

**Beaver Country Day School  
Visual & Performing Arts Center**  
Chestnut Hill, MA



**Awards**

**2005 Excellence in K-12 Education Facilities**

Boston Society of Architects (BSA)

**2005 Best Accessible Design** MA

Architectural Access Board/BSA

**2005 Citation of Excellence**

*Learning By Design*

**2005 Citation**

*American School & University*

**2005 Project of Distinction**

*School Planning & Management*

The new Visual and Performing Arts Center was the first phase of Beaver Country Day Schools's expansion plan intended to provide much needed program space for arts and athletics, as well as address accessibility, traffic and parking issues on site.

The three-story facility features a black box theater with flexible seating and theatrical lighting, plus a scene shop, costume storage and workroom, lighting storage, control room, green room, drama instruction classroom, and dressing rooms. The music program includes classrooms for choral, jazz, dance, and a chamber ensemble, plus practice rooms and storage. In the visual arts department, students have a photo studio and darkroom, and studios for 2-D art, print making, and computer graphics. Although the new Center is linked to the main academic building, it features a separate public entrance with a two-story, sky-lit lobby and gallery space, accessible by a bridge across the sloping site.

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