

Are ‘green’ schools worth the investment?



A comparison of four prototype schools
constructed in New Mexico for Rio Rancho Public Schools.

A Master’s thesis project by John Hopkins University student David Bend compares two traditional schools to two site adaptations in which green features were added to pursue LEED Silver certification.

The attached study, which was vetted by the US Green Building Council, details the features, costs and benefits of the new green-adapted schools.

YES! The Bottom Line: 1.3% added cost, 2 years estimated payback



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