JANUARY 15th, 2008.

Construction begins on the modular portions of the school.

AUGUST 29th, 2008

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

2 SCHOOLS - 1 BUILDING

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

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.

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.

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 cementious-cast floors. The offices are shared between grades and the masonry exterior effectively deadens outside noise.

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
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Our Solution
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.
Thea Bowman Leadership Academy


FEATURES

• 58,520 Square Feet

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

Solid floor structure composed of a cemntious 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.

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Gymnasium

Admin / Offices

Media Center

Computer Room

Science Classroom

Science Classroom

Dining

Music Classroom

Art Classroom

Second Floor Layout is Similar