McGill Smith Punshon, Inc.

Academy of World Languages

Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati, Ohio

SERVICES PROVIDED

Master Planning
Architecture
Interior Design
Landscape Architecture
Civil Engineering
Surveying

PROJECT SIZE

Building	85,400 SF

WEBSITE

awl.cps-k12.org

The Academy of World Languages is a new 3-story, 85,400 SF building for 650 pre-K through 8th grade students. MSP provided architectural design, interior design, landscape architecture, civil engineering, and surveying services for this $15 M project.

Challenges on the project included a tight budget and difficult program of requirements, as well as representing the various cultures of the languages the school teaches (Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic)

MSP developed a design that maximized the available building area on the site. Using architectural precast for the exterior wall system and precast concrete on the interior bearing walls helped to minimize building time and save interior space. To represent the various cultures of the languages being taught, MSP designed a building that allowed the school to create "Language Family Pods" that would enclose a group of classes from kindergarten to 3rd grade, while aesthetically reflecting the various cultures.