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Bethel Middle School

Bryant Public Schools

Alexander, AR

The Bryant School District needed a new 750-student middle school. A “high performance” building and “LEED Certification” were desired.

A combination of two building types was used to save time. “Red iron” was readily available and could be obtained on short notice, while the pre-engineered second floor was being fabricated in the shop.

Land was conserved by utilizing a two-story design, and ground-level entry was achieved for both levels, thus easily allowing separation of car and bus traffic. And, at the same time, security was enhanced by using only a few means of controlled entry to the building.

Occupant sensors and motion detectors along with the management program controls the lighting, HVAC systems, and alarm systems. Daylight throughout the building creates a bright, healthy environment. Student test scores have risen, absenteeism has declined, and student requests to attend Bethel are phenomenal.

The building has been awarded LEED Silver, and equally as important, will return 96 percent of the original cost during its 50-year life through savings to the district. The seven dollars additional building-sq.-ft. costs will be paid out in approximately 12 years, three years below the legislated time.



Jackson Brown King Architects

Development Team

Architectural Firm **Jackson Brown King Architects, Inc.**
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Project Information

Chief Administrator	Dr. Richard Abernathy	Current Enrollment	748
Project Completion Date	October 2006	Site size (acres)	47.934 total, 6.738 developed
Gross Area (sq. ft.)	121,086	Cost per Student	\$18,942.62
Per Pupil (sq. ft.)	161.45	Cost per sq. ft.	\$117.33
Capacity (Students)	750	Total Project Cost	\$14,206,963

