

PROJECT OF DISTINCTION

INVENTIONLAND EDUCATION INNOVATION LABS

BERKSHIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS AND INVENTIONLAND EDUCATION
BURTON, OHIO



ARCHITECT

Inventionland Education
PITTSBURGH, PENN.

PROJECT INFORMATION

COMPLETION DATE

7/29/2022

DESIGN CAPACITY

1,600 students

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

1,360 students

GROSS AREA OF BUILDING

204,000 sq. ft.

SPACE PER PUPIL

150 sq. ft.

SITE SIZE

33 acres

COST PER STUDENT

\$37,500

COST PER SQ. FT.

\$250

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST

\$51,000,000

MAKER SPACES & INNOVATION LABS

Inventionland Education

INVENTIONLAND Education worked with the \$51 million Berkshire Local Schools' new PreK-12 campus project to create 13 immersive, age-appropriate maker spaces and Innovation Labs as an integral part of their larger overall construction project.

This includes Creativity Cabin locker cubbies for PreK and kindergarten students; Inventalot Castles, with its own slide for first and second-grade students; and Chipper's Treehouse for third- and fourth-graders.

In addition, the team developed Discover Pirate Ships for fifth- and sixth-grade maker spaces, Inventron Robot spaces for seventh- and eighth-graders, and high school Innovation Labs utilizing a sci-fi/space fantasy theme, with modern wall art and dry-erase light panels.

According to Berkshire Local Schools Superintendent John Stoddard, "The concept behind the maker spaces and Innovation Labs tied in perfectly with our project-based learning approach. We want our learners to understand how the ideas we teach work instead of just memorizing and repeating facts. And we want to inspire innovation, new thinking, and creativity through a combination of spaces and concepts."

Stoddard and Inventionland Education also believe the spaces will help to develop the skills that today's employers want, such as problem-solving, collaboration, presentation skills, and creative solutions to problems.