

1994 AIA High School Design Competition Program

Program

You are to design a Youth Community Center in San Francisco dedicated to the development of alternative studies for high school students. The center will operate after school hours (2:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.). It will provide a diverse range of programs and events that explore areas currently not covered under most academic curriculums. Programs will include computer classes for graphic animation and architectural design. In addition, there will be a program that will introduce teenagers to the basics for production of music videos.

Site

The site of the new building is located in an empty corner lot across South Park in a mixed industrial/ residential neighborhood. The area is quite lively with the use of the park, restaurants, and coffee shops located nearby.

Your building design solution should take into account views, natural light and pedestrian access. The main entrance should be accessible from South Park Blvd and it should be easily identifiable.

All public areas, indoor and outdoor, shall be made accessible to the disabled.

The Youth Community Center

The building shall be a single story structure not exceeding 3,000 square feet, excluding outdoor areas. The maximum building height is 25 ft. to the highest point of the roof. The building shall have a 20'-0" setback along Varney Alley and this area will be dedicated to five parking stalls and some building service functions.

The design of the building should make a statement about the function of the building (i.e., "A Youth Community Center for Alternative Studies").

Your design solution should have the following requirements.

Building Area

Lobby	100 sq. ft.
Information Desk	80 sq. ft.
Staff Work Room	160 sq. ft.
Director's Office	150 sq. ft.
Counseling Office	120 sq. ft.
Computer Area	350 sq. ft.
Sound Equipment Room	250 sq. ft.
Community Room/Gallery	200 sq. ft.
Rest Rooms	170 sq. ft.
Coffee Area	120 sq. ft.
Janitor's Closet	50 sq. ft.
Circulation	350 sq. ft.
TOTAL BUILDING AREA	approx. 3000 sq. ft

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Outdoor Area

Staff Patio	100 sq. ft.
Public Courtyard	400 sq. ft.
Planted Areas	350 sq. ft.
Bicycle Parking	100 sq. ft.
Vehicular Parking	900 sq. ft.
Area for Trash Dumpster	50 sq. ft.
Area for Deliveries	100 sq. ft.
TOTAL OUTDOOR AREA	approx. 2000 sq. ft.
TOTAL OUTDOOR/INDOOR AREA	5000 sq. ft.