

yerba buena:

Preparing the next generation for success



The new Student Union at Yerba Buena High School in San Jose is a safe place for students and staff to come and eat, study and socialize. Creating a professional, yet comfortable environment, Yerba Buena is preparing their students for a successful future.

Yerba Buena High School has served the local community in San Jose, California since 1972. Situated in a district that serves a low-income population, the high school's top priority is to provide students with the opportunity to succeed and thrive. "The community we serve has less at home – so we want to provide more here" explains Principal Mary Pollett. Yerba Buena has a beautiful facility, built and furnished with the needs of the students in mind.

The Student Union is helping students prepare for a successful future by providing them access to the internet, study areas, lunch and dinner if needed. It also provides access to the resources and support they may not have outside of school.

Partnering with Global Furniture Group, the staff at Yerba Buena had specific goals in mind. Any space in the Student Union must be flexible to suit their needs, when they need it. By moving furniture around, students and staff are able to create meeting areas, study groups, and solitary spaces. Julio Lucas, Capital Planning and Development at East Side Union High School District explains, "We knew the space was working when I saw people feeling comfortable moving furniture around." Isaias Mairena, a student at Yerba Buena continues, "It helps me concentrate, to be able to customize my own space and get comfortable."



The Student Union is designed to mimic the professional spaces the students will occupy when they graduate. Using comfortable and beautiful furniture in the Student Union demonstrates a trust and respect for the students by the faculty. In return, the students have respected the space and prove time and time again that they are more than deserving of that trust.

Viet Trinh, Student Activities Director concludes, “When we have a building like this, where the students can come together to connect, to get their work done, and to socialize freely and comfortably, then we have done our job well. We have provided a place where they feel they belong.”

PRODUCTS USED

Solar, River, Citi, Popcorn, Kadin, Spritz, Junction and Swap.

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