

Campus Planning in Uncertain Times...Exercising Your Independence

Independent Schools are facing a myriad of challenges in today's uncertain economic environment. A struggling economy, increased competition for education dollars, issues of campus sustainability, and evolving educational requirements are all challenges that schools must balance against their mission to provide a high quality, valued education in an independent setting.

One of the ongoing challenges for many independent schools is related to campus capital requirements and needs. An effective campus plan is not static, only showing "where the buildings are", but, rather, is an inclusive, adaptable plan that maximizes resources and provides unique "places and spaces" in which learning takes place. Below are 10 key elements to be considered by an independent school as the needs of the campus are considered:

Health and Safety

Technology

Sustainability

Curriculum Enhancement

Environmental Awareness

Aesthetics

Adaptability

Evolving Competition

Community Involvement

and always, Budget

At ISC, we are very aware and conscious of the tension between current campus needs and the economic pressures that schools are experiencing. An attractive and well cared for campus contributes importantly to attracting new families as well as meeting the expectations of current families.

Every school community is unique and "independent" in how it adapts and responds to the presence of change. Independent School Counsel (ISC) is dedicated to assembling a team of consultants, educators, designers, and engineers to help your school balance facility needs with economic and budget realities.



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