The East Central Performing Arts Center is a 37,000-sq.-ft. facility whose centerpiece is a 1,000-seat multiuse auditorium. The building will be the heart of a booming performing arts curriculum and is the first of its kind for the district. The associated lobby, drama classroom, choir hall, scene shop and rehearsal spaces are organized to create a “timeline” of theater production around the auditorium itself. The organizational diagram culminates in the theater, where the round geometry reinforces the idea by “closing the loop” and providing a dynamic geometry at the gateway to the campus. Fenestration provides a window into each phase, celebrating the dynamic act of theater production.

Material selections ground the building to its place while advancing the campus vernacular. East and west facing vertical fins and deep roof overhangs are thoughtfully deployed to mitigate the harsh South Texas sun and heat gain.

East Central High School Performing Arts Center
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

PROJECT / DATA

CLIENT
East Central ISD

SERVICES
Architecture, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Master Planning

FACTS
37,500 square feet