

## 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 2017

**Architect**  
EHDD Architects

**Financing**  
Capital Campaign  
Bank Loan

**The Marin Academy Science and Innovation Center** is 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 consists 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 includes a fitness and training room, storage and an office.

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

Site enhancements improve existing 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 is located under 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 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 have also been included.