



Davenport Elementary

Davenport, FL



Florida School Given Second Chance Just as a Pandemic Occurs

The Challenge

Davenport Elementary in Davenport, Florida, had been shuttered for nearly a decade. Built in 1927, the building needed an overhaul from top to bottom, including new windows. Construction started in June of 2019 and work continued despite the pandemic.

"As I look back at where we were in March and as schools were abruptly shut down, and then we had to come up with emergency plans, I've had time to walk the campus as things were being constructed," says Shannon Brown, Principal, Davenport Elementary. "I was able to think about how's that going to look for our students."

PROJECT DETAILS

Systems Provided

Series: 4410S

Product Type: Single-Hung

Market: Education

Features: Hurricane Resistant

Project Team

Owner:

Polk County School Board

Architect

Furr, Wegman and Banks Architects

Glazing Contractor

Southern Glass Products

General Contractor

Rodda Construction

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The Solution

The pandemic gave a first-time principal and the construction crew a chance to make the project perfect! Davenport Elementary's new school campus encompasses 118,000 sq. ft., including renovation of the original school and the construction of a new two-story classroom building, library, and cafeteria.

WINCO Series 4410S impact single-hung windows were installed. Not only was this a smart decision to reduce energy costs, but the windows provide durability with little maintenance for years to come. A scrolled receptor was used to revive the historic appearance and to achieve a more efficient installation. Laminated impact-resistant hurricane glass was installed for providing exceptional security, safety, and acoustic benefits. The windows include screens, vertical mullions and covers, and are trimmed with a crisp 70% Kynar bone white finish both inside and out.

"Opening a new school is a little crazy at times. Being a brand new principal is scary. But doing both during a pandemic is just unheard of. This is a first for all of us," says Brown. Construction was completed in time for the 2020-21 school year and students have enjoyed in-person learning since then.

