



Penta Career Center

Penta Joint Vocational School District

Perrysburg, OH

At 522,000 sq. ft., the Penta Career Center is one of the largest of its kind in the state of Ohio, with a capacity for 2,000 students. The new Penta provides state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories; a commons areas for students, staff, community members, and businesses; a flexible design that will easily respond to changes and expansion of career programs; and a design that increases opportunities for business/community collaboration.

Penta's campus design includes a highly visible entrance. Customized learning environments are provided for the various career pathways, and are reinforced with color and materials. Each learning community combines hands-on and technically advanced areas. A centrally located commons area, as well as other social zones, are designed to encourage collaboration and interaction among the disciplines. These spaces contribute to Penta's family atmosphere — a necessity since students come from 16 different districts and need a sense of unity.

The design features a "center core" area surrounded by three linear "learning communities." The three-story, glass-walled center core is the facility's focal point, and includes a commons, 600-seat auditorium, multi-purpose room, culinary arts program, academic classrooms, and a media center. Learning communities stemming from the core house career-technical labs, the adult education office, and board of education office.



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Development Team

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Project Information

Chief Administrator	Fred Susor	Current Enrollment	1,450
Project Completion Date	September 2008	Site size (acres)	59
Gross Area (sq. ft.)	521,639	Cost per Student	\$45,511
Per Pupil (sq. ft.)	261	Cost per sq. ft.	\$175
Capacity (Students)	2,000	Total Project Cost	\$91,022,596