

THE MILE

Career and Technology School Aids Learning

The MILE (Midlothian Innovative Learning Experience) is a state-of-the-art educational facility that provides flexible learning environments in five career and technical education pathways, including culinary arts, cybersecurity, aerospace and civil engineering, and entrepreneurship.

The Challenge

The team at The MILE sought to create spaces for students reflecting real-world experiences when working in their career and educational pathways. Instead of a typical classroom set up, the team strived to create unique educational environments mirroring traditional business settings, like creative gathering, meeting, and lounge spaces.

In order to adapt spaces as their curriculum and needs change, it was important the furniture is flexible and movable. "Two years from now, we might need to reevaluate and revamp what we're doing. We might need to offer different programs as careers and marketplace needs change. It is crucial we stay at the forefront in providing what is needed so students are well prepared no matter their career interests," said Director of The MILE and Career and Technical Education for Midlothian Independent School District Nikki Nix.

The Solution

After touring the Vari® headquarters, the team at The MILE knew they found the perfect solution. “We reviewed several furnishing companies and they all offered traditional school furniture. Vari offers exactly what we need to give our students a real-world experience,” Nix said.

To help create the ideal learning environment, the workspace design team at Vari created a space plan for The MILE’s classrooms, meeting rooms, café, and lounge spaces. “The team heard our needs and responded in ways that we couldn’t ever imagine and has helped make the transition so much smoother than I ever thought possible,” Nix added.

To accommodate their need for change from year to year, Vari provided desks, tables on wheels, marker boards, storage doubling as seating, and movable walls.

“**The beauty is that a room can be completely restructured to fit changing needs. So, the flexibility and affordability are really an economic decision that a lot of school districts have to consider when we’re looking at furniture.**”

Shelle Blaylock

Senior Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Because Vari furniture and spaces can easily be reconfigured, The MILE will also be used for district-wide or community events. “The fact that we can move everything around and repurpose the space for any event, it’s awesome,” Blaylock said. “It’s optimal if things need to change, we can easily do it and our community gets to experience the space as well.”



PROJECT DETAILS

CLIENT

The MILE (Midlothian Innovative Learning Experience)

LOCATION

Midlothian, Texas

INSTALLATION DATE

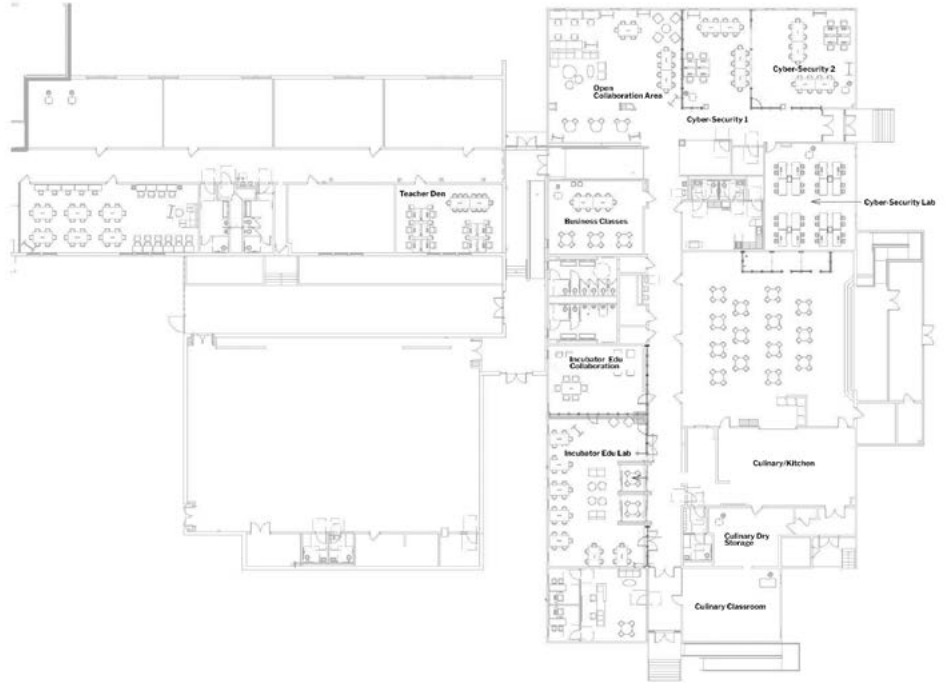
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SPACE AVAILABLE

15,830 sq. ft.

PRICE PER SQ.FT.

\$17



PRODUCTS INSTALLED

QuickFlex Walls®

Electric Standing Desk 48x30

Mobile Worktop

Marker Board 48x76

Task Chair

Corner Seat

Storage Seat

Drafting Chair

Active Seat

Active Seat Basic

Conference Chair

Lounge Chair

Wood Chair

Three-Seat Sofa

Armless Seat

Wood Sofa Table

Standing Meeting Table

Half Metal Coffee Table

Table 60x24

Round Table

Conference Table

Small Ottoman

File Cabinet

Power Hub

Power Strip 8 ft

The Mat 36



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