



*A Render to Reality™ Success Story*

## Dorothy C. York Innovation Academy: Building The Future

The Dorothy C. York Innovation Academy is slated to open in the fall for the very first time, a stunning, state-of-the-art campus inspiring young minds in Apollo Beach, Florida. Population growth in Waterset, an Apollo Beach planned community, forced the district to open a new academy that could house K-8th graders in gorgeous, newly designed classrooms and keep up with other schools in the county.

MooreCo had previously modernized an elementary school and executed other projects in the area, so the Waterset school was already impressed with the work of the MooreCo planning team, an expert group of professional designers helmed by the diligent Molly Cox and Kim Diaz.

Making sure the school's design was representative of the future of education was a feat accomplished by many years of experience and modern knowledge of how the scholastic world works. Not only did the planning team take each classroom at every grade level and turn it into an interactive space that fosters growth, but they also designed activity rooms, offices, and teacher spaces

with sleek, contemporary touches.

The planning team brought blue, navy, and green [Hierarchy cantilever chairs](#) and trapezoid-shaped [Hierarchy Creator Tables](#) into the Pre-K and Kinder rooms, which now resemble a Petri dish of untapped potential, creativity, and early learning. All tables and chairs are arranged to fit together to keep students collaborative and working in tandem. [Dot Soft Seating Stools](#) and organized [Schoolworks Bookcases](#) fill the corners of the room to inspire reading time and individual tutoring. Near the teacher's [Trend Podium Desk](#), a [Hierarchy Activity Table](#) flanked by the [Hierarchy Grow Stool®](#) with a gentle rocking motion helps kids with extra energy to expend stay focused.

The first and second grade classrooms follow the same model as the early learners, to ease them into a more structured classroom space with a sense of familiarity. An extra set of tables and chairs are added in third grade classrooms in place of Dots, as students take their studies and focus time more seriously.

The fourth and fifth grade classrooms adopt a different color scheme, centering hues of blue to inspire school spirit and a calming environment for

focus. As students age together, their bonds become stronger; this natural progression is reflected in the way [Hierarchy Fender Desks](#) with [Hierarchy student chairs](#) now remain connected for most lessons. Desks and chairs can always be disconnected and rearranged for testing purposes.

Once students reach sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, they are ready to take on their very own [Enroll® Tablet Chair](#) that remains flexible throughout the day. [MoorePower® Towers](#) were installed to encourage technology use in middle school classrooms, and a platinum [Hierarchy Twister Table](#) replaced the Hierarchy Activity Table to inspire group projects.

Purpose rooms like the art classroom make use of multi-colored [Compass Makerspace Tables](#) with butcher block smooth wood surfaces and posture-invoking stools. Exceptional Student Education

(ESE) classrooms are designed for students to thrive, featuring a collection of Hierarchy student seating, Enroll® Tablet Chairs, Hierarchy Creator Tables, and the wobbly Hierarchy Grow Stool® to get the brain flowing. Reading resources, foreign language, and health science rooms follow the middle school classroom design of Enroll® Tablet Chairs and Hierarchy Fender Desks for peer-to-peer interaction. The STEM room, business tech hall, and a science lab pull in more mature elements like mobile counter height soft seating stools, [Cocoon Community Tables](#), [Trend Podium Desks](#), Brawny Tables, and Hierarchy student seating. ■

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