



MacDonald High School

INSTALL

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PROJECT SCOPE

Installation
San Jose, California

PRODUCTS

WashBar®
Showers



“I’d like to thank Bradley for offering an innovative solution to handwashing that also aligns with aesthetic value we strive to achieve as designers.”

Alice Kim
Project Interior Designer
LPA

CHALLENGE

The Agnews Campus in the Santa Clara Unified School District is an innovative, K-12 school system featuring elementary, middle and high school facilities. Constructed in 2020 and 2021, the campus serves more than 3,000 students in San Jose in the heart of Silicon Valley.

The school district worked with LPA Design Studios, Inc., a California-based integrated architectural and engineering design firm, to design the schools with a high-tech aesthetic. The design team wanted to convey a futuristic and higher-end look and feel – even in the restrooms.

“Our main goals for the restrooms were to maximize ease of use, clean and modern aesthetics, and maintenance,” said Alice Kim, project interior designer, LPA.

Specifying an institutional, standard-looking sink for the washrooms wouldn’t do, explained LPA design coordinator, Kathryn Gray. “We searched for a handwashing fixture to balance the desired functionality and efficient use of space in the restrooms with a much more aesthetically pleasing solution.”

SOLUTION

The design team considered several handwashing models and ultimately landed on the all-in-one WashBar® with Verge® washbasins as the standard for all 136 campus restrooms.

“Bradley was kind enough to allow the district to utilize a Verge sink with WashBar in the district office in order to test the functionality and durability,” Gray explained. “The unit performed well encouraging the district to move forward with utilizing the sinks and WashBar on all three campuses.”

With touch-free soap, water and hand dryer in one single chrome-plated component, the WashBar makes handwashing easier, more accessible and more hygienic. Sleek, elongated Verge washbasins made of non-porous Evero® natural quartz were also specified. A total of 147 WashBars were specified with single-, double- and triple-station Verge washbasins.

“With combined and integrated functions, the WashBar met the needs of easy access and usage, as well as clean aesthetics,” Kim said.





According to Rosiella Defensor, LEED AP BD+C, senior project manager for the Santa Clara Unified School District, the fixture also stands up to heavy daily usage and improves maintenance. “While the WashBar has a sleek look perfect for our high-tech campus, it also has a hardy and durable design. Its large one-gallon soap dispenser cuts down on frequent refills and its hand dryer minimizes paper towel use,” she said.

The schools also have Bradley’s multi-user showers in the pool area, individual showers including both ADA and standard configurations in the middle and high school gym locker rooms, and Bradley’s thermostatic mixing valves in areas such as the science classrooms and kitchen areas.

SCHOOL RESTROOMS GO HIGH-TECH WITH TOUCH-FREE WASHBAR

Bradley’s award-winning WashBar keeps soap, water and dryer in close reach for an accessible and intuitive handwashing experience. Engineered for reliable and precise activation, the WashBar’s touch-free design eliminates touch points, improving washroom cleanliness and hygiene.

The model is available with an expanding selection of shapes and finishes for creating beautifully customized commercial restrooms.

“We specified the WashBars with a polished chrome finish that matches the classrooms’ aesthetic for a coordinating appearance,” explained Kim.

The basin, made of non-porous and seamless Evero natural quartz, and the WashBar hand dryer are designed to work together to eliminate water dripping onto the user, walls or floor. “The units eliminated facility personnel’s concern of dripping water from sink basin to hand dryer, which could result in slip/fall hazard,” said Kim.

“Another benefit to using the WashBar is the integrated design helped eliminate many other restroom accessories giving a clean finished look,” added Gray.

As LPA plumbing project manager, Greg Webb, points out, the WashBar’s unique design with LED lighting actually encourages kids to wash their hands: “The students have really picked up on the advanced and futuristic design of the WashBar,” said Webb.

“There are lots of selling points that come with the WashBar. Its innovative design sold itself.”



“Bradley’s products – particularly the WashBar – have been a resounding success in this school project.”

Greg Webb
Project Manager, Plumbing Engineering



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