



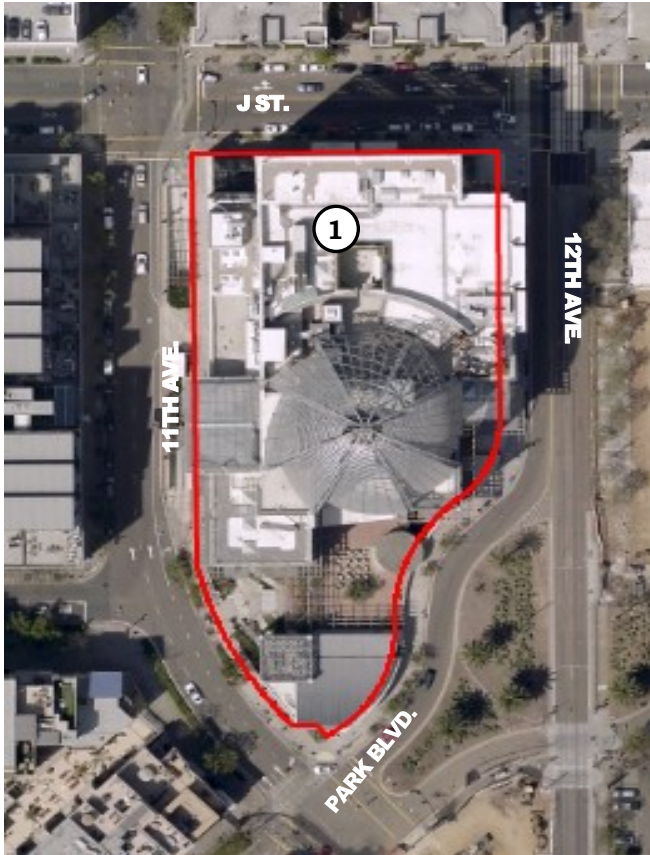
# e3 Civic High

395 11th Ave.

San Diego, CA 92101



Sub-district: D  
Cluster: San Diego  
Year School Opened: 2013  
Grades: 9-12



① e3 Civic High Campus

Located on the 6th and 7th floors of the San Diego Central Library, e3 Civic High serves more than 300 students in grades 9-12. The curriculum is designed to engage students through internships, community service and college courses at local college and universities. Embracing a flexible school day, internship opportunities and hands-on learning, the design for e3 Civic High—which stands for Engage, Educate and Empower—demonstrates the value of creating personalized learning spaces. The co-location of a charter high school within a public library is also unprecedented and offers extensive opportunities for collaboration, as both organizations support a mission of lifelong learning and literacy. The curriculum incorporates internships and other real-world experiences with downtown businesses, organizations and facilities. Local college students and library staff augment the faculty by mentoring students and teaching them research skills. Students choose one of the school's two pre-professional pathways: biomedical health or digital media. Students can graduate with both a high school diploma and a community college degree.



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Completed: August 2014

Funding: Proposition S and Proposition 1D

e3 Civic High School is the first of its kind. Co-located on the 6th and 7th floors of the new San Diego Central Library in downtown, the LEED Gold charter school is sought to not only fill a need in providing the San Diego community with an accessible educational resource, but to do so in a way that would organically push the limits on the definition of a classroom.

The school's "Learning Studios" are organized in Villages named after specific, nearby areas such as Little Italy, Balboa Park, and East Village. Designed to promote collaboration, most of the rooms have modular glass walls and movable furniture intended to facilitate collaboration among students and between students and teachers. The design principles for the learning environment centralized around three ideas: personalization, social connections and flexibility. The design process includes extensive research in technology and furniture solutions that enhance 21st Century learning opportunities within the space.

### e3 Features

- Computer/technology lab
- Biomedical classrooms /labs
- "Think tanks" and seating nooks
- Glass paneled classrooms
- Easily adjustable furniture to facilitate collaboration
- Café with nutrition lab
- Staircase that doubles as tiered seating and lecture space
- Dance/rhythm studio
- Writable walls for charting ideas and map mapping
- Four common area learning spaces and three large gathering spaces

