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SCHENKEL SHULTZ COMPLETES DESIGN OF ORLANDO GIFTED ACADEMY'S NEW CAMPUS

Orlando, FL – September 6, 2026 – Schenkel Shultz, a Central Florida architectural and interior design studio, has completed design of the new Orlando Gifted Academy (OGA) for Orange County Public Schools (OCPS). Designed specifically around the distinct ways gifted students learn, the new campus will create a dynamic learning environment for students in grades 2 – 8 that encourages curiosity, creativity, and intellectual discovery.

Located at 1121 N. Fern Creek Avenue, the new campus will replace OGA's former home on the site, building upon the school's strong tradition of academic excellence while creating an environment that is tailored to its specialized curriculum and learners.

Grade-level "STEM hubs" will foster hands-on, interdisciplinary learning through specialized spaces including science, math, and language labs. A diverse collection of arts environments—including spaces for music, drumming, drawing, photography, and performance—provides opportunities for creative expression. Outdoor spaces and gardens extend learning beyond the traditional classroom and throughout the campus.

Schenkel Shultz has designed the new school to support a range of learning experiences. Flexible spaces accommodate everything from individual discovery and small-group interaction to interdisciplinary collaboration and larger project-based learning. Integrated technology further expands opportunities, giving students the tools and freedom to think critically and explore new ideas.

"Gifted learners flourish where challenge and creativity coexist," said J. David Torbert, AIA, Partner at Schenkel Shultz. "Working alongside OCPS and the Orlando Gifted Academy community, we have designed a campus that celebrates how these students learn - giving them the flexibility to explore ideas deeply and discover where their individual talents can take them."

The new Orlando Gifted Academy campus is scheduled to open in the fall of 2028.

About Schenkel Shultz
As a member of the Central Florida community for more than 40 years, Schenkel Shultz is committed to inspiring the community through impactful design. The architecture and interior design studio has built a legacy of success through a continued focus on design excellence that responds to the distinct needs of each client. Recently named the AIA

Orlando 2025 Firm of the Year, Schenkel Shultz continues to be recognized for its community engagement, education and advocacy within the profession. Rooted in critical thinking, research, collaboration, and personal experiences, the firm is passionate about design and creating meaningful community partnerships.