

OAK HILL SCHOOL EUGENE, OREGON

Oak Hill School is an independent, nonsectarian, nonprofit, coeducational day school serving students from kindergarten through grade 12. Part of a 72-acre campus, this new classroom building is located at its Lower School. The four classrooms are designed specifically to create high-quality environments for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The building achieves high performance with economy of means, reflecting Oak Hill's commitment to environmental responsibility and the wise use of resources.

Given the building's optimal southern exposure, vaulted ceilings and balanced daylight, there is minimal need for fluorescent lighting. Generous wall space, views to the outdoors, and ample storage for supplies make these hard-working classrooms for productive learning.

Taking advantage of energy from the earth and sun, a high-efficiency ground-source heat pump coupled with a proposed photovoltaic array make it possible for the building to produce nearly as much energy as it consumes. The building completes the east-facing outdoor play area and extends existing covered walkways, adding a generous south-facing porch. In the future these walkways will connect to a Lower School entry that is part of Oak Hill's long-term plan.



The south-west corner of Oak Hill School in Eugene, OR.

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Oak Hill School's north-facing facade.