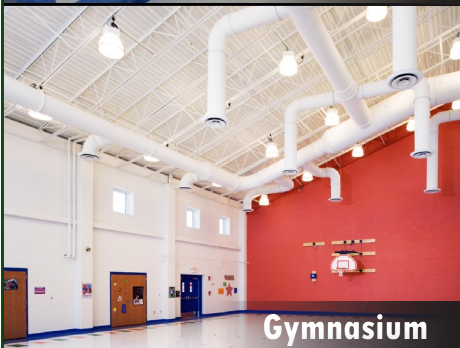




Class Room



Hallway



Gymnasium



Project Profile

Client:

Red Clay Consolidated School District

Design Professional:

Buck Simpers & Associates

Location:

Wilmington, DE

Delivery Method:

General Contracting

Key Challenges:

- Complete the construction of the school in preparation for the 2005-2006 school year which was critical to the District's feeder pattern re-alignment.
- Integrate the building into the existing natural landscape consistent with the Hockessin area.

North Star Elementary

North Star Elementary School was the first new elementary school built in northern New Castle County in 10 years. One of the primary goals of the design was to incorporate the building into the existing landscape. Therefore, each classroom provides a view of the tree-lined property and allows for a large amount of natural light. The school houses 650 students in grades kindergarten through fifth. A four classroom pod supports each grade level, and the full-day kindergarten classes are supported in a special addition to the building. Common areas are also included within each pod. A state-of-the-art library, full-service kitchen, computer lab and multi-functional gym are all features of the 58,000 square foot facility.

North Star Elementary School was completed on a very aggressive schedule, with less than one year between the school's groundbreaking and Certificate of Occupancy. Bancroft completed the project on time, during the height of a very busy school construction market where resources were sometimes limited.