



Valencia High School

The Los Lunas School district hired D/P/S in 1999 to begin the planning and design of a new career based high school facility that would eventually become a second high school for the district. The vision for this second high school was to integrate both technical and vocational instruction and college preparatory courses in a single, innovative academy. Valencia High School, previously named the Career Academy, needed to be constructed in several phases and remain completely operational throughout each phase. At completion, the school will house up to 1,500 students with a total construction budget of over \$32,000,000. The phasing plan was designed to work with the available PSCOC and bond funds and deliver a complete high school, at current PSFA adequacy standards, by the conclusion of phase 5.

The master plan for the campus has evolved over the past several years based on changes in the school's vision and administration. The original design to provide students with access to achieve certification, job placement advantages and college credit where available will remain within the new structure of the academy based curriculum. Current design and construction complement the first phases of the campus with separate buildings for each of the 5 academies. These buildings form the border of one large main quad and one smaller quad which meet a key goal of the district for visual control over the entire campus.

Phase I included core facilities, such as administration offices, a cafeteria, pre-engineering and electronics laboratories, culinary arts space and portable classrooms. The spaces are organized along a north-south circulation spine that opens to the east, giving views of the mountains and providing morning sunlight to the student commons space. Along the length of this spine, a bar-height platform serves as a student commons for students to lay their books, talk and mingle between classes. Phase II added additional permanent classroom space to the campus and was constructed as a design/build project through a CES contract. This was done to save the district project time and allow the earliest occupancy date of the classrooms. Phase III expanded the vocational programs with automotive, sheet metal and welding shop buildings and a cosmetology classroom and also added additional permanent classrooms and a computer lab. This phase was broken into two bid lots such that one portion of the project could be designed, bid and built as soon as possible with the second portion following while the first was still in construction. Phase IV, currently in construction and nearing substantial completion, adds the campus media center, science labs, another computer lab, special education classrooms and expands the cafeteria to match the enrollment capacity. All remaining portable classrooms were replaced with permanent classrooms with the construction of this phase.



The campus design is currently in Phase V, the final phase to bring this campus capacity up to PSFA adequacy standards for a second high school. This phase adds a gymnasium, fine arts classrooms, band, chorus and drama classrooms, additional general classrooms, and a shop building for agricultural studies and the ROTC program. Two additional classrooms are being added to Century High School, previously the district alternative high school that shares the campus, to convert the building into a freshman academy for Valencia High School. The athletic practice fields portion of this phase is currently under construction and will be completed for this fall 2006 school year.

The master plan includes several areas of future construction for the campus not currently funded by the PSCOC or required under the adequacy standards by the PSFA. These projects currently include an auxiliary gym, performing arts auditorium and athletic fields.

Location: Los Lunas, NM

Size: 166,168sf

Completion: 2006

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