



P.S. duPont Middle School

Client:
Brandywine School District

Design Professional:
ABHA Architects

Location:
Wilmington, DE

Delivery Method:
Construction Management

Key Challenges:

- To restore the historical integrity of a 1935 educational facility listed on the National Register of Historic Places while updating building systems to meet current and future educational and technological needs.
- To accommodate a four-phased, time sensitive construction schedule within an occupied facility.
- To incorporate energy-saving features wherever possible in order to improve energy efficiency.

The largest school renovation in Delaware state history – Bancroft completed the P.S. duPont project on-schedule and within budget. The scope of work included the replacement of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, exterior repairs and upgrades, security upgrades, renovation and restoration of the main lobby, classrooms, administration area, library, cafeteria and auditorium as well as a separate 13,000 square foot natatorium. Bancroft was successful in retaining and restoring 90% of the original wood trim, plaster ceilings, and terrazzo and oak floors. In addition, the team integrated energy-saving features such as high-efficiency ambient and occupancy sensed lighting, building automation systems and solar panels for the natatorium.