



Key Project Information	
Project Size:	6,000 SF Addition
Market Segment:	Independent School

The Sage School is a private school serving academically gifted students in eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Over the past few years and through a number of scope changes, DRA has worked with the school to create an educational environment to meet the needs of a variety of teaching methods and learning styles.

In 2002, DRA initially provided Master Planning for development of a new facility with clusters or houses for the three brackets of students within the program. These cluster groupings were then organized around a two-story Common Area for dining, social gatherings, and theatre. When the purchase of an existing facility arose in 2004, DRA was asked to develop a phasing study to identify addition/renovation options to transform the building to better serve the school program. After a highly collaborative process with school administrators and educators, we designed an addition and comprehensive renovations.

Addition and Renovations

The centerpiece of The Sage School addition is a 6,000 SF gym adjacent to a stage for physical education and recreational uses along with the conversion of the existing gym space to a library. Part of the scope was to develop a clear organization of the campus and establish a framework for growth. DRA focused on maximizing the site as well as creating a campus identity for the school. The campus plan is an innovative design that expands the definition of the classrooms to include individual and group work areas beyond the extent of the classroom. The use of the Library, the "Commons" as well as "Flex" Spaces which are adaptable work areas that can also meet the needs of larger assemblies, all evolved through the schools educational plan of student centered education, project based learning and a multidisciplinary approach.

