

Science and Innovation Center



MARIN ACADEMY

Location
San Rafael, CA

Project
18,000 sq. ft. Science and Innovation Center
Science Garden and Courtyard
Various Site Improvements
Athletic Field Replacement

Value
\$18.5 Million

Completion
Summer 2016

Architect
EHDD Architects

Financing
Capital Campaign
Bank Loan

The Marin Academy Science and Innovation Center will be a new 18,340 square foot building, located in the central part of the Marin Academy campus, on a sloped hillside between historic Foster Hall and the Athletic Field. The building will consist of 6 new science lab classrooms (2 biology, 2 chemistry, and 2 physics), a small independent study lab, shared prep rooms adjacent to the labs, a central lobby and circulation space ("The Hub"), restrooms, and a field level basement. The basement will include a fitness and training room, storage and an office.

The building will be two floors over the basement, with access from the upper floors to the athletic field via an elevator. It will be finished with materials compatible with those of its adjacent buildings. Sustainability and environmental stewardship are being considered in every aspect of its development.

Site enhancements will improve pedestrian safety and handicapped (ADA) access, as well as vehicular circulation and parking (including the relocation of all parking spaces removed at the new building site). A large new deck will be located in the shade of an iconic redwood tree, between the new science building and Thacher Hall, and adjacent to new stairs down to the athletic field. An educational garden and courtyard will separate the building from Foster Hall and the gyms to the north, and provide space for outdoor learning.

Additional site improvements include replacement of the artificial turf field, reconfiguration of the employee parking lot to the north, widening of the service road to accommodate fire trucks and additional parking spaces, and improvements to the circular driveway and entrance to Foster Hall. Upgrades to storm water treatment, including implementation of educational rain gardens are also included.