

Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center

Unveiling the Innovative Renovation at Handley High School's Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center



The Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center, a 54,000-square-foot facility at Handley High School in Winchester, VA was designed by VMDO in partnership with Reader + Swartz Architects. The design emphasizes high visibility work labs and dynamic collaboration spaces, while prioritizing sustainability with features such as natural daylighting and healthy materials. The exterior renovation of the existing brick school incorporates Swisspearl fiber cement panels, a mix of red Swisspearl slat panels, dark grey large panels, and wood slats in a rainscreen application with ECO Cladding sub-framing. The project, a joint venture with Laurel Ridge Community College and local industry partners, aims to enhance workforce readiness for high school students and community members, fostering innovation and collaboration.

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