

Case Study:

# William Penn High School



William Penn High School is a four-year comprehensive, coeducational public high school located in New Castle, Delaware. The school is a member of the Colonial School District, and is the largest high school in the state.

William Penn High School is committed to educating each student to exceed academic standards, preparing students to be responsible citizens in the future, and providing students with a variety of challenging opportunities in a safe and supportive environment enriched by diverse resources.

William Penn High School continues its commitment to rethinking education. The Colonial School District has transformed the William Penn Library into a cutting-edge Innovation Center with the goal of increasing college acceptance and readiness of students. This multi-media collaboration center is a dedicated learning space, integrating new distance learning opportunities with current curricular areas and programs. It has replaced the traditional library with a new modern feel.

A social studies teacher says, "It's going to be a great space...no longer will it have uncomfortable furniture, harsh lighting and the sense that the library is merely a quiet place to study. Here, students will have the resources to engage in a new style of learning, one that's expected when they go to college." He went on to say that staff will also utilize the space to expand their online course catalog and create a space that embraces technology to enhance learning.

Many students are excited about the opportunity to access new courses and materials. Students that are passionate about classes, but that have reached the top levels currently offered can use the new space to pursue independent studies. William Penn High School sincerely believes that students are excited by the potential of a new challenging and rewarding program.

Corporate Interiors partnered with Tetra Tech and the William Penn project team to create an innovative learning center which includes a variety of collaboration spaces, touchdown areas and an interactive distance learning classroom. Avalanche Technology Packages and Terrain whiteboard tables are featured in the team rooms along the back wall. Steelcase Node chairs, Verb team tables, and the Turnstone Campfire collection make up most of the open area, providing impromptu meetings spaces for students. The Corporate Interiors AVolution division installed Audiovisual equipment throughout the entire space that is controlled by the server in the IT room.



**Products Specified:**

**Steelcase** - Privacy wall, Post and beam, Elective Elements, Frameone, Currency, Thread, Verb team tables, Groupwork standing height tables, Node chairs, Groupwork screen white boards, Duo storage  
**Turnstone** - Campfire big lounge, paper tables, screens, skate tables, slim tables, Jenny coffee tables, Scoop stools

**Terrain** - Whiteboard laminate tables  
**AVolution** - AVolution Technology Packages  
**Global** - Duet chairs  
**Davis Furniture** - Q5 60 degree two seaters

**Services Provided:**

Design/Specification  
Audio Visual Specification  
Delivery/Installation  
Project Management

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Steelcase FrameOne paired with Global Duet chairs give students space for heads down work. The dividers create a sense of privacy and allow for concentration in an open area. Steelcase Elective elements overheads mounted along the wall maintain the schools collection of books and traditional resources.



AVAlanche Technology Packages are complete solutions that include the required furniture, technology hardware, video displays and cables. Terrain and AVolution worked together to create this collaborative solution. Information can easily be shared and displayed on the mounted monitor. This application includes a 48" monitor and a curved dry-erase table top.

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Steelcase Verb team tables, Node chairs and Groupwork whiteboard screens can serve as an informal classroom setting. Teachers can use this space for lecture and to interact with students. Each station is paired with Thread power distribution so students have easy access to power throughout the day.



The Campfire lounge collection by Turnstone brings a casual setting to the new Innovation Center. Students can gather and use the Paper table to jot down notes and collaborate with one another. There is enough space on each lounge to accommodate up to three students. Thread is located near the area for easy access to power when charging laptops and tablets.

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Privacy Wall panels along the back wall make up a total of four team rooms. The rooms feature either a Terrain whiteboard table or an AVAlanche system. The Privacy Wall panels in the distance learning classroom have been installed at an angle to match the curvature of the architecture to maximize use of the space.



The distance learning classroom features dual interactive video monitors, a projector with a whiteboard screen, and an HD video camera that can be used to skype with other classrooms and professors. The Audiovisual has been installed by the Corporate Interiors AVolution division. A server rack is located in the IT room to control the Audiovisual throughout the Innovation Center.