

## Construction

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### It's opening day for South Shore School

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South Shore School opens today, with space for as many as 1,000 students. Construction of the 139,000-square-foot building cost about \$37 million.

The new school is attached to the Rainier Beach Community Center. It contains seven pods, or small learning communities, for students from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade.

The building is made of structural steel and concrete with masonry veneer and metal siding panels. It has two stories in the main structure and a third story at the east wing.

Spaces include a child care center, classrooms, commercial-grade kitchen, 10,000-square-foot gym, library, stage and a common area that ties the three wings together. There are a number of sustainable features including a green roof at the entrance, photocell-controlled lighting and a displacement ventilation system.



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The project was designed by BLRB Architects and built by Graham Contracting. Management was provided by Heery International, DKA Architects and Don Gillmore from the Seattle School District.

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