



KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy New K-8 Charter School Camden, NJ

Consulting MEP/FP Engineer:
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Completion Date:
Opened Fall 2015 School Year

Project Highlights:

This new 125,500 sqft, part 2 story / part 3 story “renaissance” K-8 school was completed and opened in the Fall of 2015 with a final construction cost of \$36.5M. In the course of the project history our firm originally provided construction documents for a school building on this site for the NJ SDA in 2006 (documents fully completed and approved and ready for bidding and construction) however this version of the project was not funded. In 2009 the new school building was completely redesigned for the NJ SCC and again ready for bidding and construction but not funded. The final constructed version of the project (established under the Urban Hope Act) KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy is New Jersey’s first renaissance school and was created in partnership with KIPP, one of the most renowned, national networks of free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public charter schools; The Cooper Foundation, the charitable arm of Cooper University Health Care, and the Norcross Foundation. The newly constructed school provides college preparatory curriculum beginning in the earliest grades and offers guaranteed enrollment for children from the Lanning Square and Cooper Plaza neighborhoods. The new facility offers modern classrooms with state-of-the-art technology, art and music rooms, science labs, a cafeteria and auditorium space as well as the gym. The campus also features extensive recreational amenities including playing fields, outdoor basketball courts, and play areas for younger students.