



Maroa-Forsyth High School

Client:
 Maroa-Forsyth CUSD No. 2
 Maroa-Forsyth High School
 Maroa, Illinois
 Stephen Stenger, Superintendent

Architect:
 BLDD Architects, Inc.

Engineer:
 GHR Engineers & Associates, Inc.

General Contractor:
 PJ Hoerr, Inc.

Completion Date
 January 2004

Grades Housed
 Ninth – Twelfth

Site Size
 20 acres

Gross Area Built
 98,800 sq. ft.

Student Capacity:
 500 students

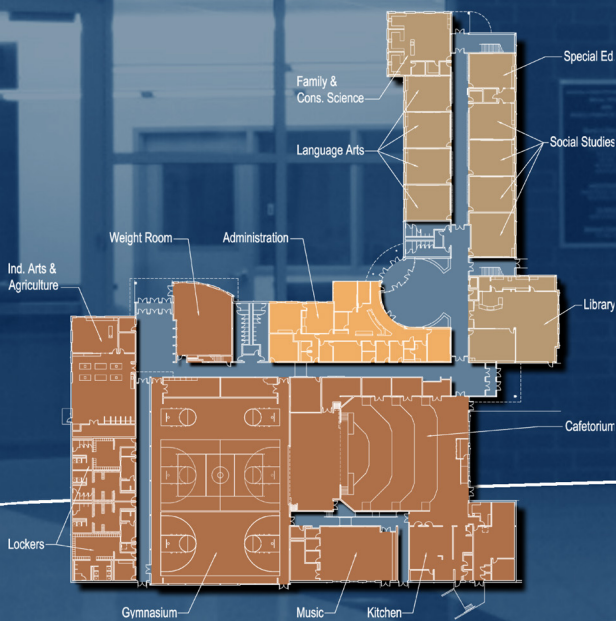
Gross Area Per Student:
 197.6 sq. ft.

Construction Cost:
 \$9,700,210



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Maroa-Forsyth Community Unit School District No. 2
 Maroa, Illinois



To accommodate rapid enrollment growth, the Maroa-Forsyth School District planned the construction of a new 500-student high school. The project was funded through the sale of bonds authorized by public referendum, combined with a Capital Development Board grant from the School Construction Program.

The new facility, completed January 2004, is located adjacent to the current Jr./Sr. High facility, which has become the new K-8 facility, with grades 9-12 moving to the new High School. The resulting K-12 campus now allows for a consolidated bus route and will help to meet district-wide needs (primarily parking) without duplicating facilities.

The new building is organized into an academic wing and activities wing which are connected by a centrally located administrative area located at "the heart" of the facility. The main entrance is designed to provide controlled access during the school day. A separate event entry provides controlled access during after-hours events in the evening and on weekends.

A prominent feature of this design is the flexibility created by locating a stage adjacent to both the gymnasium and the 500-seat cafeteria. A movable partition on either side of the stage allows for a variety of performance venues; the stage can be open to the gym, open to the cafeteria, or used as a stand-alone classroom.