces.

Accommodating fifth through eighth grade students, the campus will essentially serve as half of a traditional KISD intermediate school and half of a middle school. The 177,000-square-foot facility will be located on a 43-acre site on Old Denton Road south of Golden Triangle Boulevard. Designed by Hanfeld, Hoffer and Stanford of Fort Worth, the campus will contain 48 classrooms, but will feature a flexible configuration that has not yet been seen in any of KISD's previously constructed facilities. Moveable walls among isolated classroom pods will be free to transform into spaces in which lessons and projects can be shared with a greater number of students.

Security and safety will still remain of the utmost importance. Keller ISD is dedicated to the goal of its facilities and services operating in a safe manner so that all students and employees may thrive in a secure and nurturing environment. While providing space for collaboration among peers, the middle school and intermediate school students will spend the majority of their day in separate wings of the building to limit interaction between the varying grade levels and ages.



As with other KISD campuses, every teacher will have a laptop with connectivity, however, the ways in which that technology will be utilized will be taken to a further level with students being connected to teacher-provided education resources at any time, school or home, day or night. Each classroom will be in line with previously established district technology standards which call for the availability of projectors with document cameras and sound reinforcement, network printing capabilities, online curriculum access, wireless capabilities and student access to technology. However, students will have additional access to devices and resources not previously possible in a traditional school setting.

Based on student and curriculum needs, kids will be able to utilize the connectivity of mobile devices to access various teaching tools. A Web portal which allows access to specific information for specific teachers, students and parents will be established to provide an unparalleled availability of information for all three parties. There will also be a focus on promoting real-time access to information utilizing the variety of technological devices. Individual student response systems will be utilized for teachers to quickly assess learning and gain immediate feedback.

Cloud technology will allow students to not be tethered to the campus. It will allow flexibility for students to engage in learning beyond the traditional confines of the classroom walls, as they will be able to access learning resources through any device capable of an internet connection.

Fusion of technologies

Keller ISD's standards of technology will be implemented in the new hybrid campus including wireless connectivity, document cameras and projectors, integrated electronic whiteboards, mobile computing devices, and an integrated online student-teacher-parent collaboration portal. In addition, the focus of this hybrid campus will be one-to-one technology utilizing familiar and accessible technology with 24/7 access to learning resources.

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