

The Buckley School

Walsh Building Renovation

Location	New York, New York	Size	56,500 square feet
Architect	Sage and Coombe Architects	Cost	Confidential
Services	MEP/FP, Sustainable Design	Completed	2015
LEED	<i>LEED Silver Certified Pending</i>		



The Buckley School, located in the historic district of Manhattan's Upper East Side, serves boys K-9 across three main campuses: Walsh, Arts & Sciences, and Hubball. Having acquired two five-story townhomes across the street from the existing buildings, the 100-year-old school embarked on a major series of renovations to both the existing spaces as well as the newly obtained, historic townhomes which, it was decided, would house the school's Arts & Sciences facilities. So, while one project consisted of combining the townhomes into a state-of-the-art, 15,000 square-foot science, music, and art facility, the other consisted of renovating the 56,500 square-foot Walsh Building to better serve the faculty and students.

The Walsh renovation made way for a new layout which accommodates a redesigned lobby, expanded classrooms, an updated auditorium, and foreign language labs. Kohler Ronan provided MEP/FP upgrades in support of this architectural program. In keeping with the school's sustainability goal for all its buildings, Kohler Ronan's sought to provide building systems that would ensure that the spaces created be as conducive to learning as possible while at the same time being environmentally responsible. Kohler Ronan's designs included sustainable, energy-efficient ventilation and a central heating and cooling system. LEED Silver certification is pending for the Walsh Building.



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