Multipurpose Space (Dining/Assembly/Performance)

School Type: 

Functional Area Descriptions
The purpose of the multipurpose space for elementary students is to provide a location for student dining, assemblies and performances. This space should be designed and located to facilitate after-hours use by the community. Entry to this space should be from the commons. The commons in an elementary school will act as a lobby space. The multipurpose room may open up to the commons for additional seating but should to be able to be completely separated from the commons.

1 Dining/Assembly Area
This space should be designed to seat at least one third of the student population for lunches. This space should provide logical circulation and queuing with direct access to the kitchen serving line.

Generally the school will use folding tables with integrated seating for dining. Seating for the assembly and performance functions may be with convertible tables or freestanding, easily movable chairs. If freestanding chairs are planned, storage for these should be provided within the multipurpose area or in another conveniently located area. Size the storage based on anticipated space needed to provide flexible

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configuration of the multipurpose space. The storage area should be just large enough for storage of items specifically used in the multipurpose space. The recommended size for this area is between 200-600 SF and the area will be deducted from the overall area of the multipurpose space to encourage efficient design of this space.

2 Raised Platform
The raised platform area should be elevated but be fully accessible from the public area at a minimum. A ramp is the preferred means of access. Adjacency to the music room is desired to provide a “green room” for performances.

3 Performance Storage
Performance storage should be located at the same elevation as the raised platform to facilitate movement of props and equipment. Where possible, provide double doors for access.

Specialized Features
The technology for this space should be seamless and include at least the following provisions:

- Audio and voice enhancement capabilities that can be deployed easily.
- Multiple display platforms such as large electrically operated drop-down screens, portable display furniture, interactive whiteboard access (movable) and large flat screen televisions or monitors.
- Easily adjustable lighting suitable for sufficient, overall general lighting as well as special centralized lighting circumstances.
- Acoustical equipment that can be easily adjusted.

- Acoustical panels within the room.
- A minimum of two (2) microphone ports on the raised platform and two (2) on the face of the raised platform.
- A minimum of two (2) data ports on the raised platform and two (2) on the face of the raised platform.
- A minimum of two (2) microphone ports and two (2) data ports on other walls within the multipurpose space.
- Simple stage rigging.
- Stage curtains including cyclorama curtains.
Common Shared Spaces

NOTE: 3D illustrations are shown for informational purposes and are not intended to limit design options.

Multipurpose Space Concept Perspective

- Multipurpose Space: Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School
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