



# Supporting “arts-immersion” with transparency and creativity

Blending historical elements with contemporary additions

## CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

Kasian designed a new private school for the Calgary Arts Academy’s Middle School Campus. One of two “arts-immersion” charter schools under the Academy, the school is located within the Calgary Stampede Youth Campus to share in the performing arts focus and facilities available within the site. With programs suited to each student and their respective learning styles, the school teaches the traditional Alberta Education mandated curriculum, explored through an arts integrated approach.

The new school incorporates the historic Weston’s Bakery Building. Much of the historic brickwork from the demolished areas was reused into the façade of new, contemporary additions.

With an overall theme of transparency to encourage responsibility through freedom, the exterior incorporates large windows for easy observation the artwork and activities within. This theme carries through inside the open-concept school. Three “classrooms” each contain a retractable stage, a science bar, unlocked art supply cabinets and artists’ washing stations – all without enclosed walls to inspire movement and stimulate creativity.

For more information, or to discuss your project, please [contact us](#).

**CLIENT**  
Calgary Arts Academy

**LOCATION**  
Calgary, AB

**SIZE**  
29,062 ft<sup>2</sup>

**VALUE**  
\$9M

**COMPELTED**  
2017