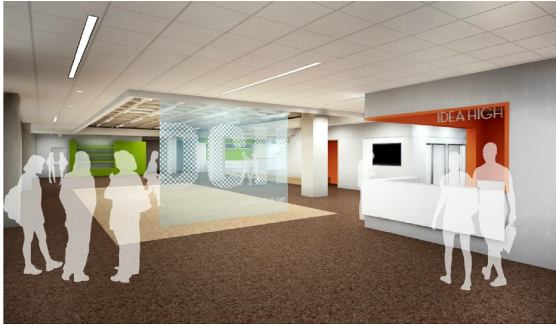


Sign above entrance on 11th Avenue

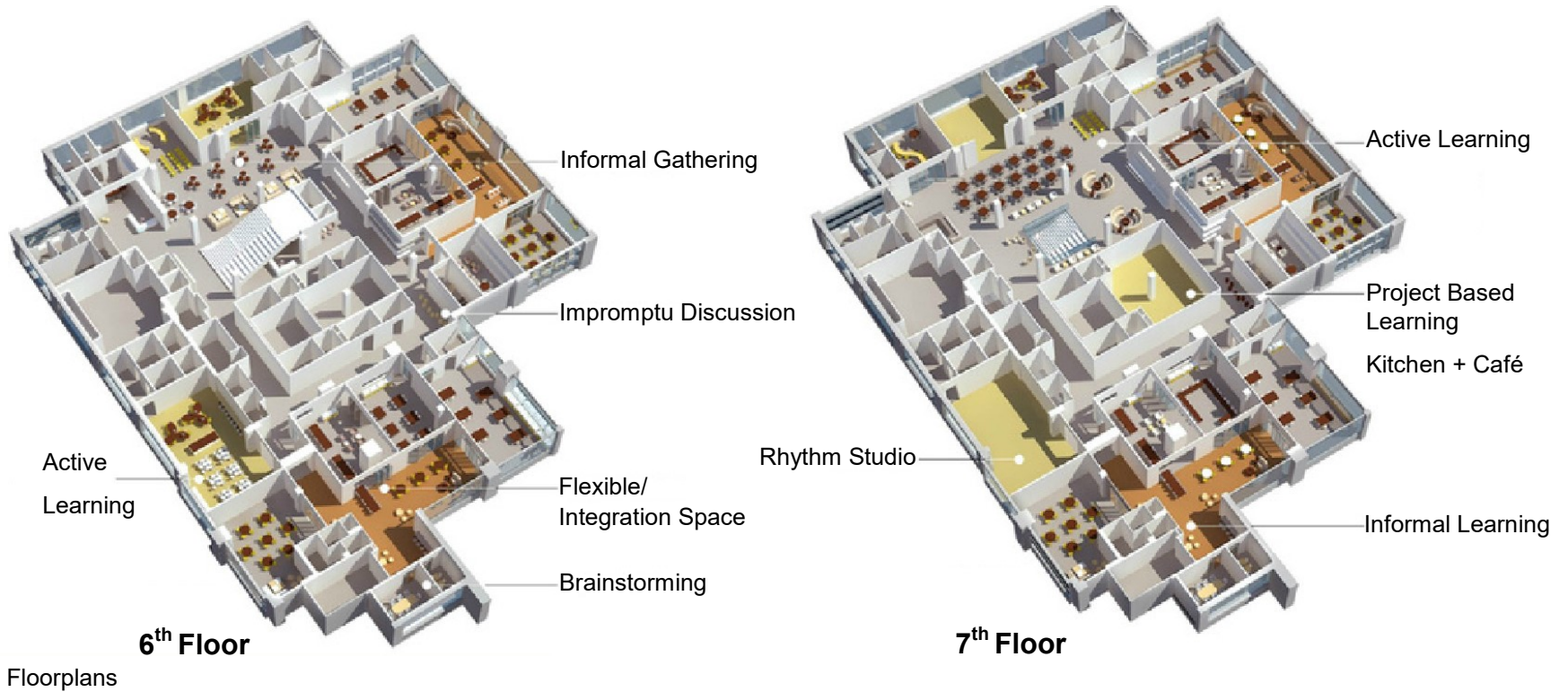


Library location with e3 floors highlighted

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School common areas renderings



6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Floorplans

7<sup>th</sup> Floor





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School lobby partition with school's slogan: Enage, Education, and Empower



Entrance and elevator lobby



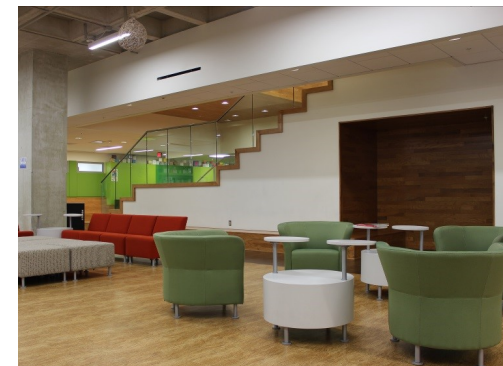
Common area



A flexible learning space example



Stairs double as seating/learning area



Study nook

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Biomedical science Learning Studio



Learning Studios allow ease of observation and collaboration



Four-sided decorative downtown area map



Typical Learning Studios utilize a mix of natural lighting and efficient lamps



Study nook



Learning Studio often incorporate building's structure as an accent into its functional design



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Example of downtown vista from a Learning Studio



Learning area near Café e3



7th floor common area



External view of a Learning Studio



## e3 Civic High in San Diego Downtown Library



Example of co-op teacher room



Nutrition lab



Second level decorative signage



Multimedia lab and green wall for editing effects purposes