

# FEDERICO GARCIA LORCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## Owner

Public Building Commission  
50 W. Washington, Rm. 200  
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## Budget

Budget: \$29,536,499  
Final Cost: \$25,172,279

## Size

103,000 SF

## Completion Date

2010

## Key Staff

Ken Schroeder, Director  
Todd Niemiec, Proj. Mgr.  
Molly Kinsella, Proj. Arch.



Federico Garcia Lorca Elementary School is an elementary school in the Avondale-Irving Park neighborhood on Chicago's northwest side. SMNG A was both the conceptual designer and Architect of Record for this 900-student school.

The design of Lorca located certain school functions that have potential public use on the commercial street and quieter school functions on the adjacent residential streets. One side of the C-shape provides a wind-sheltered loggia and playground, the other provides building entry, bus drop-off, and a semi-public garden. Portions of the school containing public spaces were developed as a "Community Core", easily accessed and isolated for after-hours community use. Terraced canopies, a loggia, and plaza mark the main entrance. The exterior form of the third floor library reinforces the schools presence in the neighborhood and tops the Community Core. Sustainable features include high efficiency mechanical systems, a vegetated roof, recycled materials, a bio-swale, permeable pavers, day-lighting controls, and solar shading louvers. The building is LEED Gold Certified School under the USGBC LEED for Schools Program.

Lorca was a Merit Award finalist for the 2011 Chicago Building Congress. The Public Building Commission of Chicago was nominated as "Patron of the Year" by the Chicago Architectural Foundation for SMNG As design of the Lorca School.



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