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The McVey Innovation Learning Center is a **one-of-a-kind high-school facility** that lets students select what they want to learn while providing **a learning experience they can't get in a traditional classroom.**

Hilliard City Schools Superintendent John Marschhausen said they consider the learning center **an incubator for trying new classes and new ways of teaching.** For example, they have 90-minute classes or doubled blocks where they offer a variety of **cutting edge coursework, experiences and teacher support in a cost-effective manner.** The center allows some of the district's existing programs to be centralized and to expand other options such as after-school enrichment and college guidance services.

Challenge:

- **existing 20,000 sq. ft. building:** building was not designed as a learning space, but as office and administrative support
- **color palate:** existing walls/flooring color palate did not reflect the desired attitude – flooring could not be changed
- **non-traditional methods of teaching:** fully enhance the teacher's role and enable multiple pedagogical styles
- **increase collaborative learning experience:** enable students to establish the level of collaboration in a variety of settings
- **a test for future learning environments:** create flexible spaces so that each teacher can experiment with the ideal style for the highest learning outcome – no barriers
- **every space is a learning space:** each area must perform and support multiple learning objectives

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Hilliard City Schools – McVey Innovative Learning Center



Solution:

- **color:** a vibrant color palate to use across all furnishings
- **adaptability:** designed to support quick reconfiguration among multiple modes: from lecture to project work to discussion and test taking and back again
- **ownership:** each teacher can make quick changes to adapt to changing users and varying class requirements
- **multiple learning styles:** each space supports analog and digital means to co-create and provide postural movement
- **movement:** when students can easily move about they are more interactive, collaborative and engaged
- **media lab:** benching workspaces efficiently use real estate and are much better at routing wires and cables
- **modularity:** simply, easily divide a number of spaces with glass walls allowing privacy and visual access



"We have come together as a community to support the changing needs of today's students and to ensure they are ready for life after graduation."

Director of Innovation and Extended Learning Brent Wise

Result:

- **control, comfort, collaboration:** all spaces support increasing learning outcomes
- **every space is a learning space**
- **effectively supports peer-to-peer learning**
- **personalized learning is beginning to happen**
- **more than 700 students signed up for classes in the first year**

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