

Parkway Village Elementary 21st Century School Memphis, Tennessee



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PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Parkway Village Elementary School was developed by Fisher Arnold to become the prototype for new schools for Shelby County Schools. The first to be designed around the “21st Century Schools” concept, Parkway Village accommodates 1,200 students and replaces the existing Goodlett Elementary and Knight Road Elementary Schools. The new facilities were placed on an approximate 15 acre vacant site located directly behind the old Goodlett Elementary while allowing the existing facilities to remain operational during construction. Parkway Village Elementary was completed at a cost of \$29m in late 2019 and opened to students in January 2020.

The 21st Century curriculum is considerably different from the typical educational environment. The buildings incorporate expanded instructional and interactive spaces outside the classrooms, and even the outdoors are programmed as learning areas. Natural lighting, colorful materials, interior windows, and expanded volumes with innovative features provide varied and unusual spaces that can be utilized by the staff and students in creative ways while maintaining a well-organized layout in a structured environment. With a focus on integrating technology into instruction, wireless data connectivity is utilized throughout the campuses in order to support the use of personal mobile devices like laptop and tablet computers.

