Project Overview

Maynard High School, located 25 miles west of Boston, serves grades 8-12. This new construction project was completed in 2013 and became only the third school in the state to achieve the status of CHPS Verified Leader. In order to attain this high level of building performance, many innovative features were included in the design of the school facility. The layout of the school includes multi-purpose areas such as the cafeteria, auditorium and gym at the front of the school while core learning areas are embedded into specific academic wings of the school. The gymnasium and auditorium are accessible to community members after school hours while the rest of the school remains secure.

The layout fosters collaboration among students and promotes cross-pollination of ideas through multidisciplinary learning by co-locating the visual arts, technology and media resource centers. The new radio and TV station inside the school is an integral part of the school’s curriculum.

The school contains several areas to educate students about the sustainable design features incorporated in the building. Daylighting was an important consideration in the design of Maynard High School (see below).

General Information

| Location: 1 Tiger Drive, Maynard, MA 01754 |
| Cost: $47,000,000 |
| Scope: 107,500 ft² |
| Cost Per Square Foot: $340/ft² |
| Completion: 2013 |
| Enrollment: 410 |
| Architect: Tappe Architects |
| Engineers: Warner Larson Landscape Architects; Bala|TMP; Engineer’s Design Group; Nitsch Engineering, Andelman & Lelek Engineering |
| Funding/Grant: $750,000 – MSBA Green Schools Reimbursement Program |

Energy costs cut by **27.5%** compared to a similarly sized school.
## Sustainable Design Elements

### Indoor Environmental Quality
- 80-90% window views
- Advanced daylighting analysis and daylighting maximized design
- Low-e materials maximize natural light without compromising thermal comfort
- Enhanced acoustical performance

### Water Usage
- 30-40% lower water usage
- Highly efficient fixtures: toilets and sinks
- No potable water used for recreational landscaping

### Site Planning
- Vertical construction reduced building’s footprint
- Easily accessible for bike and pedestrian traffic
- New building constructed 60 feet from the old HS minimizes site disturbance

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