

# Datasheet

## MT. PLEASANT ACADEMY

District 2

JANE DAVIS, PRINCIPAL

### PROJECT TEAM

**Construction Manager:**  
**Cumming|SMG**

**Architect:**  
**Stubbs Muldrow Herin/  
Craig Gauldon & Davis**

**Contractor:**  
**Brantley Construction**



The new Mt. Pleasant Academy is located on the same site where the previous Mt. Pleasant Academy existed. The new facility will accommodate 500 Pre-K through 5th grade students. Replacing this facility presented numerous challenges for the district and the design team in order to replace this school.

One challenge was that the site is located in a flood zone, thus requiring the new facility's first floor elevation to be raised above flood level to be in accordance with code. Another challenge was that this facility is located in a residential neighborhood and the design team was challenged to design a facility that blended in with the neighborhood. The biggest challenge for this project was because the site is very narrow and long, it presented issues with providing adequate car and bus stacking and required parking spaces. However, through collaboration with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, these issues were overcome, allowing the facility to be replaced. The Town of Mt. Pleasant and Charleston County School District entered into a joint use agreement of the parking lot located in front of the baseball field, to be used by the school as well as the Town. Secondly, through cooperation with the Town and CCSD, an easement variance was obtained which allows proper bus and car stacking and turnaround space. Without this collaboration with the Town, it was unlikely this facility could have been replaced.

The 65,000 square foot facility will have 29 teaching stations as well as several resource rooms, art room, band and music labs and a large multi-purpose room joined to the cafeteria with an operable partition which will allow opening into one large space or dividing in to two separate spaces. The multi-purpose room also has a platform stage. The new facility has also been designed and constructed under the U.S. Green Building Council LEED program initiatives; however, CCSD did not seek certification due to the costs associated with certification.

The architectural team had a very challenging job to re-develop this existing site to accommodate the new facility and has done a very good job of not only re-developing this site but blending the design of this facility into a residential neighborhood where it is located.

### PROJECT DATA

<b>Design Start:</b>	<b>October, 2006</b>
<b>Design Completion:</b>	<b>February, 2008</b>
<b>Demolition Start:</b>	<b>October, 2007</b>
<b>Demolition Completion:</b>	<b>May, 2007</b>
<b>Early Site Start:</b>	<b>August, 2007</b>
<b>Early Site Completion:</b>	<b>June, 2008</b>
<b>Building Construction Start:</b>	<b>May, 2008</b>
<b>Building Construction Completion:</b>	<b>July, 2009</b>
<b>Square Footage:</b>	<b>65,000 SF</b>
<b>Site Size:</b>	<b>9 acres</b>
<b>Student Capacity:</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Construction Cost:</b>	<b>\$14.4 million</b>
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$18.2 million</b>

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