



Minnehaha Rebuilds FAQ

Minnehaha Academy is in the process of designing a new 3100 Campus, a venture that allows us to pivot to the future and reimagine an entirely new educational experience. This is a pivotal time for our school—our vision for educating students must be bold and expansive, it must inspire, and it must push us beyond our current reality. And, the process must move quickly to ensure students can begin the 2019-2020 school year with the doors open to the new 3100 Campus.

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Design & Amenities

Q: What will the school look like?

A: The design will reflect the Scandinavian heritage of the school's founders with its clean lines and simple elegance, which is inherent to that style of architecture. The materials were chosen to complement the existing palate of materials throughout the campus. They are neutral and light, durable and sustainable and reflect modern simplicity, all blending the old with the new.

Q: Will brick be incorporated into the building design?

A: Yes. The new buildings will be built on a brick foundation that honors the familiar brick across campus. Brick will also be incorporated in the form of shingles on the upper two stories.

Q: How large will the school be?

A: The building will be 72,000 square feet, 17,000 larger than the building lost. Despite the gain in square footage, the building heights are consistent with the lost building heights. It will comfortably fit the historical class sizes for grades 9-12.

Q: How will the 3100 Campus incorporate Minnehaha Academy's history?

A: Minnehaha Academy's foundation of Christian faith will play an important role in the design to underscore the joy, beauty and grace of God. Brick will be used for the building's foundation, honoring the familiar brick across campus. The clean lines and elegance in the architecture reflect the school's Scandinavian founders.

Q: Who is designing the school?

A: Cuningham Group was chosen as Minnehaha Academy's partner based on their team's deep expertise in education architecture and design and their experience with Minnehaha through the build of the STEM lab. Minnehaha faculty, staff, and administrators are working closely with the architects at Cuningham to create a student-centered school design that is based on the latest research around learning and how spaces can best support students and teachers.

Q: Who had input in the design?

A: The design has been collaborative across departments, grade levels and schools. It has included parents, students and neighborhood discussion throughout the process. All input received was considered and we feel confident with our student-centered design.

Q: What is driving the rebuild design?

A: We have established clear design principles to ensure the building will reflect Minnehaha Academy's celebrated history, while meeting the current and future needs of our students and teachers for the next 100 years. Minnehaha Academy is committed to:

- fostering collaboration and creativity in its facilities and environments while maintaining the integrity of academic excellence and small class sizes.
- consistently providing spaces that are environmentally healthy, conducive to learning, secure, and inviting.
- creating a welcoming and attractive outdoor environment that expresses our hospitality.



- providing space that promotes connections among learners, faculty and staff, families, guests, neighbors, and the larger Minnehaha Academy community.
- *NEXTCentury* learning environments that are flexible and adaptable with a robust technology infrastructure that is seamlessly integrated with curriculum.
- learning environments that integrate our Christian faith.

Impact

Q: How will the new building impact my child's learning?

A: Based on the latest research, the 3100 Campus building was designed with students' learning as the focal point. The new building will include spacious, multi-use environments that are welcoming and dynamic with flexible furniture and layouts. All spaces will support student-centered, *NEXTCentury* learning for various learning and teaching styles. This building will support many generations of Minnehaha students and their evolution of learning.

Q: How will the new building impact our students' well-being?

A: Our school's physical environment greatly impacts teaching and learning as well as student, faculty and staff health and well-being. Throughout the building will be restorative areas to nourish the mind and spirit: All of the new learning spaces will feature abundant natural light and views to overlooking West River Parkway. Window seating that faces the outdoors to offset fatigue and stress, casual spaces to facilitate conversation and connections, and much more.

Q: Will the new 3100 Campus encroach on the rest of the neighborhood?

A: Minnehaha Academy will continue to be a good neighbor and is taking steps to ensure the rebuilt school does not encroach on the area residents. Steps taken include:

- building heights are consistent with lost building heights.
- exterior building lighting will not be disruptive; it will be limited to security, entry location and building identification.
- traffic will not increase with the new building.
- parking will be limited to 205 spaces, encouraging students to ride one of the three morning and afternoon buses, use the minivan carpool service and we will promote all students, faculty and staff bike to the school.
- there will be no full-size semi-truck traffic traveling to or from the building.

Q: Will traffic increase with the new 3100 Campus?

A: No. The 3100 Campus will have limited parking for vehicles and ample parking for bicycles. The school will encourage students, faculty and staff to bike to campus in order to limit their environmental impact and minimize traffic in the neighborhood. In addition, there will be no full-size semi-truck traffic and bus traffic will be limited to three buses in the morning and afternoon. Many Minnehaha Academy students take advantage of a minivan transportation option which limits parent drop offs and pick-ups.

Q: Does the design reflect environmental consciousness?

A: Yes. The 3100 Campus will enhance its environmental surroundings by planting more than 80 trees and including more than 13 feet of landscaping along 32nd Street. 85 existing trees will remain on campus. The new building will incorporate bird-safe glass in appropriate areas and other treatments to prevent bird collisions. Minnehaha Academy has committed to promoting bike usage by limiting parking, including space for more than 100 bikes and will further promote bike usage in the 2019-2020 school year.

Timing

Q: How many phases will there be? What are they?

A: The 3100 Campus will undergo two phases. Phase 1, to be complete for the start of the 2019-2020 school year, includes the rebuild of the lost building and the move of the high school students back to campus. Plans for Phase 2 are still in development.





Q: Is Phase 2 of the plan to build a middle school on the 3100 Campus site?

A: Phase 1 of the project focuses on the 9-12 campus; the Planning Commission approved Minnehaha's land use application with a majority vote to proceed with building for grades 9-12. The Master Facilities Plan, including Phase 2, is not final, but we are exploring the opportunity to build for grades 6-12 at the 3100 Campus.