



WHY USE MASONRY FOR SCHOOLS?

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When you consider the demands on a school building, it's easy to understand why masonry is the ideal material to meet them all. A community's school buildings represent its investment in the future. Communities that build schools with masonry materials have realized the best return on that investment. Masonry offers:

Toughness and Durability

Active children working and playing hard can take a toll on a building. Masonry materials like brick, concrete block, tile and terrazzo take plenty of punishment and keep looking good with minimal maintenance.

Fire Safety

Noncombustible masonry offers many choices as a reliable, passive component of balanced fire-safe design.

Sound Control

Schools have to accommodate a broad range of activities, from test-taking to band practice. Masonry's mass and simple acoustical detailing keeps sounds apart.

Sustainable Design

Masonry materials are abundant, locally produced, and capable of lasting for centuries. Masonry's thermal mass contributes to energy-efficient buildings.

Indoor Air Quality

Masonry provides a variety of material options that reduce mold possibilities and improve indoor air quality.

Esthetic Versatility

Tough and beautiful, masonry's unlimited palette of colors, textures and shapes helps create a warm environment that strikes the perfect balance of calm and stimulation.

Local Labor, Local Materials

There's no better way to demonstrate community support and generate community spirit than to use masonry, with materials produced and installed by local businesses.

