Sustainable School Architecture

CHPS and High Performance School Grants



1960 85	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010 4
 4 Corners Power Plant Clean Air Act Silent Spring Published 	 OPEC Oil Embargo DDT Banned Aswan High Dam Environmental Protection Agency Cuyahoga River Fire Bald Eagle Declared Endangered 	 3 Mile Island Nuclear Plant Accident Clean Water Act Drought in California 	 Kuwait Oil Field Fires Water Quality Act Drought in California Chernobyl Nuclear Plant Accident 	 Bush Administration "Clean Water" Policy National Air Quality Standards for Ozone Baid Eagle Reduced To Threatened Clinton Administration Wilderness Protection Pacific Northwest Forest Plan 	 California vehicle control extended to U.S. Drought in California California Salmon season cancelled Three Gorges Dam Bald Eagle Removed From List Bush Administration "Clear Skies" Policy

Sustainability

Sites and buildings designed for complete life cycle Integration of site development, building orientation massing, systems and features Individual 3. performance criteria set, met, and monitored **Building operation** and maintenance considered in design



Where are the students? They are mostly in existing buildings!



Nationwide...

55 million students5 million faculty20% of America's population

California Classroom need projections – 2007 to 2012 – Data from State Agencies



Integrated Design



- 1. Building as organism
- 2. Sites and buildings designed together
- Building as cultural meaning







Sustainability

Sites and buildings designed for complete life cycle

Reuse of existing buildings is the most important strategy At least 20% of a building's energy use is during construction Few buildings are built/replaced annually 20% of landfill debris is construction debris



Sustainability

Sites and buildings
designed for
complete life cycle
Site development,
building orientation
and massing,
systems and
features designed in
an integrated way

Adapt buildings and sites to the context and climate Daylight Natural ventilation and thermal comfort Reuse of existing development



Light spaces appropriate to users and tasks



Sustainability

- 1. Sites and buildings designed for complete life cycle
- Site development, building orientation and massing, systems and features designed in an integrated way
 Individual performance criteria set, met, and monitored

Right size mechanical systems





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- 4. Building operation and maintenance considered in design

"Passive" features can be automatic too.







Market maker Many building types Third party verification

Residential developments Tax credit funding standard Includes community process

K-12 Education High performance school grants Verification or design standard







Green Metrics

LEED 2009 Criteria

Sustainable Sites Water Energy Materials Indoor Environmental Quality Innovation in Design Regional Priority

CHPS 2009 Criteria

Leadership, Education and Innovation (LEI) Sustainable Sites (SS) Water (WE) Energy (EE) Climate Change (CL) Materials (ME) Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)

Green Communities 2008 Criteria

Integrated Design Site, Location and Neighborhood Fabric Site Improvements Water Conservation Energy Efficiency Materials Beneficial to the Environment Healthy Living Environment Operations and Maintenance







Modernization HPS grants

Increase Mod Base Grant by:

2% at 20 points plus 0.025 % for each point from 21 through 33 points; or

- 2.35 % at 34 points plus 0.24 % for each point from 35 through 40 points; or
- 4 % at 41 points plus 0.36 % for each point from 42 through 54 points; or

9.05 % at 55 points plus 0.060 % for each point from 56 through 77 points.



District HPS Mod Grant Calculation

Ford Elementary—500 K-6 Grants Basic Mod Grant: \$3,366 500 X \$3,366 = \$1,683,000 CHPS Goal: 41points 41 points = 4.0 % increase HPS Grant = \$1,683,000 X .04 = **\$67,320**



High Performance School Case Studies

Pilot school – Georgina Blach Intermediate School High Performance District – Los Altos, CA new1g062212mdlb







Georgina Blach Intermediate School, before modernization

Original "Finger school" Campus

Public (grades 7-8) Built 1958, 1962, 1978 450 students 34,000 sf 13 acres

Campus after modernization

75,000 sf Daylit teaching spaces New quad New library New gym New systems Energy use reduced by 45%

High Performance Decision Points

Participate in demonstration program?

- additional utility funding
- additional technical support
- potential unproven technology
- potential competing goals
- ongoing site visits and monitoring
- unknown effects on construction

PG+E lighting classroom helped set desired light levels

No dark classrooms

New classroom
Original classroom

Los Altos climate

Fresh air AND energy efficiency

Teachers' union agreement required air conditioning Cooling load reduced to reduce unit sizes and increase efficiency Passive stack ventilation developed to reduce air conditioning hours

Reuse existing structures

Reduce impermeable paving

Show your work

Glazing orientation varies with solar orientation

Roof run-off visible under canopy

New library inserted between two existing buildings

Monday, October 4, 2010

Maximize north light

Automate fresh air

Energy management system activates clerestory window operator

Fresh air drawn in through louver

Daylight compensation dimming

Sensors measure illumination and dim lights to maintain constant levels

100

A 100

Integrated Design

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Decision flow

Before – no lateral system

After – shear walls installed, display windows added, roof diaphragm strengthened, roof monitors added

Modernization vs replacement

- Does the site plan work?
- for education
- for sustainability
- Are classroom structures sound?
- What kind of funding is available?

Existing permanent facilities limited Existing construction shoddy Existing classrooms dark Drainage problems at existing site

Funding sources State funding **Developer bonds** Needs Classrooms used all day Space for teacher prep Flexibility Strategie Sost effective design Use (e) buildings better Create defined academies Repeat prototypes Plan for future uses High performance design Phase construction

Prototyping high performance

Fit site needs and energy needs

Daylight, fresh air, flexibility

Tight budget

Vanden music room, high performance, integrated design

 How far can we afford to go?

New Construction & Site Work: CHPS Verified

• Meet basic CHPS goals:

- Daylighting
- Energy efficiency
- Finish selection
- Future Upgrades
 - Ceiling

INTERIOR ELEVATIONS TYPICAL CLASSROOM

E. Morris Cox School – New Construction

- **45 points** (exponential incentive funding relationship)
- 10.5% cost factor (4% landscape)
- 23% better than title 24

Ohlone Elementary School, Palo Alto

