



THEA BOWMAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Location Gary, Indiana

Partners Innovative Modular Solutions

Type Permanent School Building

Size Total: 58,520 square feet

Units 55 modular units
Site-built gymnasium & admin offices

Client The Thea Bowman Leadership Academy was founded on the belief that “educated citizens emerge as the true leaders of a community.” The school offers a full curriculum for all grade levels and is based in Gary, Indiana.



Their Need Enrollment growth and long waiting lists necessitated the school’s curriculum to expand from K-8 to a full K-12 program. The new building would need to serve both programs and address site issues.

Our Solution The building was to be sited on an area designated with protective status and needed to have minimal environmental impact. In addition, it needed to address noise: from car traffic, a nearby airport and railway lines.

Whitley Manufacturing was selected by Innovative Modular Solutions to construct the modular portions of the structure. The junior high and high school facilities are separated, while sharing support offices. The building features non-combustible construction, an elegant masonry facade, high-efficiency HVAC systems and solid cementitious-cast floors. The offices are shared between grades and the masonry exterior effectively deadens outside noise.

Construction begins on the modular portions of the school.

JANUARY 15th, 2008.

Modular and site-built areas all completed and classes begin.

AUGUST 29th, 2008

To control costs, the school needed to house two distinct groups within a single facility (junior high & high school).

2 SCHOOLS - 1 BUILDING

The building was designed to accommodate both age groups in separate areas without duplicating support staff.

2-story junior high and high-school classroom wings are separated by common areas - allowing separation, as well as efficient use of common areas.

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FEATURES

Exterior Covering: Split-face block masonry. Cost effective and deadens exterior noise.

The building features non-combustible construction and a full fire-suppression system.

Solid floor structure composed of a cementious sub-floor cast on a welded steel deck.

The building features 2 story classroom sections separated by common areas & offices.

The building features a shared multimedia center, computer education classrooms, full-sized contest gym, science labs, art studios, music education & band rooms and a fully-functioning cafeteria.