

Introducing a new school of thought.

When the Renaissance Academy opened its doors for the first time in 2010, students, teachers and the community saw state-of-the-art classroom space, with computers and modern touch-screens. They saw beautiful skylights. They saw an open auditorium, a weight room, a greenhouse. But most importantly, they saw a whole new way of looking at alternative education. Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in an effort to create a comprehensive alternative educational setting, included space for the SECEP Re-ED and TRAEP programs in the Renaissance Academy facility.

Located in Virginia Beach, the award-winning Renaissance Academy offers two stories and 289,000 square feet of contemporary learning space for middle and high school students. It is nationally recognized for its energy-efficient design, educational exhibits and high-tech learning features. It's a building that reflects the school's mission—to deliver relevant instructional services and promote self-determination, responsibility, and integrity in a safe learning environment that fosters in each individual a sense of self-esteem and importance to society.



1. Renaissance Academy incorporates \$1.5 million in environmentally friendly features, including a green roof and a light monitor in the cafeteria that adjusts to natural daylight.
2. Students in the Re-ED program learn culinary skills in state-of-the-art teaching kitchens.
3. The fully equipped weight room enhances the facility.
4. The new technology department features 15 computer workstations with current hardware and software.
5. The 1,500-square-foot digitally enhanced greenhouse is part of the Seeds of Change horticulture program. Through Seeds of Change, developed for Re-Ed, students participate in biannual community sales of plants raised onsite in the greenhouses.
6. A rainwater collection system diverts water and saves 1,000,000 gallons of drinking water every year.
7. A bright and open "schola" auditorium with seating for 174 is perfect for smaller class functions.