

Charles Dickens Elementary

1010 E. 17th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5V 0A6



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

This replacement school was built in 2008 and in keeping with the school philosophy, the new replacement school provides multi-age classrooms allowing for flexible instruction. Classrooms are clustered and interconnected for team teaching and breakout spaces are provided for students to work outside the classroom.

The student commons area is linked to the servery and opens directly to the courtyard. There is a rooftop teaching garden and sitting area. Rainwater harvesting provides water for flushing toilets and irrigation.

The school grounds are fully landscaped with native plants and are designed to evoke the memory of an old stream bed. Parking is located underground to maximize green space.

The school has a geothermal heating system and solar shading to minimize energy usage. Building systems are made visible to maximize their learning potential. The gym is designed to post-disaster standard.

The school facility is the first certified LEED® Silver for VBE. The school design won the 2009 Council of Education Facility Planners International Pinnacle Award.

SCHOOL FACTS

Working Capacity: 488 student spaces

Grades: K- 7

Total Gross Area: 3,948 sq. meters

Original Construction Date: 2008

Additions/Major Renovations: n/a

Design Firm/Lead Architects: Stantec Architects Ltd.

Architectural Style: Contemporary

Vancouver Heritage Registry Designation: n/a

Commonwealth Heritage Score: n/a