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Main Building: The Center of Community Life

Since 1892, Main Building has been the hub of community life at Hotchkiss, connecting many of the School’s living, learning, and gathering spaces. Students spend most of their day here — from mealtimes to class periods to all-School meetings and social events. With the exception of science, photography, and film, all academic departments and classrooms are housed here. Through each of its four renovations, the design of Main Building has consistently reflected the School’s founding principles, providing a central space for a close-knit community that lives, works, and learns together.

Points of Interest:

Esther Eastman Music Center
Completed in 2005, the Esther Eastman Music Center is a world-class teaching and performance space, housing classrooms and practice facilities and drawing top-notch musicians from all over the globe. In addition to musical performances, the 715-seat Katherine M. Elfers Hall hosts all-School assemblies during the academic year.

Tremaine Art Gallery
A museum-quality exhibition space that features work by guest artists and students alike. The gallery hosts six shows a year, all of which are free and open to the general public.

Walker Auditorium
Equipped with state-of-the-art sound and lighting technology, the 600-seat Walker Auditorium features a stage for student theatre productions and musicals.

Edsel Ford Memorial Library
With 87,000 books, more than 275 global research databases, and cozy armchairs and study carrels, the library is an ideal space for group and individual study. Designed by Henry S. Waterbury of Delano and Aldrich, the Edsel Ford Memorial Library opened in 1952. A major expansion and renovation was completed in 1981 under the direction of architect Evans Woollen ’45.

Dining Hall
The dining hall serves three meals a day, seven days a week. Mealtimes are an opportunity for students to relax, catch up with friends, and enjoy informal conversations with faculty and staff. Hotchkiss is committed to providing high-quality food, sourced locally and sustainably whenever possible: Nearly a quarter of the produce used in the dining hall comes from our own Fairfield Farm, located just a mile from campus.

Harris House
Built in 1894, Harris House was formerly the head of school’s residence and now serves as the home of the Office of Admission and Financial Aid. The building is the only structure that remains from the original design of Main.

Chapel
A nondenominational space for quiet reflection and community gatherings.

