



## Making Lorewood Grove Elementary School

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The Appoquinimink School District, located in southern New Castle County, Delaware, serves more than 11,700 students in grades PK-12. As the state's fastest growing school district, Appoquinimink has experienced unprecedented growth in the last decade, more than doubling from 1998 to 2008, and hitting another significant period of growth in 2015. To meet this challenge, the District has developed a long-range plan which mixes the expansion of existing facilities with the construction of new buildings.

Since 1999, EDiS Company has partnered with Appoquinimink on their building programs. Starting in 2016, EDiS once again teamed up with the District, this time on the most ambitious school building program in Delaware's history. Lorewood Grove Elementary School, which opened its doors in September, represents the first in a series of projects under the 2016 Referendum that will accommodate the needs of the growing student population.

The buildings design includes a number of different features:

- Art studio
- Multi-purpose space for a cafeteria, auditorium, and gymnasium
- Specialized teaching spaces for physical education, music (chorus and band), small group instruction, and special education
- Library/media center
- Learning commons
- Dedicated STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) room
- Outdoor stage to complement a strong emphasis on the arts
- Large outdoor play area with rubber surface

Lorewood Grove is a best-of-class learning environment for the students of the Appoquinimink School District. Designed by Gilbert Architects, the 95,764 square foot, two-story school houses 840 students in grades one through five. The school stands as a cornerstone of the [Town of Whitehall](#), with its location at the center of Mapleton Village. Many of its students are able to walk to school from the nearby homes, epitomizing the planned goal of Whitehall as a walkable community.

Watch for more great facilities to come for the students of Appoquinimink School District in the coming months and years!



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