



High Tech High School sets high bar in Secaucus

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Hudson County's newest High Tech High School on the 20-acre Frank J. Gargiulo Campus in Secaucus. - (KATE GLICKSBERG)

The \$150 million **High Tech High School** in Secaucus officially opened its doors to students Tuesday on the 20-acre Frank J. Gargiulo Campus.

The vocational magnet school – which serves grades 9-12 in Hudson County – will educate nearly 2,000 students in more than 70 state-of-the-art classrooms and specialty spaces. The **Hudson County Improvement Authority** managed the design and construction process for Hudson County Schools of Technology and partnered with RSC Architects, DMR Architects, MAST Construction Services and Terminal Construction Corp. to design and build the 350,000-square-foot school.



“The Frank J. Gargiulo Campus will quickly become the gold standard for technical high schools across the country. Our design team, working collaboratively with our educators, have created something truly revolutionary. I know that it will serve our students and staff with the resources to drive learning to the next level,” said Amy Lin-Rodriguez, acting superintendent of HCST, in a release.

The new campus features a fabrication lab to help students explore spatial ideas through model building, 120-seat black box theater, 325-seat performing arts auditorium, 80-inch interactive monitors and a TV production studio with a functioning control room. Outdoor features include a hydroponic rooftop garden where students will grow food to be used in the culinary kitchen lab.

This school was designed to meet LEED gold standards and requirements for sustainability. Features such as water efficient landscaping, geothermal heating, green roof and wind turbines were implemented to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases and wastewater emitted from the campus.