

# The Highlands School

Bel Air, Maryland

## PROJECT PROFILE



The Highlands School is new private school located on 18.5 acres of land in Bel Air, Maryland. The 40,000 square foot, one-level facility accommodates approximately 125 students (K-8) with Dyslexia, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), language processing disorders and other learning differences.

The highly-trained teachers employ a systematic, individualized, multi-sensory approach to providing the students with life-long learning skills. The design of the new school provides spaces and facility technologies to help the staff teach each child in a method that is best adapted to the particular needs and skills of that child.

The program consists of life and career skills labs, 11 classrooms, 1 science Lab, 22 private instructional rooms, media center / library, art center, music center, full court gymnasium, theatre arts/ performing stage, speech language therapy center, occupational therapy center, admissions / testing center, counseling center, multi-purpose Room, community outreach center for literacy, and administrative offices.

In this project, we were sensitive to the unique needs of the children who attend the school and the way in which they need to learn. We worked closely with the client to understand the requirements and incorporated these needs into our designs. The classrooms are small to facilitate the individual attention necessary. The building is designed to provide adequate space for administration, teacher planning, art, music, physical fitness, therapy and testing in an environment conducive to these activities. The Highlands School was a unique and highly specialized project. It serves as not only a practical, but also as a modern way to education children with special needs.

### Client:

The Highlands School  
2409 Creswell Road  
Bel Air, MD 21015

### Project Type:

New Private School

### Location:

Bel Air, Maryland

### Size:

40,000 SF

### Status:

Completed 2007

### Role:

#### Full A/E Services:

- Site Evaluation
- Master Planning
- Construction Cost Projections
- Design
- Construction Documents
- Bidding/Negotiations
- Construction Administration

### Cost:

\$ 8,250,000 Const.

\$ 370,000 Design

### Reference:

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Floor Plan



Site Plan

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