

Case Study:

Academia Antonia Alonso

300 N Wakefield Dr, Newark, DE 19702



About the Project

Academia Antonia Alonso relocated over the summer of 2022 to a new, more spacious building. The new building previously hosted a commercial business, and—although architecturally, it is beautiful and could be easily adapted to host a classroom environment—it lacked the characteristics of educational environment suited for children.

With the increased space, La Academia has increased its student capacity and includes students in K-5 and now 6-8th grades. To supplement the existing furniture Corporate Interiors provided a range of new solutions tailored to the needs of each grade level and activity.

The scope of the project included partnering with the La Academia team to design enhanced spaces throughout the building including branded interior and exterior signage / wall graphics, furniture, lockers and tack-boards. The process was very interactive including meetings to collaborate with the La Academia team on colors, key locations, graphic designs and furniture selections to help support their goals.

Academia Antonia Alonso is a public dual language charter school that nurtures bilingual, bi-literate and multicultural children in Newark, Delaware. Founded in 2014 with a vision for innovative child-centered and family-oriented education, La Academia has grown into a thriving community that provides English and Spanish immersion from Kindergarten to 8th grade. At the heart of La Academia is the mission to cultivate joy in learning. La Academia is part of the Delaware Charter School System.



Products Specified:

Steelcase - Campfire Personal Table, Campfire Slim Table, Campfire Baseline Table, Jenny Club Chair, Campfire Big Lounge, Campfire Skate Table, Campfire Paper Table, Flex Mobile Cart, Shortcut Chair, Thread Powerhub, Elbrook Table, Buoy Stool, Groupwork Mobile Whiteboard, Campfire Pouf
Global - Bungee Table, Vion Task Chair, Metal FF Storage, Princeton Desk, Citi Square,

Smith System - Butcher Block Planner® Table, Butcher Block Planner® Bench, Groove Stool, Trespa Top Planner® Lab Table, Interchange Rectangle Desk, Interchange Diamond Desk, Interchange Squiggle Table, Cascade Storage, Flowform Soft Rocker, Flowform Hexagon Ottoman, Flavor Chair, Motum Teachers Desk, Elemental Activity Table, Flowform Flex Screen, Oodle, Cylindrical Stool, Booktruck

CI Manufacturing - Curved Bookshelf, Bookcases, Book-drop

Services Provided:

Design & Specification, Delivery & Installation, Project Management, Branding

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Common Areas & Branding



The first element of the branding experience, a 14 foot tall logo has been applied to the exterior glass at the main entrance creating a colorful, branded enhancement to the exterior of the building.

Corporate Interiors worked with La Academia to add branded wall graphics and bilingual messaging for commons areas, libraries, art rooms and other locations.

Products Shown:

Steelcase - Campfire Big Lounge, Campfire Personal Table, Campfire Slim Table, Baseline Table

Smith System - Groove Stool



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Common Areas & Branding



These images show two common areas for the elementary school. Messages have been selected to correspond to the age and reading levels of the students and always representing both Spanish and English languages.

Products Shown:

Steelcase - Baseline Table, Campfire Big Lounge, Campfire Pouf, Campfire Personal Table, Thread Powerhub, Mobile Whiteboard

Smith System - Butcher Planner Table, Butcher Block Planner Bench, Oodle, Flowform Soft Rocker, Flowform Flex Screen, Cylindrical Stool



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Grades 1-5 Classrooms



Smith System's Planner Butcher Tables & Bench provide beautiful, colorful and sturdy crafting stations for art class.

La Academia is a combined elementary and middle school. Therefore, a spectrum of furniture sizing was necessary to ensure the appropriate learning environment was afforded to all students.

Products Shown:

Smith System - Interchange Rectangle Table, Motum Teachers Desk

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Grades 6-8 Classrooms

Smith System's Interchange Tables are modular nesting tables which allow instructors to easily restructure their classroom environment to accommodate both individual and group-work.

Smith System's Trespa Top Planner® Lab Table is a chemical resistant desk used in the 6-8th grade laboratories.

Products Shown:

Smith System - Interchange Diamond Desk, Flavors Chair, Motum Teachers Desk, Trespa Top Planner® Lab Table

Global - Vion Task Chair



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Grades 6-8 Library



The Campfire Big Lounge by Steelcase has over 10,000 finish options. Two finishes can be applied to each lounge in a practically infinite number of combinations.

Products Shown:

Steelcase - Campfire Big Lounge, Campfire Personal Table, Baseline Table

Smith System - Hexagon Ottoman, Flowform Soft Rocker, Interchange Squiggle Table, Booktruck

Global - Bungee Table



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Administrative Offices



Smith System's Flowform Soft Rocker provides a splash of color to faculty offices, as well as, comfortable and compact lounge seating for visitors.

Products Shown:

Steelcase - Campfire Paper Table

Smith System - Flowform Soft Rocker

Global - Princeton Desk, Vion Task Chair, Metal FF Storage



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Ancillary



Ancillary spaces throughout the school are designed to support both lounge and heads-down work.

Products Shown:

Steelcase - Jenny Club Chair, Campfire Slim Table, Campfire Paper Table

Smith System - Groove Stool

Meet the Client

“You can see so many new furnished areas throughout our school building—libraries, common areas, dining hall, community resource rooms— and all of them with just super beautiful and fun design. Partnering with Corporate Interiors made our vision become reality. Our common areas have beautiful furniture and inspiring branding on the walls. No question it will impact our students and assure they have a wonderful and fun school year. We can’t wait to welcome students and families to our new location and our brand new designed areas.”

- Mayara Costa, Director of Admissions, Communications, and Marketing



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Additional Branding

Corporate Interiors continues to work with the La Academia team to add brand messaging, graphics and pops of color to various locations within the school.

